



Southway News

Summer Update 2016

'Keeping you informed'





Dear Parents and Carers,

Summer term has past us by in a flash and I would like to thank you all for your support during that time. I would also like to share a few of the headline moments with you.

Burgess Hill Lions kindly donated a defibrillator which now sits in our dining hall. In September the staff will all be receiving training on its correct use. Let's hope that never becomes necessary.

The school hosted the staff and **headteachers of several schools** in West Sussex with the purpose of sharing the excellent practice we have here at Southway. We received nothing but compliments about our children, the very positive ethos of the school and the quality of teaching that goes on here day after day.

Teaching staff took the opportunity to visit a good school out of area with a view to picking up good ideas and I know they enjoyed the experience and appreciated the opportunity.

A small group of our children, led by Miss Harman, represented the school in **Burgess Hill's Fairtrade day of dance**. In front of a packed hall they performed with confidence and skill. This is something we hope to repeat next year.

Our year 6 children visited **Overstrand** in Norfolk for their residential visit and had an absolute blast. They immersed themselves in every opportunity and were an absolute credit to the school. They thoroughly deserved time out following their hard work in the lead up to SATs. I am immensely proud of what they have achieved both collectively and individually.

We have had visits from **theatre groups, dressing up days** and many exciting learning opportunities too numerous to mention.

This year we introduced a new **end of year report format** which I hope you liked and found informative. Should you wish to provide feedback I would be only too happy to listen.

Finally I would just like to wish you well and the best of luck if you are leaving us and have a safe and happy summer break.

Best regards

Mr P Newbold, Headteacher



WHAT HAVE WE BEEN DOING?

Year 3 – Scoundrels at Sea

Year 3 have finished their first year at Southway investigating all about Pirates. They enjoyed a day with the Splats theatre group putting on a production to parents. They have fully immersed themselves chasing down a notorious pirate who broke into their classrooms and stole their treasure leaving a trail of destruction in his wake. The children made pirate ships and boats which they sailed and have had the opportunity to proudly share their work with the parents, carers and families.



Year 4 – To infinity and beyond!

The children's interest has certainly been peaked with all things space this term. They have grown seeds which were in space with Tim Peake, spent the day as astronauts tasting food eaten in space and making the planets. The children had the opportunity to make ice cream using freezer bags and of course got to eat it as well! Throughout



the year, all children in Year 4 have been learning the violin. They showed off their musical talents to parents and carers in their summer term concert.



Year 5 – Glorious Greeks

The story telling garden took on an alternative role as a mini theatre when the Year 5 children had their Fabulous Finish this term putting on productions and sharing their Learning with their families. The children took a trip to Ardingly for the Connect with the Countryside show tasting treats and learning about farming, they even got to see sausages being made and to hold ducklings. The children have also been waiting patiently for their butterflies to be ready to release which they were able to do this week.



Year 6 – Blood, bones and body bits

Year 6 have had an extremely busy term. They have been on their residential visit to Norfolk, taking the leap of faith and learning more about themselves and their own abilities, whilst other children have been “Making Memories” with activities in school and hosting a lunch for Mrs Denison of homemade pizza. They have put on an amazing production of Pirates of the Curry Bean and in the middle of their leaver's assembly. Year 6 also had their leaver's disco as they end their educational career at Southway, we wish them luck for their transfer to secondary school.



Happy Summer Holidays



Parent View Questionnaire. We would be grateful if you would take 10 minutes to complete the Parent View questionnaire on the Ofsted website, which can be found on the Southway website, Parents, Ofsted section or by searching for Ofsted Parent View.

