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# Southway Junior School

Learning and Achieving Together

# NEWSLETTER



Dear parents and carers

We are now fully in the swing of school life and I am delighted to see so many children coming in to school with big smiles on their faces. It is also worth noting that our attendance is currently 97% at the moment. It would be great to see this sustained over the next few weeks. Teaching staff have been brilliant at allaying the possible worries that some children may have felt and have supported everyone in returning to as much normality as is possible at the moment. I would like to thank all parents for making pick up and drop off so seamless since our reopening and working with us to keep everyone as safe as possible.

I am delighted to tell you that we have had a substantial amount of improvement work carried out over the summer holiday and it is still ongoing. As you will see from the photos, Chris, our mural man, has been busy again and we now have a brilliant south coast mural on the main playground, as well as an amazing under sea world in our Y3 undercover area. Chris will be returning in January to create a mountain range scene in the Y5/6 entrance, a large map of Great Britain and a school logo at the front of the school.

All of our classrooms have also had bespoke cupboards, sinks and tap ware fitted, with matching splash backs. Our PE shed has now been thoroughly kitted out with over £2000 of new equipment and storage.

Future works include the arrival of a life sized Pterodactyl, a 3m tall replica of Saturn V and a scaled model of the Wright Brothers 'Kitty Hawk' (to be hung in the Y6 stairwell). All created by Peter Baldry, the amazing card model artist. If you would like to see some of his work here is his twitter feed.

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Finally, in October we will be replacing the entire fencing at the front of the school, which will also include a new electric gate to our car park. This will provide much needed extra security for all of our children and staff.

*'Talk about a dream, try to make it real.'* **Bruce Springsteen**

In the meantime I hope you have a lovely weekend.  
Kind Regards  
Mr P Newbold

### Flu Vaccinations

Flu vaccinations will again be offered to children in all year groups this autumn. Your child should bring home a consent form this afternoon. Please ensure that this is completed and returned to school by **Friday 16th October**. The vaccinations will take place on **Tuesday 3rd November**. Thank you

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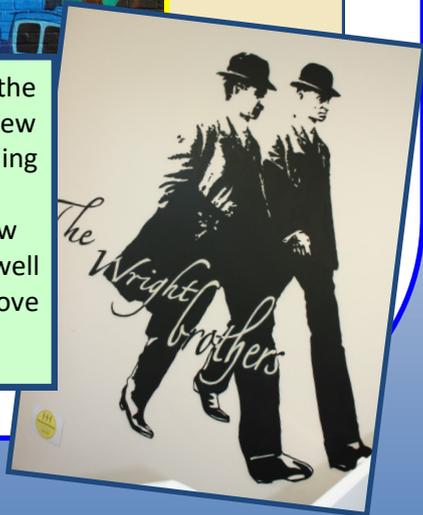
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# Summer holiday projects



There have been lots of improvements to the school during the holidays, including our new Market Garden & approach to the swimming pool (top); new murals in the main playground & Y3 outside covered area; new sinks & storage units in all classrooms, as well artwork depicting the Wright Brothers, above the stairway to Y6.



# Year 6 survival day



Year 6 thoroughly enjoyed their **Survival Day**. Collecting branches and sticks in the local woods to build their shelter, proved as much fun as making them! All the children planted seeds in our new market garden and we look forward to eating broad beans, pak choi and radishes in the coming weeks. Compass reading for orienteering was initially challenging but year 6 soon got the hang of it, following directions and solving riddles on the way.

