



# Newsletter

## Learning and Achieving Together



Dear Parents and Carers,

First and foremost, I would like to thank you for making me feel so welcome here at Southway Junior School. I have been getting to know the wonderful staff and children over the last two weeks and I have been very impressed with their hard work and demonstration of the school values. It has been such an exciting start to the Summer term across all year groups.

In Year 3 the children started the term in full Roman attire as a stunning start to their Battles and Bangs theme. The Southway values of teamwork and resilience were required as they entered a legionary bootcamp in preparation for invading Britannia. I have seen some fantastic writing as a result of this inspiration and the week concludes with a trip to Fishbourne Roman Palace.

Year 4 started their term as astronauts in training, completing a number of physical challenges before applying to NASA for the role. The quality of writing this week was exceptional. I particularly enjoyed reading Lenny's letter. He has many skills to offer NASA due to maintaining an extremely healthy diet, his passion for space and his incredible enthusiasm.

Year 5 have launched into their Seas, Storms and Survival with a fantastic survival day. The many activities for the day included filtration for hydration, shelter building, foraging and raft building. Bugs were also on the menu for the day.

Year 6 have been very busy on their return to school too. They are now wearing their leavers hoodies with pride as they complete their morning revision tasks in preparation for SATS week (13<sup>th</sup> May). I have also noted that they are launching into their learning about blood, bones and body bits this term. Children have been drawing the body full size and considering the location of the major organs.

I am looking forward to the term ahead, continuing to work together to support your child's development and academic success at Southway. May I remind you that I will be having a drop in session on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 2:30. Please let the office know if you would like to come along.

Mrs V Smith  
Headteacher



## Sporting News

Well done to the Year 5 and 6 girls and boys teams who played fantastically well in the tag rugby tournament in Haywards Heath last week. Both teams did really well, winning 3 games overall. This week we have started to think about the Summer sporting calendar. Year 3 and 4 have been learning about passing the baton in athletics club. The teams have made great progress already.



## House Points

<b>Dyke</b>	<b>463</b>
<b>Beacon</b>	<b>462</b>
<b>Hill</b>	<b>439</b>
<b>Cliff</b>	<b>420</b>

## Attendance

Whole school attendance **96.9%**  
(15.4.24 – 26.4.24)

Highest class attendance is:

★ **KAHLO (Year 3) – 98.4%** ★



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## Safeguarding

What is safeguarding?

Safeguarding is the action that is taken to promote the welfare of children and protect them from harm.

Safeguarding means:

- protecting children from abuse and maltreatment
- preventing harm to children's health or development
- ensuring children grow up with the provision of safe and effective care
- taking action to enable all children and young people have the best outcomes.

Child protection is one part of the safeguarding process. It focuses on protecting individual children identified as suffering or likely to suffer significant harm. This includes child protection procedures that detail how to respond to concerns about a child. Safeguarding children and child protection applies to all children up to the age of 18. At Southway, our first and foremost priority is to keep your child safe and healthy. There are safeguarding notices around our school to remind all visitors who the designated safeguarding officers are (DSLs) here in the school. If you do have concerns about a child and want to talk to a DSL, you can speak to them at the gate at drop off or pick up, through the main office or directly using [dsl@southwayjunior.co.uk](mailto:dsl@southwayjunior.co.uk)

## Online Safety

Thank you to those parents who joined our online safety talk last week. We will be sending out some resources today for those of you who didn't make it. Please read them and ensure you are aware of age appropriate apps and games, as well as ensuring you have safety settings set up at home on any devices your children are using.

## Eco Corner

In assembly this week we celebrated Earth Day. The theme this year was Planet vs Plastics. It was also a great opportunity to meet this term's Litter Leaders. I know that they will be thinking of lots of ideas to promote reduce, reuse and recycle across the school. Thank you for litter picking across the school site!



They're green, they're clean, they're Southway's incoming Litter Leaders team!

## Dates for your Diary

Mon 29<sup>th</sup> – Y4 Trip to Southdowns Planetarium – Dickens & half of Shakespeare Class  
 Tues 30<sup>th</sup> - Y4 Trip to Southdowns Planetarium – Rowling & half of Shakespeare Class  
 Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> May – Headteacher pop in 2:30pm  
 Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> May – PTA Family Quiz Night  
 Mon 6<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday (school closed)  
 Fri 10<sup>th</sup> May – Shakespeare class assembly  
 w/c 13<sup>th</sup> May – Y6 SATS test  
 Tue 21<sup>st</sup> May – Y6 Chessington  
 Fri 24<sup>th</sup> May – INSET Day (school closed)  
 Mon 27<sup>th</sup> – Fri 31<sup>st</sup> May – Half term holiday  
 Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Children return

## Noticeboard

### Don't Forget

If you would like to see me, do pop in at 2:30 on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May. I shall keep Thursdays at 2:30 free for parent visits every two weeks.

### Considerate Parking

I have noted that the roads at the front of the school are busy at the start and end of the school day. Whilst the vast majority of children/parents walk, scoot to school, or park in a designated safe area. May I remind a few parents that parking on the yellow lines around the school entrance or stopping in the middle of the road to let children out of the car is highly dangerous.



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# Achievements



These amazing children have all been busy achieving outside of school, in gymnastics, rugby, football, maths, Brownies, modern dance and Go-ape. Definitely some Olympians, lions and lionesses among them! Well done everyone.

