



Southway Junior School

# Newsletter

Learning and Achieving Together

November 2024



Dear Southway families,

If you currently have a Year 2 child, we warmly welcome you to our **OPEN MORNING** this Wednesday 8:50-10. Please contact the office if you wish to attend our event.

We have had so many ambassadors from Southway Juniors brilliantly representing our school over the past few weeks. Our Year 6 Values Visionaries have planted recycled poppies at Cypress Hall, our House Captains have paraded in Burgess Hill and laid a wreath on Remembrance Day. Our Sports Crew have received training for their roles and a number of Year 6 children helped to promote maths on our parent workshop evening. All of our representatives have demonstrated all of the Southway values in abundance.

Year 4 were transported back to the 1800s to experience what life was like in a Victorian Manor house. The children made the beds, cleaned the windows and arranged the flowers. Some were even hired to become staff! The first hand experience of this trip enables children to understand what life was like in Victorian times.

Thank you for supporting Children in Need – today was a great success and children have thoroughly enjoyed collecting the merch and eating the cakes for a good cause. We have raised a whopping **£1702** Thank you again Southway for your kindness

*Mrs Smith*



## School Improvement Visit

We have recently received our annual inspection report from the Local Authority, designed to categorise the school against the current Ofsted Framework and determine how effective the school is.

During the visit, our Education Adviser and governors visited classrooms and observed a vibrant, supportive and a well ordered school environment. The focus of the visit to classrooms was to look at mathematics and observe the recent fine tuning of teaching sequences. The consistency of approach in all year groups was celebrated alongside teachers following an agreed lesson structure and applying routines for practise. Planned opportunities for reasoning and problem solving were clearly evident in all lessons and pupils were very enthusiastic about attempting the challenge activities. Teachers were seen modelling and addressing misconceptions. It was noted that as a result of the consistent approach to teaching and learning across the school, our end of key stage outcomes in reading are above the national average and in mathematics they are significantly above. The school Category is 2i: Highly Effective – Highly effective with evidence of significant strengths in school effectiveness. Well done team!



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## Anti Bullying Week

Respect has been the theme of Anti Bullying Week this year. Mr Blanchard led the assembly on Odd Socks day which focused on being unique and being proud of our differences. Children have been engaged in a number of activities this week which include—writing RESPECT poetry, discussing scenarios and developing strategies and advice for those who may have experienced bullying Esmee from Year 5 said "I loved Odd Socks Day as it's all about being kind and respecting other people for who they are!"

**CHOOSE  
RESPECT**

#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK



## Poetry Success

Ada Harwood has won £150 with her poem on the theme of spirituality. We are so proud of her wonderful achievement.

### Love of the Universe

The Lord is Love.  
 God is the love of the world,  
 He's with you everywhere and every day.  
 The Lord is greater than all things;  
 You are loved by Him.  
 God the Father shines like a diamond in the never-ending space of His creation and love.  
 He opens the doors of Heaven to all who seek love from the Holy One.  
 God is like love, but beyond what we can imagine or believe;  
 He is everlasting love.  
 God sacrificed Himself for us.  
 I feel safe knowing He is there.  
 When you pray, He listens to every word  
 As if He were right there with you.  
 He has blessed all with the Holy Spirit.  
 I have been in His presence,  
 And I felt safe and calm,  
 He is the love of the universe.

by Ada Harwood

## Dates for your Diary

### November

- w/c 18<sup>th</sup> Nov – Maths Week
- Mon 18<sup>th</sup> – Flu Vaccinations in school
- Weds 20<sup>th</sup> – Open Morning for Y2 parents – 8.50am
- Weds 20<sup>th</sup> – Parent Consultations 3.30-7pm
- Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> – Parent Consultations 3.30-5.30pm
- Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> – Non-uniform day – bring a tombola prize
- Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> – Choir at B.Hill Christmas Light Switch-On
- Weds 27<sup>th</sup> – Y3 Drusillas Trip
- Fri 29<sup>th</sup> – Einstein Class Assembly at 10am
- Fri 29<sup>th</sup> – FoS AGM

### December

- Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> – Carol Concert at The King's Church (afternoon & evening performances)
  - Weds 4<sup>th</sup> – Y6 Amex Trip
  - Fri 6<sup>th</sup> – Decorate Southway Day & Elf Run
  - Fri 6<sup>th</sup> – Southway Christmas Fair at 3.30pm**
  - Fri 20<sup>th</sup> – Last Day of Term – Children finish at 1.30pm**
- Our updated Attendance Policy is now on the school website. This can be accessed via the 'Key Information' tab, then click on 'Policies'.

## Noticeboard

**Thought-Full** are currently seeking parent and carer views about engagement with schools. All the information received will be used to inform advice **Thought-Full** give to schools and therefore improve engagement from parents and carers. If you have a little spare time, please complete a short survey which can be accessed [here](#).

### House Points

<b>Cliff</b>	<b>3550</b>
<b>Beacon</b>	<b>3107</b>
<b>Dyke</b>	<b>3077</b>
<b>Hill</b>	<b>3052</b>

### Attendance

**Whole School -96.2%**  
 Class with highest attendance for period 4th November to 15<sup>th</sup> November.  
**TURNER (98.9%)**



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