



Southway Update



**Spring Term
2019**

'Keeping you informed'



Dear Families

We have had another busy and exciting term at Southway as we look forward to our Easter break.

Yet again we have made some significant improvements to provide our children with more opportunities to learn and grow. Not least of these include the installation of our outdoor gym equipment which is proving very popular during break times.

We have now introduced clubs run by children for children which next term will include chess, singing and hockey.

The variety of learning experiences our children have had and the opportunities staff have presented to them continue to impress and I would like to thank the staff for their hard work in organising these events. Year 3 have visited the Booth Museum in Brighton, whilst year 5 learnt about WWII at Newhaven Fort. Year 6 spent time at the British Museum and year 4 visited a Hindu Temple in Crawley.

This term the Southway teaching team spent an Inset day working alongside other Burgess Hill primary schools to look at writing and share good practice. This collaboration is so valuable and allows us to benchmark our standards and if necessary make further improvements.

Our Governors continue to monitor the effectiveness of the school and play an active part in holding us to account as well as supporting the improvements we continue to make. I would like to thank them for their hard work, which is purely voluntary.

Finally we welcome Mr Le Gonidec, our new Premises Officer, to the team. He has already made a positive difference around the school and organised improvements to our school grounds.

I remain ambitious for the school and your children and I would like to thank the numerous parents who have supported our efforts this term. Your positive comments, emails and comments are much appreciated.

In the meantime I wish you all a happy Easter holiday.

Kind regards

Mr P Newbold, Headteacher



WHAT HAVE WE BEEN DOING?

Year 3

Year 3 have been learning all about Scoundrels at Sea this term. They have learnt tales about pirates and looking at Viking invasions. We have learnt about how to prevent scurvy and made a bumbo drink. We took a trip to the Booth Museum and were able to bring back some amazing skeletons of human and animal skulls.



Year 4

In year 4 we have immersed ourselves in the mysteries of The Mayans. The children made a variety of flavoured chocolate needless to say the chilli one wasn't that popular! They performed incredibly for families following their drumming workshop and visited a Hindu temple.



Year 5

Year 5 have been studying more recent events in our history looking at World War II. What was it like to be an evacuee, all squashed up in an air raid shelter, having to carry around your gas mask all day. They took a blustery trip to Newhaven Fort to see first hand Britain's coastal defences.



Year 6

Year 6 have travelled back to ancient Egypt to find out how the Pharaoh lived. They have learnt about Moses and visited the British Museum. A bake off certainly had the corridors filled with amazing aromas. Children have been making Canopic jars and cartouches in class.





Have a lovely
Easter holiday.

