



Southway Junior School

January 2023

Newsletter

Learning and Achieving Together



Dear families

A warm welcome back to the new term. I trust that you had a lovely Christmas break and that you had time to be together as a family although it seems like a long distant memory now!

Now is the time for children to knuckle down to the routines of a new year and apply themselves to their learning. My assembly on Monday was about personal resilience and the effort needed to achieve things worth achieving. As a staff we often discuss the use of the fifteen-minute period classes have from 8.45am until 9.00am, when more formal lessons start for the day.

We have calculated that over a school year this equates to just under 49 hours of potential learning time and therefore we need to use it wisely. During this fifteen-minute period children are engaged in tasks that consolidate previous learning and allow them to practice skills learnt and therefore become confident in applying them. It also allows them to regulate their mood and mentally prepare for the day ahead with minimum stress.

As a school we are having a focus on ensuring that children are in class and engaged as quickly as possible at the start of the day and we would ask that you support us in this by ensuring that your child is in school on time, organised and ready to learn. I am sure you will agree that this is important. Children that are late are often stressed and do not feel ready to learn. Over time this can have a significant impact on them.

'Success does not consist in never making mistakes but in never making the same one a second time.' **George Bernard Shaw**

Have a lovely weekend

Mr P Newbold

January Dates for your Diary

- Mon 16th - Y6 British Museum Trip
- Mon 16th - Y4/5 Handball Festival at BHA (pm)
- Friday 20th - Young Voices Event at the O2
- Friday 27th - Y6 Open Afternoon to Parents
- Tues 31st - Y3/4 Basketball Festival at HH College

February

- Weds 1st - Y6 to St Paul's to watch school production (am)
- Thurs 2nd - Y5/6 Basketball Festival at HH College

Noticeboard

We would very much welcome offers of help from parents or carers to read with our children. If you can spare some time in the afternoon on a regular basis, please let the school office know. Please note that you would not be in your child's year group & would be required to undergo a DBS check.



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Achievements



Phoebe from Pankhurst had her long hair cut short & raised £160 for the Little Princess Trust. They then use the hair to make wigs for young cancer patients.



Samuel & Ameenah from Kahlo Class are very proud of their Southway Values Certificates!

Vihaan from Shakespeare Class was awarded a certificate for his hard work & achievement in an art class.



Maisy from Picasso is a super swimmer & has a certificate for swimming 50m!



Archie from Shakespeare has gained his orange belt in Karate & 4 medals for taking part in several football tournaments.



Zach from Rowling Class was awarded a certificate for being Swimmer of the Year!

Sophia from Kahlo Class was awarded a certificate & a medal for getting a Distinction in her recent Level 1 exam in Acrobatic Arts.



Scarlett from Rowling Class has been awarded a certificate for passing Level 3 in her swimming lessons.



Eloise from Einstein Class was part of Fagin's Gang in a recent performance of Oliver! for the Heathfield Youth Drama Group. Here she is with her medal & programme from the show.



Zac from Shakespeare has been awarded his Level 4 swimming certificate & is now working towards Level 5.

Ivy from Turner Class has passed her Level 1 exam in Acrobatic Arts & has been awarded a certificate.



TERM DATES: 2023-2024

Autumn term	INSET DAYS Friday 1 st September 2023 Monday 30 th October 2023 Starts : Friday 1 st September 2023 Half term: Monday 23 rd October to Friday 27 th October 2023 Ends: Friday 15 th December 2023
Christmas break	Monday 18 th December 2023 to Monday 1 st January 2024
Spring term	INSET DAYS Tuesday 2 nd January 2024 Friday 9 th February 2024 Starts: Tuesday 2 nd January 2024 Half term: Monday 12 th February to Friday 16 th February 2024 Ends: Thursday 28 th March 2024
Easter break	Friday 29 th March to Friday 12 th April 2024
Summer term	INSET DAYS Friday 24 th May 2024 Starts : Monday 15 th April 2024 Half term : Monday 27 th May to Friday 31 st May 2024 Ends : Tuesday 23 rd July 2024

Reminders

PE

Please ensure that your child has their PE kit and trainers/plimsols in school at all times, as we have very limited supplies of uniform to lend out. Thank you

Parking

Kindly remember to park considerately and please do not block people's driveways, or park on zig-zag lines. May we also remind you that there is **no** agreement for parents / carers to use the car park at Forest View Care Home, which is solely for their own staff & visitors.