



Newsletter

Learning and Achieving Together



Dear Parents and Carers,

Do you know what the single biggest factor is in helping children make good progress in school? Is it class size? Teacher subject knowledge? Behaviour in class? Or the kind of home a child comes from?

Whilst these all make a marginal difference to children's success all global research points to one dominant factor alone that has a huge and undeniable influence, way above all others. It is a child's own view of themselves as learners and an adult's expectations on that child. Where a child believes that they 'can' but maybe just not yet or when they are prepared to try and fail but will persevere until they get it 'right' will almost always determine ultimate success.

In a well-known experiment fleas were put in a jar and the researchers observed the fleas slowly but surely all escape by jumping out. They then repeated this but put the lid back on. After a few days they took the lid off.

They found that the fleas would jump no higher than the top of the jar and none were able to escape. None of us can claim to have mastered a skill or learnt something new overnight.

Very few of us can pick up a musical instrument and play it straight away. Indeed, doing anything well takes a great deal of perseverance and this is what we teach our children.

It is ok to make mistakes, fail but not give up. In short believe in yourselves and see failure as an opportunity to grow. At Southway we concentrate on praising effort and accepting mistakes rather than solely looking at marks, grades or results as a measure of individual success.

"Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts."

Winston Churchill

Have a lovely weekend

Mr P Newbold

Dates for your Diary

January

Tues 31st – Y3/4 Basketball Festival at HH College

February

Thurs 2nd – Y6 to St Paul's to watch school production (am)

Thurs 2nd – Y5/6 Basketball Festival at HH College

w/c Mon 6th – Parents from all Year Groups invited to come in & read with their child from 2.45pm – (Mon Y3, Tues Y6, Weds Y5, Thurs Y4)

Weds 8th – Y6 Parent Consultations (3.30-7pm)

Thurs 9th – Y6 Parent Consultations (3.30-5.30pm)

Mon 13th – Friday 17th – HALF TERM – School Closed

Thurs 23rd – Y3 Rainbow Theatre (Viking) Workshop

Thurs 23rd – Y5 Newhaven Fort Trip

PE Kits

Please ensure that your child has their PE kit and trainers/plimsols in school at all times, as we have very limited supplies of uniform to lend out. Children may also wear plain black or navy sweatshirts & jogging bottoms for PE during cold weather. Please also remember to supply a spare pair of socks to be kept with PE kits, for children who usually wear tights to school. Thank you.

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Southway Junior School



Achievements



Amelia from Turner Class has been awarded a certificate by the RNLI, after completing their Water Safety Course.



Oscar from Kahlo Class was awarded the Player of the Week Trophy from Burgess Hill RFC.



Zack from Kahlo Class was very proud to be awarded a Southway Values Certificate by Miss Wilson!

Amira from Rowling Class worked hard to earn a certificate for passing Level 1 in her Arabic classes.



Amelia from Rowling Class received a certificate & badge for reaching Level 3 in her swimming lessons.



Holly, Alana, Josh & Chloe from Picasso Class have all been awarded a Southway Values Certificate by Mrs Peiris.

Imogen, Alberta, Cooper, Arden & Jack won medals for taking part in a recent rugby tournament. Imogen plays for Pulborough, while the other children all play for BHRFC.



Freddie from Turner Class is proud of his Southway Values Certificate!





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Arden from Shakespeare Class has been awarded a certificate & badge for reaching Stage 5 in his 'Learn to Swim' lessons.



Josh from Rowling Class was awarded a trophy by Burgess Hill Academy Football Team for his brilliant attitude, determination & teamwork during a recent match.

Matthew from Turner Class was awarded a certificate upon joining the Cub Scouts.



Sienna from Kahlo Class was awarded this brilliant trophy for scoring a hat trick in football.



Alana from Picasso Class was awarded a Star Reader certificate, after reading 5 books.



Amelia from Turner Class won a medal for winning an indoor karting championship.