



Newsletter

Learning and Achieving Together



Dear Families

As you will be aware we have been revisiting the school's values and consulting with parents, governors and staff to agree what these should be. I would like to extend my thanks to the large numbers of parents who responded to the letter sent out recently explaining what we were doing and why. I am sure it caused quite a discussion at home, as it should.

Following this consultation I am delighted to inform you that the four values chosen for Southway are:

- Kindness**
- Teamwork**
- Respect**
- Resilience**

In teaching these agreed key values we can empower children; ensuring they are ready for life beyond Southway. We can call on these values to help children make the right choices, especially when they are faced with difficult decisions.

Throughout the years with us, the children will focus on our these four key values. Through discussing them in detail, we will develop the children's understanding and their ethical vocabulary. We will empower the children so they can describe them to each other and so they can spot them in themselves and others. They will be celebrated daily by all staff and rewarded when they are seen living them.

We are so proud of the caring nature of the children at Southway and we want to continue to develop this. Our values-based education will enrich all areas of the curriculum, enhance the calm, purposeful atmosphere in school and improve our personal development.

We expect these values to be exhibited by all staff in school and they will underpin our curriculum. It is the language we will use from now on. I would be grateful if you could discuss these at home with your child and explain what they might mean to you and how they can be demonstrated both at school and at home.

Finally, don't forget it's the RSPBs 'Big Garden Bird Watch' this weekend. Get those binoculars out and get spotting!

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/>

'The way a team plays as a whole determines its success. You may have the greatest bunch of individual stars in the world, but if they don't play together, the club won't be worth a dime.' **Babe Ruth**

Have a lovely weekend
Mr P Newbold

Dates for your Diary

February

Weds 2nd – Y3/Y4 Netball at Downlands 9am-11am
& Y3/Y4 Quicksticks Hockey at Downlands 1.30-4.30

Weds 2nd – Y5 Trip to the Woods (pm)

Weds 9th – Author Vashti Hardy Visiting Y3/Y4

Thurs 10th - Y3 Rainbow Theatre Viking Workshop

Fri 18th Feb – Inset Day – School Closed

Mon 21st - Fri 25th Feb – Half Term – School Closed

March

Weds 2nd - **World Book Day**

Thurs 3rd – Y5 Private Peaceful Trip

Mon 7th – Y4 Drumming Workshop

Weds 9th – Y5 Newhaven Fort Trip

Noticeboard

Following a minor traffic accident on the corner of Poveys Close which, fortunately, was relatively minor, can we please remind you that it is *against the law* to stop on Zig Zag yellow lines at pick up and drop off time.

Thank you





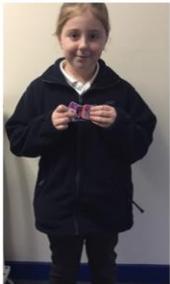
Out of School Achievements



Artem from Picasso Class has won a certificate for an award in Karate.



Charlie from Turner Class has gained his Level 2 certificate & badge for swimming.



Ella from Turner Class has been working very hard at Brownies. She now has numerous badges, including those for baking & mindfulness.



Esmae from Picasso is very proud of her Dance Award!

Sam from Dali Class has a Rainbow Certificate for swimming 10m unaided – well done Sam!



Josh from Picasso has been awarded a certificate for his achievements in Karate.



Albert from Rowling has been awarded 'Player of the Week' at B. Hill Rugby Club. Martha from Shakespeare won a medal for always running forwards when playing for the same club. Aiden from Shakespeare has gained his 6th belt (blue) in Karate. Well done to all of them!



Zac in Picasso has his Level 3 Certificate for swimming 10m backstroke, diving into the water & getting out without using the steps – great effort Zac!

Here's Evie from Pankhurst class with her newly attained green belt in Karate – great work Evie!

