



Southway News

Summer Update

2017



'Keeping you informed'





Dear Parents and Carers,

Summer term has been very busy and productive and I would like to share just a few of the headline moments with you.

West Sussex Local Authority Visit

In June the Local Authority advisers had this to say about the school...

'The school self-evaluation and improvement plan documents show thorough and rigorous planning and monitoring. School leaders have high expectations of pupils and staff which secure improvement in all pupils including disadvantaged pupils. The school continues to provide and develop a broad and balanced curriculum provides a wide range of opportunities for pupils to learn. The range of subjects and courses helps pupils acquire knowledge, understanding and skills in all aspects of their education, including the humanities and linguistic, mathematical, scientific, technical, social, physical and artistic learning. Pupil behaviour and behaviour for learning is exemplary. The curriculum also contributes well to pupils behaviour and welfare, including their physical, mental and personal well-being, safety and spiritual, moral, social and cultural development. In discussion with the Locality Link adviser it was agreed that school leaders should consider evaluating against the Outstanding OFSTED criteria for effective leadership and management.'

Visits from West Sussex schools

Over the course of the term we hosted the staff from schools such as Barns Green Primary and Thomas a Becket Junior in Worthing to come and see our excellent teaching practice as part of their own school development. Our staff also made reciprocal visits.

Humanities Week

For a week children were immersed in the cultures and geography of other nations and learnt what it is to be part of a global community.

School visits and trips

Our children have taken part in but they include numerous Rainbow Theatre appearances such as Greek day and a Stone Age workshop, trips to the South Downs Planetarium in Chichester, Butser Farm and the Seven Sisters. Year 6 had their annual treat visiting Chessington World of Adventures.

Walk to School Week

In May we had a very successful Walk to School initiative well supported by parents and it made a big difference to the safety of our children.

Green Fingers

We started our gardening club, led by Mrs Davies and Mrs O'Mally-Richardson. They have already been successful in growing produce and we look forward to making our own chutneys and jams as well as selling our produce to parents.

Summer Fayre

The HSA organised and ran their annual Summer Fayre, which was well attended and raised much needed funds for the school. As soon as we are informed of the total I will let you know.

When I Grow Up day

We held our first 'When I Grow Up' day. From F1 Marshalls to rock drummers, from teachers to football managers our children showed what diverse ambitions they have. We were grateful to the many parents who gave up their time to share their skills and job roles with us. .

Best regards

Mr P Newbold, Headteacher

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN DOING?

Year 3 – have been learning all Roman and Celtic life as part of our exciting, yet often gruesome history! During a thrilling trip to Butser Ancient Farm, the children got to experience real-life, hands-on activities as if they were a real life Celt or a Roman. Throughout our learning journey, we have been exploring (such as finding some Roman jewellery at school!), cooking (Roman cookies) and participating in exciting and active learning opportunities (including erupting our own volcanoes) to name a few.



Year 4 – This term, we have enjoyed an exciting trip to the South Downs Planetarium. We discovered so much about the solar system and got the chance to see some real NASA space suits and equipment. For our fab finish, we tried some space ice-cream and then tried making some of our own using ice and salt- a tasty end to the term!



Year 5 – It has been an excellent term in year 5 where we have learnt lots of fascinating information about the Ancient Greeks, plants and mini beasts. As well as learning about how the Greeks lived, what they ate (including cooking and trying some different foods ourselves) we also discovered how and why they started democracy. The children also researched different Greek myths and then recreated their own, adding interesting twists. We have been lucky enough to have a visit from Sir Teach-a-lot and Mark Chorley, who showed us the amazing hidden wildlife here at Southway and taught us about the plants and trees on the grounds. The term was rounded off with the Connect with the Countryside trip, highlights included chick cuddles, dancing sheep and bread making!



Year 6 – have had a busy Summer term! The term kicked off with the children completing their SATs tests, which they had worked incredibly hard towards. They were then rewarded with a fun-filled day out at Chessington. A day enjoyed by all! Before half term, we enjoyed a mini Stone Age to Iron Age topic, complete with a visit from Sir Teach-a-lot, who ran an inspiring workshop. After the half term break, 2 weeks of 'safer cycling' ensued. The children endured rain and shine with smiling faces. Their time at Southway drew to a close, with an amazing production of 'Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies' - a West End worthy performance! Finally, we ended with our Leaver's Assembly, a lovely way to say goodbye. We wish all the Year 6 pupils, the best of luck as they move onto Secondary School.





Parent View Questionnaire. We would be grateful if you would take 10 minutes to complete the Parent View questionnaire on the Ofsted website, which can be found on the Southway website, Parents, Ofsted section or by searching for Ofsted Parent View.

Enjoy your Summer Holidays and see you on Tuesday 5th September!

