



Southway Junior School Newsletter

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Dear Southway families,

As we edge closer to December I hope that you are starting to feel a little Southway festive spirit in the air. We have plenty of exciting events in the next few weeks. We look forward to welcoming you to our Christmas Carol Concert on Monday. Please remember to wear your wristbands to this popular event. Please also remember to bring your lucky bags to school on Thursday 5th December ready for our Southway Christmas Fair on **Friday 6th December at 3:30**. The school shall be full of festive cheer after decorate Southway Day and our Elf Run. We have enjoyed welcoming and touring our prospective parents from Year 2 across the school last week. Our Year 6 House and Sports captains impressed all of our visitors with their knowledge and insights. We also shared our refined school vision and newly designed Curriculum Intent at the open event. Please take a look at our Curriculum Intent for all our Southway children by clicking on the link:

https://www.southwayjunior.co.uk/web/curriculum_1/613921

Mrs Smith

Curriculum Corner - Mathematics

Southway has been busy mathematically this term with lots of different activities taking place. As well as the normal lessons, the children took part in Maths Week last week which involved a Times Tables Rockstars 'battle' between all the classes in the school. We also carried out an investigation which made them think logically, hypothesise possible outcomes and even develop rules. During our Monday assembly the children were challenged to think of a job that does not involve maths to highlight it's importance and application to everyday life – as yet, no one has managed to tell me one!

We also held a parent workshop before half term that allowed us to demonstrate the strategies we teach the children to solve addition, subtraction, multiplication & division problems. These can all be found in our calculation policy on the school website. If you have any questions about how we teach maths or how you can support your child with maths at home then please contact your child's class teacher on their class email address.

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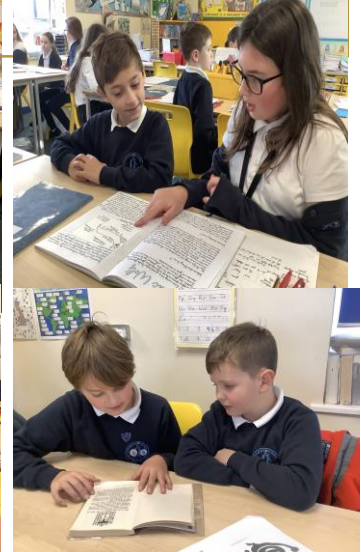
A Christmas Choir

Our Southway Choir performed brilliantly last weekend at The Martlets Shopping Centre. Their songs brought Christmas cheer to the town. Thank you so much Mrs Holland, Mrs Morley, Miss Whitman and Miss Bailey for braving the elements on Saturday to bring in the festive cheer.



Reading Week

Children have been having fun reading with their book buddies this week. Year 6 have been sharing their work and some of their favourite stories with our Year 3s.



Dates for your Diary

December

- Mon 2nd – Carol Concert at The King’s Church (2.15pm & 6pm)
- Tues 3rd – Extra Open Day Tours for Y2 Parents – 9am
- Weds 4th – Y6 Amex Trip
- Thurs 5th – Lucky Bags due back for Christmas Fair
- Fri 6th – Decorate Southway Day & Elf Run
- Fri 6th – Dickens Class Assembly at 10am
- Fri 6th – Southway Christmas Fair at 3.30pm**
- Mon 9th – Y5 Open Afternoon for Parents from 2.30-3pm
- Weds 11th – Y5/Y6 Basketball at St Paul’s
- Fri 13th – Turner Class Assembly at 10am
- Fri 13th – Zyloperformance Drama Performance 3.15pm
- Tues 17th – Rocksteady Concert 1.15-3.15
- Weds 18th – Christmas Lunch
- Thurs 19th – Movie & Popcorn Evening for winning house 3.30-5pm
- Fri 20th – Golden Awards Assembly to invited parents 10am
- Fri 20th- Last Day of Term – Children finish at 1.30pm**

January

- Mon 6th Jan – Inset Day – School Closed**
- Tues 7th Jan – Back to School**

Mental Health and Wellbeing

Happy Maps is a charity which supports children, parents and professionals with their mental health and emotional wellbeing by signposting resources - all in one place. Here is the Parent Survival Guide and where to seek further help



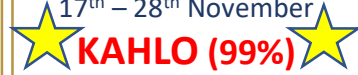
<https://www.happymaps.co.uk/help-directory/looking-after-yourself-and-your-family/>

House Points

Cliff	4186
Beacon	3801
Dyke	3788
Hill	3784

Attendance

Whole School - 96.2%
Class with highest attendance for period 17th – 28th November



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Achievements



These children have been busy achieving in football, rugby, reading, gymnastics, sewing, karting, music, Taekwondo & even writing to their MP!

