



# Southway Junior School

# Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome back to you all and I would like to particularly welcome our new year 3 families. It has been fantastic to see all of the children arriving in school so smartly dressed in their uniforms. I have observed all classes settling down to learning so quickly in their new classrooms already this term. Routines are in place and working well and the atmosphere around the school is lovely.

It is a little quieter in school this week, as our Year 6 cohort have left for a week in France. Amongst other adventures, the children have been to la plage, la boulangerie and le marche to practice their French. We welcome them back later today. Thank you so much to the Year 6 team for giving the children such an unforgettable week.

The slides from our Welcome Meetings are now available to view on our website. This year, teachers emphasised the importance of reading to or with your child as often as you can and then recording any reading completed. Thank you for your continued support, it is so important that we work together in partnership to enable the very best outcomes for our children.

Please do pop in to see me if you would like to discuss any matters arising. I will continue to have Thursday afternoons available to meet but I am always on the gate each day should you need to ask anything. Clubs are starting up next week across the school. In response to parental feedback we have increased the number of clubs on offer this term. We hope that lots of children get involved.

Kind Regards, *Mrs Smith*



## A Great Start to the Term in Lower School

Year 3 have had an amazing start to their journey at Southway Junior School. They have been learning about our class artists, completed gardening in the year 3 area in our market garden, represented different numbers in Maths using equipment, matched the parts and functions of a plant alongside many other interesting learning opportunities. Well done to Year 3 on all of their great work so far!

Year 4 have also had a fantastic start to the term. They have been busy creating Queen Victoria collages in our classes, researching our class authors, exploring maps to plan our trip to Brighton next week and looking at what schools were like in the Victorian times!



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## House Points

Hill	192
Cliff	189
Beacon	181
Dyke	167

## Attendance

**Whole School -97.5%**

Class with highest attendance for period 3rd to 13th September  
**Einstein (99.6%)**



## A Fantastic Start in Upper School

Year 5 have had an amazing start to the term. Initially the children were learning about their class scientists and have had fun dressing up and conducting a variety of experiments - which caused much excitement. The fun has not stopped there and this week the children have been fully immersed in the Battle of Bosworth, reenacting the famous battle in the local woods.



Year 6 have been enjoying their residential in France (@SouthwayJS) but even in their very first week, Year 6 classes have already proved themselves to be excellent role models around the school. So much to celebrate already

## Change to Year 5/6 Pick Up

Please do continue to walk to school whenever you can or park and stride as the roads are so narrow and busy. Unfortunately, the rain at the start of term created lots of parking and safety issues at drop off and pick up. To aid with a safer pick up for Year 5 and 6 children, the Year 5 /6 external gate will be opened a few minutes before the children arrive through their gate. This will enable parents to wait inside the school fence and keep the pavements clear.

## Dates for your Diary

### September

w/c Mon 16<sup>th</sup> – Y6 Bikeability  
Tues 17<sup>th</sup> – Y4 Brighton Town Trail Trip  
Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> – Y5 Hampton Court Trip  
Fri 20<sup>th</sup> – School Photographs for all children  
w/c Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> – Y6 Bikeability  
Tues 24<sup>th</sup> - Y3 Town Walk (am)  
Weds 25<sup>th</sup> – European Languages Day in school

## Noticeboard

We have had plenty of new developments in the school over the Summer including new fencing, playground markings, new dining tables, new secure gates and a Viking Ship make-over. We would like to thank our brilliant **Friends of Southway** for our beautiful new History timeline – it is amazing!

**We are looking for Mid Day Meals Supervisors to join our team. Please email Mrs Carter on [office@southwayjunior.co.uk](mailto:office@southwayjunior.co.uk) for more details.**



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