



Southway Junior School

Newsletter

Learning and Achieving Together



Dear Southway families,

It has been a fun filled time at Southway with plenty of performances and achievements to celebrate. Our Christmas Carol concert at The Kings Church enabled all singers and performers to shine. The children demonstrated all of our school values throughout and entertained us beautifully at both concerts. The choir has not only been singing in the community but also provided a festive welcome to those who arrived at the Christmas Fair last Friday. Our Christmas Fair raised a tremendous amount of money this year thanks to the tireless hard work of our Friends of Southway. The fair raised a whopping £3100 for our school and will go towards our dream of owning more ipads for the children to use in lessons. The school was already full of Christmas joy after a brilliant decorate Southway Day and energetic Elf Run coordinated by Mr and Mrs Morley this year. Again, a generous total of £1968 was raised for St Peters Hospice. I would like to thank all members of the Southway team who together enabled all of these marvelous events to take place in style. May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Mrs Smith

Curriculum Corner - History

History is an exciting and engaging part of our Southway curriculum enabling pupils to gain a coherent knowledge and understanding about Britain's past and that of the wider world.

Our curriculum focuses on historical enquiry, chronological awareness and sequenced knowledge and themes which builds each year.

A range of significant people have been identified for pupils to study in order to increase their understanding and recognise their impact and influence on society. History is brought to life for children at Southway with roleplay and reenactment. This week parents in Year 5 were invited into the classroom to share with children their learning about The Tudors. In Year 4 Dickens Class provided an excellent class assembly showcasing their knowledge of The Victorians.



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Southway in the Community



Year 5 & 6 members of our school choir performed for the residents at Forest View Care Home on Tuesday this week. They sang beautifully and the feedback received from the staff and residents has been overwhelming. Well done Southway for spreading some Christmas cheer in our community.

Jingle and Mingle Fayre

You are all invited to the 5th Burgess Hill Jingle & Mingle Fayre on Sunday, 15th December.

This family-friendly event is packed with festive fun, including games, raffles, second hand toys/books and activities for all ages. Bring the whole family to enjoy: Winter Crafts for Kids – Try glass candle decorating, gingerbread man dressing, and more.

Festive Hot Chocolate Stand – Warm up with whipped cream and a delicious selection of toppings.

Prize-Winning Activities – Fun challenges with exciting prizes for everyone.

Delicious food and drinks – Hot food, mince pies, mulled wine and more. All proceeds go towards supporting our Scout Hut, which plays a vital role in nurturing and developing the young people in our community. Your support helps us continue this important work.

Event Details:

Date: Sunday, 15th December

Time: 11:30 AM – 2:30 PM

Location: Scout Hall, Gordon Road, West Sussex, RH15 0PX (adjacent to Wivelsfield train station)

Payment Options: Both cash and card accepted.

Dates for your Diary

December

Tues 17th – Rocksteady Concert 1.15-3.15

Weds 18th - Wear Christmas Jumpers

Weds 18th – Christmas Lunch

Thurs 19th – Movie & Popcorn Evening for winning house 3.30-5pm

Fri 20th – Wear Christmas Jumpers

Fri 20th – Golden Awards Assembly to invited parents 10am

Fri 20th - Last Day of Term – Children finish at 1.30pm

January

Mon 6th Jan – Inset Day – School Closed

Tues 7th Jan – Back to School

Thurs 9th Jan – Y5 WW2 Evacuation Day

Weds 15h – Aim High Maths Day for Y5 & Y6



Remember....

**Christmas Jumpers on
Wednesday 18th & Friday 20th.
Collection at 1:30 on Friday
(last day of term)**

House Points

Cliff	4920
Beacon	4348
Dyke	4391
Hill	4432

Attendance

Whole School – 95.8%
Class with highest
attendance for period
2nd – 13th December

★ **KAHLO (98%)** ★



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St Peter & St James sponsored Elf Run



Children enjoyed our annual Elf Run raising money for St Peter & St James Hospice.

We want to say a massive THANK YOU to all of our families for donating a brilliant £1968 for the charity.



Christmas Fair

Thank you to everyone for coming to the Christmas Fair last week, we raised a massive £3100 for the school which is fantastic. We would like to thank the stall holders, those who donated raffle prizes, Mrs Claus for making an appearance at such a busy time of year and to all the staff and PTA members for giving up their time to organize such a wonderful event.



Christmas Carol Concert

Thank you to the Kings Church for hosting our Carol Concert on 2nd December and a huge well done to all of our children for performing so beautifully 🌟

Thank you to everyone who contributed at the end of the concert, you raised £275.62 which will be split between Forward Facing, Young Lives vs Cancer, Hope into Action & Chailey Heritage.

🌲 Thank you to B&Q Burgess Hill and Notcutts of Ditchling for their kind donations of real Christmas trees this year, they look lovely and bring some festive cheer to our front office and main hall 🌲



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COFFEE MORNING



Come and join us for a friendly and informal termly coffee morning: 21st January 2025

A chance to ask questions and meet other parents of children with SEND. Led by Miss Nicholson (School SENDCo) and Jenny Payne (Family Support Worker) who will be on hand to discuss any worries you or your child may have.

All fuelled by tea or coffee and biscuits!

For each event, we will invite guest speakers from local support services to share information about what they can provide.

This term we have West Sussex Parent Carer Forum who are an independent charity for parents/carers of children and young people aged 0-25 with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND). They support parent carers by providing information, signposting, and training that equips you in your lifelong caring role.

Tuesday 21st January 2025

8:50-9:45 in the dining hall

Wellbeing – Action for Happiness

Do Good December - Small Acts of Kindness calendar. This month, Action for Happiness is encouraging people to carry out small acts of kindness and have created a calendar for December with 31 little acts to try and complete over the month!

<https://actionforhappiness.org/calendar>



December Kindness 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Spread kindness and share the December calendar with others	2 Contact someone you can't be with to see how they are	3 Offer to help someone who is facing difficulties at the moment	4 Support a charity, cause or campaign you really care about	5 Give a gift to someone who is homeless or feeling lonely	6 Leave a positive message for someone else to find	7 Give kind comments to as many people as possible today
8 Do something helpful for a friend or family member	9 Notice when you're hard on yourself or others and be kind instead	10 Listen wholeheartedly to others without judging them	11 Buy an extra item and donate it to a local food bank	12 Be generous. Feed someone with food, love or kindness today	13 See how many different people you can smile at today	14 Share a happy memory or inspiring thought with a loved one
15 Say hello to your neighbour and brighten up their day	16 Look for something positive to say to everyone you speak to	17 Give thanks. List the kind things others have done for you	18 Ask for help and let someone else discover the joy of giving	19 Contact someone who may be alone or feeling isolated	20 Help others by giving away something that you don't need	21 Appreciate kindness and thank people who do things for you
22 Congratulate someone for an achievement that may go unnoticed	23 Choose to give or receive the gift of forgiveness	24 Bring joy to others. Share something which made you laugh	25 Treat everyone with kindness today, including yourself!	26 Get outside. Pick up litter or do something kind for nature	27 Call a relative who is far away to say hello and have a chat	28 Be kind to the planet. Eat less meat and use less energy
29 Turn off digital devices and really listen to people	30 Let someone know how much you appreciate them and why	31 Plan some new acts of kindness to do in 2025				



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Achievements



These children have been very busy taking part and achieving in Swimming, Aikido, Brownies, Gymnastics, Dance, and Cubs.



House Charity Fundraising – We raised the fantastic sum of **£1501.08** during the Summer Term for our previous House Charities, which were, the RNLi, Make a Wish Foundation, Dogs Trust & Young Lives vs Cancer. Thank you for your contributions - the money has been divided equally between the above.