



# Newsletter

Learning and Achieving Together



## Dear Families

As we near the end of the first half term of the year it feels like things at school are slowly starting to return to some pre pandemic normality. Covid cases are clearly dropping across the school and with that we are able to consider things like whole school assemblies, trips out and everyone on the playground together etc. We will remain cautious but optimistic. Any decisions we take will be with the best interests of the staff and children in mind of course.

Many of our children have been given the opportunity to participate in sports events outside school this week, which for the majority of them is their first opportunity to represent their school. It will come as no surprise that I have been contacted by staff from other schools complimenting Southway children on their exemplary behaviour and attitude when participating. The one word used most often was the reference to teamwork and how this was evident throughout. I am

delighted that this has been recognised by those outside of Southway and is testament to how seriously the children take our school values. Thank you again to all of the parents that discussed these at home with their children. I am looking forward to our newly designed stickers arriving (we have had some frustrating supply issues and are still waiting for them) and children being able to wear them with pride. You might notice our values emblem at the bottom of the page. This is now also worn proudly on all staff lanyards and is the language we are now encouraging everyone to use when celebrating children's achievements.

*"It is the long history of humankind (and animal kind, too) that those who learned to collaborate and improvise most effectively have prevailed."*  
 – **Charles Darwin**

In the meantime have a lovely weekend  
 Mr P Newbold

## Dates for your Diary

### February

Weds 16<sup>th</sup> – A Team Netball Tournament @ Downlands

**Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Feb – Inset Day – School Closed**

**Mon 21<sup>st</sup> - Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Feb – Half Term – School Closed**

### March

Weds 2<sup>nd</sup> - **World Book Day**

Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> – Y5 Private Peaceful Trip – return 6pm

Mon 7<sup>th</sup> – Y4 Drumming Workshop

Weds 9<sup>th</sup> – Y5 Newhaven Fort Trip

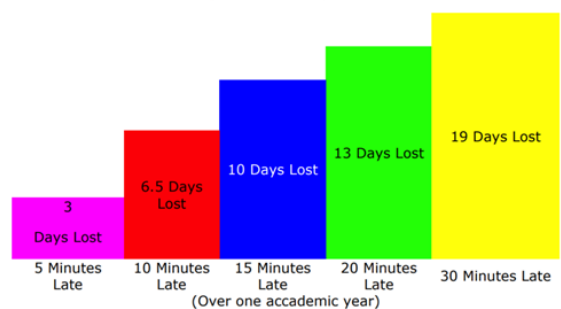
Weds 16<sup>th</sup> – Y4 Hindu Temple Trip

Fri 18<sup>th</sup> – Red Nose Day (Comic Relief)

## Noticeboard

### Every Minute Counts

If you arrive late to school everyday your learning begins to suffer. Below is a graph showing how being late to school everyday over a school year adds up to lost learning time.



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Southway Junior School



# Out of School Achievements



Here are the Y3 / Y5 winners of our latest Book Raffle. From left-right are Elsie, Henry, Elena, James, Ava & Leland. Congratulations to them all!

Zach from Dali class enjoys his swimming lessons at the Triangle. Here he is with his Level 3 Learn to Swim Certificate, getting in some practice on dry land!



Here are more lucky winners of our recent Book Raffle. Pictured are Oliver, Elvin, Evie, Toby, Willow, Saul, Elise, Lucy & Scarlett – from Y4 / Y6.