



Southway Junior School

# Newsletter

Learning and Achieving Together

October 2024



Dear Southway Families,

What a busy and productive half term we have all had! I would like to thank all the Southway staff for their hard work and all parents for their continued support of the school and its excellent work on behalf of all children and families. I wish you all a happy half term break and look forward to seeing the children back on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November. I have been so proud of all the children's achievements so far this academic year. I have seen so much progress in the books already and we are looking forward to sharing this progress with you at parent consultations after half term. We are also keen to welcome you to our reading and maths workshop on **Wednesday 6th November**. This is an opportunity for you to hear about how we teach reading and maths at Southway and also receive ideas on how to support your child at home. There will also be a book sale in the dining hall for you to enjoy.

Our Values Visionaries have been busy sharing the good behaviour code with their classes and two of our Values Visionaries represented Southway at the Youth Council in Burgess Hill last week. We discussed the importance of community and talked about ideas for community events in Burgess Hill. We look forward to meetings planned for later in the year.

One of my favourite assemblies of the term took place this morning - our Golden Awards assembly. It is delightful to hear the teachers describe such fantastic qualities and values in our Southway role models.

Have a wonderful break!

*Mrs Smith*



## Southway Bake -Off

Children in Year 3 and Year 4 have been enjoying a range of cooking activities this term. Year 4 prepared Victoria Sponge for their Victorian tea party and Year 3 have been baking and decorating gingerbread girls and boys. I have been lucky enough to sample these delights and I certainly feel they all deserve a handshake!



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## Fishy Business

New members of our Southway community arrived today – **50 different species of Carp** donated by VS Fisheries! The children have held them, learnt about the fish, named them (after themselves) and released them into their new habitat – the big school pond.



## Sporting Success

Southway Junior School competed last Wednesday at the Mid Sussex Girls and Boys Football Tournaments and played brilliantly! Both teams made us proud with some incredible goals, some great defending and some brilliant goalkeeping - well done to both girls and boys teams. The whole school took part in Skip2bFit workshops this week. Children and staff enjoyed counting their skips and beating their previous targets.



## Dates for your Diary

### October

**FRI 25<sup>th</sup> – INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED**  
**MON 28<sup>th</sup> – FRI 1<sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER – HALF TERM HOLIDAY**  
 Thurs 31<sup>st</sup> October – Deadline for Secondary School Applications for Y6 Children

### November

**MON 4<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER – BACK TO SCHOOL**  
 Tues 5<sup>th</sup> – Rowling Class – Preston Manor Trip  
 Weds 6<sup>th</sup> – Shakespeare Class – Preston Manor Trip  
 Weds 6<sup>th</sup> – Maths & Reading Parent Workshop 3.30-4.30pm  
 Tues 12<sup>th</sup> – Y4 Dickens Class – Preston Manor Trip  
 Tues 12<sup>th</sup> – Odd Socks Day  
 Fri 15<sup>th</sup> – Children in Need Fundraising  
 Mon 18<sup>th</sup> November – Flu Vaccinations in school  
 Weds 20<sup>th</sup> November – Open Morning for Y2 parents – 9am  
 Weds 20<sup>th</sup> – Parent Consultations 3.30-7pm  
 Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> – Parent Consultations 3.30-5.30pm  
 Weds 27<sup>th</sup> – Y3 Drusillas Trip

### December

Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> – Carol Concert at The King's Church (afternoon & evening performances)

## Noticeboard

Thank you so much for all the donations brought in for the Burgess Hill foodbank this Harvest. We were overwhelmed by your generosity and had to fill two cars to the brim with all the goodies.

The Pudsy shop has been very busy this week.

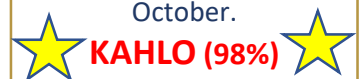
Thank you once again for your generosity in giving to a worthy cause.

### House Points

Cliff	2541
Beacon	2078
Dyke	2072
Hill	2067

### Attendance

**Whole School -96.2%**  
 Class with highest attendance for period 14th October to 24<sup>th</sup> October.



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# Achievements



These children have been busy playing rugby & football; doing swimming & karate, plus earning Brownie badges, learning Spanish & being Star Readers! What a busy bunch they are!



These 12 children were nominated for a Golden Award by their teachers. Here they are enjoying their 'Golden Tea' with Mrs Smith!

## Further Dates for your Diary

**Flu Vaccinations** – the Immunisation Team will be in school on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November & consent forms need to be completed by 11.00am three working days before. Information has been sent to parents via MCAS. This is the QR code to go straight to the vaccination consent form.

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