



Southway Junior School

Newsletter

Learning and Achieving Together



Dear families,

I have enjoyed getting to know children, staff and families from across the school this half-term. I am in the process of conducting pupil, staff and parent surveys and I am looking forward to sharing them in due course. This will help not only the current staff, but the in-coming Headteacher, Vanessa Smith, and the Governing Body to support the school to go from strength to strength in the future.

I have been conducting learning walks across the school over the last few weeks and I have had a particular focus on pupil voice. I have been impressed by the children's attitude to learning. One child said, "I want to challenge myself further because I want to be the best learner that I can be." The children want to do well and are resilient learners who are keen to push themselves further to learn new skills. It has been wonderful to go into classrooms to see the children show such enthusiasm and positivity in lessons. The teaching is of high quality and planned to ignite the children's interests and passions. As WB Yeats said, "Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire."

It has been a privilege to see lessons which set pupils' curiosity and imagination alight. The teachers are supporting children to become problem-solvers and independent thinkers, which is heartening to see. I have also tried to do that in assemblies, pupil conferencing and even when I have done a little teaching. I hope that I have added a little to your children's educational journey even for a short while. Have a lovely week and enjoy the half-term, when it arrives.

Mrs Bondonno

Dates for your Diary

February

Weds 7th – Y6 Parent Consultations

Thurs 8th – Y6 Parent Consultations

Fri 9th – **INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED**

Mon 12th-Fri 16th – **HALF TERM**

Mon 19th – Back to School

Tues 20th – Y3 Rainbow Theatre – Viking Workshop

Weds 21st – Y5 Newhaven Fort Trip

Fri 23rd – Boys / Girls Rugby Tournaments at HHRFC

Mon 26th – Y6 British Museum Trip

Noticeboard

PE Kits

Just a reminder to please ensure your child has their PE kit (including plimsolls/trainers) in school every day. Thank you.



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Achievements



Dylan from Shakespeare Class won this 'Man of the Match' trophy after playing for his team, Woodingdean Wanderers.



Theo from Turner Class was awarded the 'Player of the Week' trophy by Southdown Rovers for his listening & tackling skills.

Dylan from Turner Class has gained his Level 5 swimming certificate & is now working towards Level 6!



Kaitlyn from Dickens has been awarded her Level 4 certificate for swimming.



Harmonie from Shakespeare Class is a super swimmer & has recently been awarded her Level 5 certificate!



Scarlett from Curie Class won this medal after coming 1st in a gymnastics competition in Hastings.



Achievements



Amber from Einstein Class was awarded this 'Player of the Match' trophy after scoring her first goal for her team.



Summer from Shakespeare Class won a trophy for scoring a goal & for passing the ball during matches for BHFC.

Ruby from Picasso Class won the 'Player of the Match' trophy for scoring 2 goals for her team. She plays for Burgess Hill U8's.



Stan from Kahlo Class caught a 4-foot long pike in a fishing competition at his Grandma's fishing lakes. His achievement was featured in a fishing magazine & he won a fishing book.



Cooper from Einstein Class won a medal from a rugby tournament in Horsham. His team (BHRFC), came 3rd out of 6. He then went on to win the 'Player of the Week' trophy for his resilience during another match!

