

# NEWSLETTER

‘Learning & Achieving Together’



Dear families

The weather has been really kind to us over the last few weeks and we have taken the opportunity to ensure a great deal of learning has taken place outdoors. Following the arrival and installation of our new tables and benches for the decking area, overlooking the large pond, the children have enjoyed reading in peaceful and beautiful surroundings. Our bird hide has been in constant use and the market garden is flourishing. The benefits of learning outdoors can't be underestimated and it is important that children learn the importance of nature and wildlife. We are reading a lot in the news about sustainability and reconnecting with the planet and as a school we are committed to providing our children with opportunities to do just that. Our bird hide is open all day and during break and lunchtimes and it is solely supervised by a group of dedicated and enthusiastic year 6 children. They have independently taken it upon themselves to set up rules to be followed, as well as competitions for daily visitors. I am so proud of them.

This week has been our opportunity to collect money for Children in Need and again, thanks to the generosity of our families, we have raised a substantial sum of money that will benefit children across the country. Thank you to everyone who participated, contributed and in particular baked amazing cakes!

Recently we have said goodbye to long serving staff who have moved on to pastures new. Mrs Tullet, Mrs Tubbs and Mr Jones have left us and we thank them for their years working with us wish them well for the future. We have successfully recruited Mrs Driscoll, Mrs Cann, Miss Imray, Miss Jones, Miss Woolley and Mrs McDougall, all in various capacities, to work with our children. If you are unsure of their faces they can all be found on our website! We welcome them all to team Southway.

*“There are no passengers on spaceship earth. We are all crew.” Marshall McLuhan*

In the meantime have a lovely weekend.

Mr P Newbold

Volunteers are wanted for School Admission Appeals and Independent Review Panels. Are you a current or recently retired headteacher, a serving governor, a parent, a grandparent or just interested in education, or do you know someone who might be? West Sussex County Council would love to hear from you. We need new Independent Panel Members to hear school admission appeals. Your role is key to ensure that parents feel they have had a fair and independent hearing and been given every opportunity to put their case and that the points they have made have been taken seriously and carefully considered by an independent panel. This is an important role ensuring that all school admission appeals are transparent, independent and impartial. Full training will be given by our Legal Services Team and all volunteers will be paid travel expenses. If you are interested and would like more information, please email [appealsadministrator@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:appealsadministrator@westsussex.gov.uk) with your details and we will get in touch.

## Diary Dates

### November

Mon 15<sup>th</sup> – Y5/Y6 Girls Football @ Manor Field  
Weds 17<sup>th</sup> – Open Morning – Y2 & Reception Parents  
Fri 19<sup>th</sup> – Y3 Drusillas Trip  
Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> – Y4 Preston Manor (Rowling Class)  
Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> – Y6 Brighton Trip  
Weds 24<sup>th</sup> – Y4 Preston Manor (Shakespeare Class)  
Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> – Y4 Preston Manor (Dickens Class)  
Fri 26<sup>th</sup> – Flu Vaccinations for all Year Groups  
Tues 30<sup>th</sup> – Y6 Climbing Wall

### December

Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> – Decorate Southway Day  
Weds 8<sup>th</sup> – Carol Concert @ The King's Church

**Flu Jab Reminder – Please respond to the email sent by the Immunisation Service by 11am on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November, at the latest.**



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Burgess Hill



# What's Been Happening?

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



These lucky children were the winners of our latest Book Raffle. Here they are with copies of the books they were presented with last half term.



Here are the recipients of last half term's Golden Awards, as nominated by their class teachers. They all received certificates and enjoyed 'Golden Tea' with Mr Newbold.



The children on the **left** received a certificate & voucher for their Reading Award, whilst those on the **right** received maths sets and certificates for their Maths Award. Well done to all of them!



Elsie (Y3) Raiyyan, (Y6) Ansh (Y4) & Baxter (Y5) were each presented with an abacus when they won the Maths Challenge Assembly for their respective Year Groups.

Our new large pond decking



# Out of School Achievements



Alberta from Picasso Class has been awarded her Level 4 certificate & badge for swimming.



Sophia from Picasso Class was awarded a trophy by Hurstpierpoint Gymnastics Club.

Sebastian from Picasso Class travelled to London to sing in a choir with popstar Pixie Lott. He has a folder of photos, plus a lanyard signed by the singer.



Cooper from Picasso Class proudly displays the medal he won for taking part in his 2<sup>nd</sup> rugby tournament for Burgess Hill RFC.



Andrew from Pankhurst Class has been awarded the Chief Scout's Silver Award, with a certificate signed by Bear Grylls.



Matthew from Pankhurst Class is also a recipient of the Chief Scout's Silver award. He is also a keen footballer & has won a framed certificate from BHA in the Community, for taking part in a football skills club.



Finley from Curie Class competed in an indoor athletics event & now has a Brighton Athletics vest as a souvenir.



Teammates Jake & Oscar from Y5 play for Burgess Hill RFC. They took part in a recent tournament, where they scored a total of 17 tries between them, helping their side to win all of their 7 matches!



Darcey from Einstein Class was nominated for Tea with Mr Newbold & has also been awarded certificates for her swimming & water safety achievements.



Esmay from Shakespeare Class gained the most Brownie Points in her pack (3<sup>rd</sup> Burgess Hill) & was awarded their Star Brownie trophy.