



Southway Junior School

Newsletter

Learning and Achieving Together

January 2024



Dear families

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2024 and my first as Interim Headteacher of Southway Junior School. My name is Mrs Bondonno and I am an experienced Headteacher, currently leading at Handcross Primary School. I have joined your school to give some stability in the spring term, before the new Headteacher, Mrs Smith, takes on the leadership mantle in April. I will be based at the school 2 days a week but will be on-call to give support and advice at other times. I am only a phone, zoom or a 15 minute drive away on the other days. I am looking forward to getting to know you and the Southway school community in the following months.

I would like to thank the staff and the children for making me feel so welcome. I was in on Tuesday and Wednesday this week and on Wednesday I led my first assembly at Southway to introduce myself to the whole school. I went into classes and joined the children for break time to get to know them and to ensure they get to know me very quickly. The children have been delightful and I am looking forward to working with them over the next few months. I have also been very pleased to see the high quality learning taking place in the classrooms and the children engaged right from the beginning of term. The school staff have many exciting activities planned this term and I am looking forward to being part of the team to ensure the children have the very best experiences offered to them. I will be usually in on Mondays and Wednesdays and I look forward to meeting some of you on the school gate. The next newsletter will be more detailed and Tea with the Headteacher will resume from Monday 15th January. They will always be on a Monday this term.

Warmest wishes,
Mrs Sharon Bondonno

Reminders

Some children have got Apple Watches and advanced Fitbit watches for Christmas. As these work in the same way as mobile phones and allow messaging, access to the internet and in some cases, photographs, they are not allowed in school. They are also expensive and we do not wish for valuable items to get broken. Please leave them at home on school days. If children wear them to school, they will be asked to give to the teachers, alongside mobile phones and will be handed out at the end of the day.



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