

# SOUTHWAY JUNIOR SCHOOL

LEARNING AND ACHIEVING TOGETHER



## 50th Anniversary Edition

# NEWSFLASH

Dear families

As I write this we have finally arrived back in the present after spending most of the week finding out what it was like to be a school child in 1968! From cat's cradle to conkers, from ink monitors to pound, shillings and pence the children have immersed themselves in the past and had a great time. The museum, which I am sure many of you will have taken the opportunity to visit, has fascinated everyone although I was a little disconcerted to have a child say to me, 'Mr Newbold is that you?' as they pointed to gentleman in a black and white photograph, taken on the day the school opened! I appreciate I'm not young but really.

Our theatre visit was brilliant and we are grateful to the parents that wrote in recognising the sheer amount of work that went in to making it happen. In particular we are grateful to Mrs Denison who co-ordinated the whole trip. In the words of Mr and Mrs Searle, *'I just wanted to say thank you to ALL the staff involved in the trip to see 'The Midnight Gang'. What a wonderful experience for the children and a great way to unite the whole school. I have personal experience of organising a trip and I know how much time and effort is required to put something like this together.'*

Have a lovely weekend Mr P Newbold



## The Midnight Gang



Chichester Festival Theatre



**Year 3** have been working really hard this week and have learnt a lot about what life was like in the 1960s. We firstly got to look around at the museum and looked in detail at different photos of school life, along with things like the school register and even the punishment book! We tuned in to Music and Movement and also learnt how to play the recorder. We found sitting in rows very different! We also tried to replicate some of the photos from classes in 1968! We've had a really groovy week! Peace!

**Year 4** have been using primary and secondary sources, along with a critical eye, to explore what Southway was like in the sixties! Using these sources, we drew our own conclusions. The following day, we then experienced what it was like to be at school (and be a child) in the sixties! We found out it involved a lot of teacher talk, but had some great fun with some traditional games including: conkers, French skipping, tiddly winks and pick-up-sticks to name a few!



**Year 5** have been having fun playing old-fashioned games, such as marbles. They have also been working hard in their classrooms, where desks were rearranged in retro-style rows. They had a fantastic time at the theatre on Wednesday.

