



Southway Junior School

Newsletter

Learning and Achieving Together



Dear Parents and Carers

I hope this message finds you well. First and foremost, I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude for your participation in our recent Parent Consultations. Your support makes a significant difference in the educational journey of the students, and the staff genuinely appreciate the time you took to meet with them.

Parent Consultations serve as a vital opportunity for us to discuss your child's progress, achievements, and areas for growth. Your active involvement demonstrates a shared commitment to your child's education, fostering a strong partnership between home and school. Staff value your feedback and collaboration immensely, and look forward to continuing to work together to support your child's development.

On the subject of feedback, I hope you have seen the letter, sent on Monday with the Parent Survey and the Pupil Survey, which was completed in February. More detailed survey information, such as your comments will be passed on to Mrs Smith, the new Headteacher and small but significant changes have already happened, as a direct result of your voice and the children's voice being heard. I hope that the information I have gathered will make a positive difference to your school, whether it is about current practice or suggestions for improvements in the future, for example closer relationships with The Gattons.

As you all know, I will be leaving at the end of March. It has been an absolute privilege to work with such a lovely, supportive school and I will definitely miss the wonderful pupils and staff. I have enjoyed being a small part of your children's journey and I will certainly keep in touch, to hear how the pupils are doing.

I would also like to inform those that are not aware, that Mr Skates will be leaving this week. I would like to wish him good luck for the future, on behalf of the whole school team. Mr Ridgewell has moved over to Pankhurst class and Miss Read will be joining the staff team in Shakespeare class after Easter.

As we approach the Easter season, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your loved ones a wonderful holiday. May this special time be filled with hope, renewal, and moments of warmth shared with family and friends. Whether you celebrate Easter in a traditional manner or simply enjoy the arrival of spring, we hope the brighter weather brings you a sense of hope and renewal, as well as the enjoyment of extra time off with family and friends.

Once again, thank you for your ongoing support and dedication to your child's education. Good luck for the future at Southway Junior School.

Mrs S Bondonno

Headteacher (Interim)

Dates for your Diary

March

Fri 29th – Start of Easter Holidays

April

Mon 15th April – Start of Summer Term

Weds 17th – Y5 Survival Day at School

Fri 19th – Y5/Y6 Girls' Rugby at HHRFC – 10am-12pm

Fri 19th – Y5/Y6 Boys' Rugby at HHRFC – 1pm-3pm

Fri 26th – Y3 Trip to Fishbourne Roman Palace

Mon 29th – Y4 Trip to Southdowns Planetarium – Dickens & half of Shakespeare Class

Tues 30th - Y4 Trip to Southdowns Planetarium – Rowling & half of Shakespeare Class

Noticeboard

Trip/activity replies and payments

It would be very much appreciated if all reply slips and payments could be returned by the date stated on the forms. This will help with the planning of activities and save both resources and time for staff throughout the school.

Thank you for your help with this.



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Achievements



Olive & Isla from Y6 recently took part in a gymnastic competition won the group performance.



Felix & Theo from Y3 play rugby for BHRFC & each scored 3 tries for their team in a tournament in Pulborough.

Emily from Hawking Class is also a budding gymnast! Her six came 1st place in a recent competition, where she also came 4th place in both the solo & pairs.



Logan from Hawking Class was awarded the Player of the Week trophy from BHRFC All Blacks for his excellent tackling skills.



Ruby & Amelie from Picasso Class took part in a pairs competition in gymnastics & came 2nd place out of 5. Here they are with their certificates & medals.



Harmonie from Shakespeare Class recently performed on stage at the Hawth in Crawley with her dance both ballet & modern routines.



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Felix from Kahlo Class has been invited to Tea with Mrs Bondonno this week, after receiving a Commendation from his teacher.



Ava from Churchill is a keen cyclist. She has 4 medals from recent rides, when she completed 10 miles, 2 rides of 25 miles each & a marathon 50 mile ride!

Oliver from Shakespeare Class plays football for Southdown Rovers. He was recently awarded this medal when his team won a match.



Lyla from Dickens was awarded a certificate & badge after coming 3rd place in a 'bean pair' competition for gymnastics.



Ollie from Shakespeare Class was awarded this fantastic Player of the Week trophy by his rugby club recently.



Holly from Mandela Class won this medal for coming 3rd place in a recent acro dance competition.

