



Southway Junior School

# Newsletter

Learning and Achieving Together

October 2024



Dear Parents/Carers,

I am delighted to write about the significant impact that the cones have had on parking around the school. I have received messages of thanks from our neighbours and we all feel that the children arrive and leave school a little safer each day.

Please find below the results of our Exit Survey. We asked our Year 6 children at the end of the Summer Term about what they enjoyed about their time at Southway and if they felt that things could be improved. I am pleased to report that some of their suggested improvements have already been put in place. This week I was invited to The Burgess Hill Academy for a tour of the school. It was wonderful to see our ex-Southway children so happy and settled in their learning in a range of classes. I was very impressed by the older students who provided an informative tour and also the quality and range of learning taking place in the classrooms.

### What have you most enjoyed about your time at Southway Junior School? Top 5 Responses

1. Chessington 2. France 3. Trips 4. Production / Lodge Hill 5. Making new friends

**Have you felt safe at Southway?** 100% of children said yes

Comments regarding improvements included: Taller gates & more staff on duty at break times

### Do you think that behavior is good in the playground?

Yes/ Most of the time 98% Not answered 2%

### Can you think of a way that we could improve behaviour in our school? (playground/classroom)

More supervision at playtime, more equipment, repainting the lines, deal with problems rather than waiting and make stress toys available at playtime.

### What would you change about our school?

Lots of children said that they wouldn't want to change a thing.

### Top 5 suggestions for change were:

1.Improve changing rooms at swimming pool 2.School/Class pet 3.More PE 4.Swings 5.More swimming

**Thank you** Mrs Smith

## Sporting Success

There have been plenty of sporting events taking place in the last few weeks. The Year 3 children attended a Multisports festival at The Burgess Hill Academy. Year 4 took part in a netball festival at Downlands School. A team of boys and girls in Year 5 attended a rugby festival at HH Rugby Club yesterday and all had fun. The children always represent the school well demonstrating exemplary behaviour showing respect and teamwork.



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### Could your child be entitled to free school meals?

Some children whose family are on a low income are eligible for free school meals. We would urge all families who are not currently entitled but feel they may meet the criteria to apply at <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/free-school-meals/>

If your child is eligible for free school meals this will release vital pupil premium funding (£1,480 per eligible child) to the school which can be used to support your child; in addition the school can offer the following benefits :

- Government funded school holiday food vouchers for a supermarket of your choice (approximately £10-£15 per school holiday week)
- **Free** PE t-shirt and school jumper or cardigan or fleece every year (approximate saving £20)
- **Free** book bag (£5)
- 50% off the cost of the Y4 and Y6 residentials
- **Free** holiday clubs, including meals using your designated HAF code

If you would like assistance with completing your application, we would be happy to help. Please contact [Mrs Frost on welfare@southwayjunior.co.uk](mailto:Mrs Frost on welfare@southwayjunior.co.uk) or call the office to make an appointment.

### Dates for your Diary

#### October

- Tues 15<sup>th</sup> – Y6 Re-start a Heart at Southway (am)
- Weds 16<sup>th</sup> – Y5/Y6 Boys’ Football at St. Paul’s 12.45-2.45pm
- Weds 16<sup>th</sup> – Y5/Y6 Girls’ Football at St. Paul’s 3.30-5.15pm
- Weds 23<sup>rd</sup> – Y6 Climbing Wall Activity at school
- Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> – Golden Awards Assembly to invited parents 10am
- Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> – Last day of this half term - children finish at 3.15pm

**FRI 25<sup>th</sup> – INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED**

**MON 28<sup>th</sup> – FRI 1<sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER –HALF TERM HOLIDAY**

Thurs 31<sup>st</sup> October – Deadline for Secondary School Applications for Y6 Children

#### November

**MON 4<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER – BACK TO SCHOOL**

- Tues 5<sup>th</sup> – Rowling Class – Preston Manor Trip
- Weds 6<sup>th</sup> – Shakespeare Class – Preston Manor Trip
- Tues 12<sup>th</sup> – Y4 Dickens Class – Preston Manor Trip
- Fri 15<sup>th</sup> – Children in Need Fundraising
- Mon 18<sup>th</sup> November – Flu Vaccinations in school
- Wed 20<sup>th</sup> November – Open Morning**

### Noticeboard

Now that the weather has become more Autumnal, please ensure your child has a waterproof coat in school every day. Please also name all belongings, so that they can be returned if they are mislaid. **Thank you.**



#### House Points

<b>Cliff</b>	<b>1805</b>
<b>Hill</b>	<b>1751</b>
<b>Beacon</b>	<b>1720</b>
<b>Dyke</b>	<b>1710</b>

#### Attendance

**Whole School -96.5%**  
Class with highest attendance for period 30<sup>th</sup> of September to 11<sup>th</sup> October.



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# Achievements



These children have been very busy taking part in lots of different activities recently. Some have been playing rugby, netball & football, dancing; doing gymnastics, taking part in running events, writing to the House of Commons & gaining their pen licence at school!

## Further Dates for your Diary

**Flu Vaccinations** – the Immunisation Team will be in school on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November & consent forms need to be completed by 11.00am three working days before. Information has been sent to parents via MCAS. This is the QR code to go straight to the vaccination consent form.

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