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SOUTHWAY JUNIOR SCHOOL

LEARNING AND ACHIEVING TOGETHER

NEWSLETTER



Dear families,

Welcome back to a new term. I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable break with your families. I certainly took the opportunity to take a breath and catch up with friends and family. Despite the cold weather we have returned with renewed enthusiasm and the children have already been taking part in some wonderful learning activities. I am constantly impressed by the inventiveness and sheer effort that all of our teachers put into providing the children with memorable experiences. Year 3 have been learning how to sail the seven seas and what life on board a pirate ship would have been like. Year 4 made (and no doubt enjoyed eating!) their own chocolate using some exotic taste combinations. Meanwhile year 5 were evacuated to the countryside as part of their WW2 topic, experiencing life as a child back then. Thank you very much for supporting your children in the dressing up days. It really does allow them to be immersed in their learning and feel part of something special and exciting.

This week, as part of my role in mentoring newly appointed Headteachers, I have visited the Headteacher of a local junior school and as a result we have agreed to work together on further improving teaching between both schools. Our staff are looking forward to hosting their teachers this term and having the opportunity to visit another setting to see what they can learn. We are determined to continue improving and remain resolute in our determination to be the best school possible.

'Do not be in a hurry to succeed. What would you have to live for afterwards? Better make the horizon your goal; it will always be ahead of you.' **William Makepeace Thackeray**

In the meantime have a lovely weekend Mr P Newbold

Diary Dates

January

W/C Mon 14th—Clubs re-start

Tues 15th-Y3 Booth Museum Trip-Turner & Dali Classes

Weds 16th-Y3 Booth Museum Trip-Picasso Class

Weds 23rd-Y3 & Y4 Sports Hall Athletics

Thurs 24th-Y6 choir to HT Conference leaving SW @ 7.30am

Mon 28th-Y6 MSA Curling Festival@ The Triangle

February

Thurs 7th— Y6 Rainbow Theatre Visit

Mon 11th-Y5/Y6 MSA Basketball @ St. Paul's (TBC)

Fri 15th— Golden Awards Assembly 10am (for invited parents)

Half Term Holiday-Mon 18th-Fri 22nd

Monday 25th-INSET DAY-School Closed

March

Weds 6th & Thurs 7th—Parent Consultations

Book Donations

We are always very grateful for donations of unwanted children's books for the school. Please drop them in via the office.



Thank you.

Vacancies at Southway

We are currently advertising for a new Premises Officer, and two Midday Meals Supervisors. Further details and application forms are available on our website.

Payment Reminder—France & Lodge Hill

We would like to remind parents of Y4 & Y5 children, that the following payment instalments are due, as follows -

- **France** — £40 by 28th Feb
- **Lodge Hill** — £25 by 31st January

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What's been going on?



Our A Team competed in a tournament hosted by Crawley Town FC. Our boys played some really beautiful football and won three out of the four matches they played in the league, drawing the fourth. This put us top of the league, with schools from all over the Crawley area competing. There were some stunning goals from Jake and Archie, along with some brilliant saves by Ollie. Luka and George held strong in defence and Max made some brilliant runs forward. Tom and Harvey held the ball nicely up front and everyone played brilliantly as a team. Unfortunately, after winning the league, we were knocked out by the last penalty kick, after drawing the semi-finals. Well done boys!



Year 4 began their 'Mysterious Maya' learning journey by designing their very own flavoured chocolate inspired by the Maya! Using a Bain Marie and other equipment, the children made chocolates tasting of: chilli, ginger, mint, berry and orange, which they all subsequently tried! Afterwards, the children voted on their favourites to create raw data for statistics in maths. Chilli was their least favourite (unsurprisingly)!



A warm welcome to **Arthur**, a very friendly Pets as Therapy (PAT) dog, who has been coming in to school every Wednesday, to help children with their reading. Here he is with **Finley** from Hawking Class.



Ahoy! **Year 3** had a wonderful Pirate Day on Monday! We all had fantastic outfits on and were ready and raring to go. We went on a treasure hunt, chose our own pirate names and even created our own treasure map! At pirate training we stole treasure, sailed a galleon, climbed the rigging and even walked the plank! We finished the day by singing a hearty sea shanty and we received a certificate to confirm our pirate status!



OUT OF SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS



Prayam from Picasso Class has been awarded his Level 3 Swimming Certificate & badge, from his lessons at the Triangle.



Zach from Einstein Class took part in a pattern completion in Taekwondo, and won a fantastic trophy for coming first.

Finley (Rowling), **Harrison** (Hawking), **Darcey** (Pankhurst), **Mollie** (Mandela), **Lexi** (Picasso) & **Bella** (Shakespeare) were all lucky winners of our pre-Christmas Book Raffle. They each won a copy of either 'A Monster Calls', 'The Trapdoor Mysteries' or 'Dragons at Crumbling Castle'.



Arun from Mandela Class was awarded a medal for coming 3rd place in a Cross Country race for Haywards Heath Harriers, against more than 50 other competitors. He completed the mile long course in 4.41 minutes.



Austin from Shakespeare Class is a keen rugby player. He recently won an award for being Player of the Tournament. Here is in action.



Zuzia (Shakespeare), **Alyssa** (Hawking), **Taylor** (Dali) & **Joshua** (Pankhurst), won the Book Raffle earlier this week. The Y3 & Y4 children each received a copy of 'Once Upon a Wild Wood', while those from Y5 & Y6 received 'The Secrets of the Sun King'.



The **Southway Giving Tree Appeal** last month was very generously supported by our families. We received the fantastic total of **129** gifts, which contributed towards the 2712 collected for the More Radio Christmas Appeal. These were then distributed to children across Sussex, through the following organisations-**Chailey Heritage Foundation, Forward Facing Charity, Kangaroos, Landport Foodbank & Christmas Wishes**. We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who donated a present.

Poppy Appeal

Donations for the Poppy Appeal last November raised the sum of **£87.08**. Thank you to everyone who contributed, and also to the Sports & House Captains, who gave up their free time to sell them.

