



Southway Update

Summer Term
2019

'Keeping you informed'



Dear Families

We have had another busy and exciting year at Southway and I can't believe how quickly the time has flown by.

You will no doubt be aware of our recent Ofsted inspection and the outcome. As I'm sure you can imagine we are all delighted that inspection team confirmed what we know to be true about the school. The comment *'Pupils' attitudes to learning are superb. In lessons, there is no question about them drifting off-task or being inattentive. Disruptive or discourteous behaviour would be unthinkable...'* really resonated with me. This has not come about by happy accident. All staff work really hard to achieve this and is perhaps the hardest of all judgments to achieve an 'outstanding' in. We are already working on how to achieve outstanding in all other areas as we remain determined to be the best possible school for your children.

This year Southway's KS2 national test results were amongst the best the school has ever achieved. In reading, writing, maths and GPS (Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling) we were above all national averages and significantly above West Sussex schools averages. We continue to head in the right direction without being complacent.

During the year we raised a fantastic £324.47 for each of our house charities, plus a net total of £1320.58 for Children In Need. Thank you very much for your continued generosity.

We now have our eco pond up and running and the children are already benefitting from it. What with the installation of outdoor gym equipment and the development of our new IT room known as the LaRC (Learning and Resource Centre) we continue to develop opportunities for the children to learn and grow.

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 summer holiday.

Kind regards

Mr P Newbold, Headteacher



Year 3 – Battles and Bangs



This term we 3 have been studying Ancient Rome. They have become Roman soldiers, learnt different battle formations and looked at some things that are still around today from the Roman times, like artefacts on our trip to Butser Farm and Roman numerals in our maths lessons! The city of Pompeii and Mount Vesuvius has been a focus, learning how and why a volcano erupts and the devastating effects it can have.

Year 4 – To Infinity and Beyond!

To kick off year 4's exciting new learning journey, To Infinity and Beyond, the children were put to the test in the whole series of immersive challenges during their first week back as part of 'Space School'. From the outset, the children were dressed-to-impress as astronauts in training where they had to



demonstrate the knowledge, skills and attributes required to qualify as a NASA junior cadet, including problem solving, teamwork, above-average intelligence and dexterity to name a few. The children also had the opportunity to visit the South Downs Planetarium in Chichester, providing a truly mesmerising experience learning about the sun, stars and beyond. To top it all off, many children had the adventure of a lifetime at Lodge Hill, partaking in numerous challenging and thrilling outdoor adventurous activities. A thrilling term indeed!



Year 5 - Seas, Storms and Survival.

The children enjoyed a fantastic visit to the Seven Sisters Country Park where they learnt all about the features of a river and coasts (this further enriched out Geography lessons). Our key text this term has been Kensuke's Kingdom. From this rich book, we have carried out many related activities such as: sushi-making, looking at the work of Hokusai, going on to creating their own waves and writing survival guides.



Year 6 – Stone Age

As their time at Southway reaches its finale the children in Year 6 have been busy putting on their incredible performance of Cinderella Rockerfella, where they performed their socks off! In class, they have been learning about the human body and finding out lots of weird and wonderful facts; they also created their own investigations in science to find out how exercise affects pulse rate. Sir Teach-a-lot took them back 5,000 years to explore what life was like during the Stone Age period.



We wish them all the very best in their new secondary schools as they continue their educational journey.



Have a lovely
summer
holiday!

