



Dear Families

Welcome back to the new term. I hope you had a lovely break. It doesn't take long to get back in to the full swing of things and feel like it never really happened does it? I am delighted to say that all staff were able to return to work and that we have a fully functioning school as I write this message. We will continue to do our best to keep our school community safe as we navigate our way through the rest of the academic year. Thank you very much for your support and continued cooperation. It is appreciated. Following a strategic away day with the senior leadership team we have now completed our School Development Plan. The SDP is a strategic plan for improvement. It brings together, in a clear and simple way, the school's priorities, the main measures we will take to raise standards, the resources dedicated to these, and the key outcomes and targets we intend to achieve. A simplified version is available on our school website

here:

<https://southwayjunior.eschools.co.uk/website/school-development-improvement/72207>.

This plan is intended to run for the next two years as opposed to the usual one year and takes in to account the time lost due to the pandemic and the effect this has had on the school's ability to make significant improvement. As you can see it is ambitious and broad in its approach and when successfully completed will see the school in an even stronger position than it is now. All of this will mean better provision for our children, which is at the heart of the plan.

'Ambition is a dream with a V8 engine.'

Elvis Presley

In the meantime have a lovely weekend
Mr P Newbold

Dates for your Diary

Weds 19th Jan – Y6 Brighton Museum Trip

Weds 19th Jan – Y3 Booth Museum Trip (Turner Class)

Fri 21st Jan – Y6 CleverCogz Activity (at Southway)

February

Fri 18th Feb – Inset Day – School Closed

Mon 21st- Fri 25th Feb – Half Term – School Closed

Noticeboard

Please make sure your child comes to school with a winter coat now that the weather has taken a chilly turn!
Thank you





Out of School Achievements

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Zachary from Dali Class has been awarded his Level 2 Learn to Swim Certificate & badge.



Eilidh from Dali Class was also awarded certificates for her swimming!



Vihaan from Dali Class is a bit of an IT whizz! He has won an award for becoming a Game Developer.



Lily from Dali Class has been awarded a certificate & badge for reaching Level 6 in Gymnastics.

Scarlett from Dali Class is also a bit of a gymnast & has reached Level 5!



Ivy from Dali Class is a fantastic swimmer & has been awarded 'Swimmer of the Year' medal & certificate to prove it!



Eloise from Rowling Class has gained her Grade 1 Level 1 Speech & Drama Award.



Mae from Dali Class has received her Level 4 Learn to Swim Certificate & badge.



Yousif from Curie Class ran in the U11 Sussex Cross Country race at Ardingly South of England Showground last month.

Lily from Dali Class has been awarded her Collectors Badge from Brownies.



James from Picasso Class has been awarded the Chief Scout Bronze Award (left) & a Piano Exam Certificate for his Prep Test.

