

# NEWSLETTER

‘Learning & Achieving Together’



Dear families

This week I took the opportunity to accompany the year 6 children on a visit to Brighton to visit the i360, learn about the offshore wind farm, pop in to the Fishing Museum and taste the chips on the pier (it would be rude not to). This was in place of our cancelled trip to the Amex Stadium and I am grateful to the Year 6 teachers for making sure the children didn't miss out. We travelled by train, which was a great experience for the children, and new for some. The weather was kind to us and the views from the top of the i360 were inspiring. I don't think I have seen children so excited for a long time. All of these experiences generated a great deal of conversation and the trip highlighted the fact that we aim to have an ambitious curriculum for all of our children. We discovered that it is possible to take a boat trip to the wind farm, 8 miles offshore, which certainly got us thinking about the future. I also discovered that it generates enough electricity to power half the homes in Sussex.

In total we travelled over 25,000 steps (according to Mr Blanchard) and I am sure we all slept well that evening.

A central part of our school development plan this academic year, is to further improve and enhance our broad and balanced and curriculum and develop the foundation subjects which so often are under appreciated by schools, in their bid to improve academic results. I am glad to say that at Southway we focus on both.

*‘If you think in terms of a year, plant a seed; if in terms of ten years, plant trees; if in terms of 100 years, teach the people.’ Confucius*

Have a lovely weekend

Mr P Newbold

Our **Christmas Lunch** will be served on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December this year. Please book online at [www.mealselector.co.uk](http://www.mealselector.co.uk) by Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December, to avoid disappointment.

## Diary Dates

### November

Tues 30<sup>th</sup> – Y6 Adventure Day & Climbing Wall

### December

Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> – Decorate Southway Day & Elf Run – Wear Festive tops / jumpers

Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Lunch – Wear Festive tops / jumpers

Fri 17<sup>th</sup> – Golden Awards Assembly

Fri 17<sup>th</sup> – Last Day of Term – **Children finish at 1.30pm**

**Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Dec- Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan – Christmas Holiday – school closed**

### January

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> – Back to School

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# What's Been Happening?



All the children had fun during this year's Spotacular fundraising event for Children in Need! As usual, the cake sale was a huge success, and we raised a fantastic **£1487.15** in total. Thank you to everyone for your support!

## Our School Vision

At Southway, we want all of our children to be happy, be confident, respect others, achieve personal success, respect the world in which they live and to develop an enthusiasm and thirst for learning.

## Our School Aims

We aim to provide a learning environment which is child-centred, creative and challenging

We aim to ensure our children are happy, engaged, hardworking and enthusiastic learners

We think of the school as a community of learners

We recognise the importance of developing individuals' sense of self-worth and self-respect, as well as respect for others, to help them succeed and achieve.

We have high expectations throughout the school and aim to foster children's independence as they develop their different skills and have fun whilst learning.

We held a special assembly on Remembrance Day and the children made poppies for a beautiful display in the main hall.



On Friday 19th November, Year 3 went on an exciting trip to Drusillas Park to learn more about animal adaptations and habitats. Children got to dress up as different animals to understand how different animals have adapted to their environments. We also got the chance to explore the Park and see lots of other animals such as meerkats, red pandas and the penguins!

We have added an online safety section to the website. Please take a look at the helpful parental guides available.

[https://southwayjunior.schools.co.uk/website/online\\_safety/582362](https://southwayjunior.schools.co.uk/website/online_safety/582362)



Y6 had an amazing day in Brighton, experiencing the sights aboard the i360. The children learned about the offshore wind farm, which powers half the homes in Sussex and enjoyed chips on the pier.



# Out of School Achievements



The Southway Girls football team did us proud at the Mid Sussex tournament. There were amazing goals by Emmy, Amelie and Macie, along with some fantastic defending by Thea, Olivia, Taylor and Stacey and great runs from Scarlett, Autumn and Izzy.

Zach from Dali Class has been awarded a certificate & badge for swimming 25 metres. Well done Zach!



Alex from Picasso Class won this medal for good sportsmanship and putting in great effort at his football camp during half term.



Leah from Dali Class has received a certificate & badge for reaching Level 6 in trampolining.



Sam from Curie Class isn't scared of creepy crawlies! He won a certificate for handling a tarantula & some reptiles.