



Southway Junior School

Newsletter

Learning and Achieving Together

January 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year to all of our Southway families. I sincerely hope that you have had a very good Christmas break.

May I take this opportunity to remind you that I will continue to clear my diary on Thursday afternoons from 2pm should you want to come along and see me. I am also always available on the gate before and after school should you wish to raise a matter of concern or give any much-valued feedback. Please do contact the office to make an appointment.

May I also remind you of the start times for the school day. The main gate for both lower and upper school will be opened to allow children on site at **8:30**. The inner year 5/6 gate opens at 8:35 and the Year 3 and 4 children will be welcomed in from the playground at 8:35.

The school day officially starts at **8:45** for all children.

Mr Blanchard introduced our new equipment for break times this week in assembly and the children were really looking forward to using this equipment. However, the icy conditions have delayed play. We are hoping for a less icy week so that the children can enjoy their playtimes even more. Please read below to find out about the exciting start to learning this term. Best Wishes Mrs Smith



Year 3 have had an exciting start to their new topic 'Battles and Bangs' with a Roman Immersion day. As part of their legion bootcamp they learned what it took to be a roman soldier. The children practised marching in their legions and then worked in teams to perform shield formations as part of their roman army battle tactic training.



Year 4 have enjoyed immersing themselves into our new Maya topic. The children enthusiastically brought in their home learning projects about animals that live in Central America and our first writing unit this term is a non-fiction fact page about the Maya and the children have loved using a range of information sources to learn about the Maya.



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Year 5 were evacuated to Wales this week. After a long train ride, the billeting officer gave them a stern talking to before families selected the children they would be hosting in their homes. The evacuees were given a tour of the "village" and were spoken to about the routines and expectations of their new life in the countryside.



In year 6, we have travelled back in time to ancient Egypt. In order to successfully get their pharaoh to the afterlife, the Year 6 children took on the role of an embalmer and mummified a pharaoh in their classrooms. Having been fascinated by all the gory details, they wrote their own set of step-by-step instructions for other embalmers to use. We have also started creating our own ancient Egyptian cartouches.

Dates for your Diary

January

- Tues 21st Jan - SEND coffee morning
- Thurs 23rd Jan - Y3/Y4 Basketball at H. Heath College
- Fri 24th Jan - Young Voices Trip to the O2
- Fri 24th Jan - Art Day at Southway
- Tues 28th - Y5/Y6 Basketball at H. Heath College

February

- Weds 5th - Y4 Hands on History Mayan Workshop
- Weds 5th - Y6 Parent Consultations
- Weds 5th - Y3 Roman Walk in Burgess Hill (am)
- Thurs 6th - Y6 Parent Consultations
- w/c Mon 10th - Book Fair in school
- Tues 11th - Y3 Parents invited in to read with children
- Weds 12th - Y6 British Museum Trip
- Fri 14th - Golden Awards Assembly to invited parents - 10am
- Mon 17th - Fri 21st - Half Term Holiday - School Closed
- Mon 24th - INSET DAY - School Closed
- Tues 25th - Back to School

Noticeboard

Wonderful Parking

In 2025 let us all remember to park considerately, not blocking people's driveways, or parking on zig-zag lines. We have **no** agreement in place for parents / carers to use the car park at Forest View Care Home, which is solely for their own staff & visitors.

Thank you

House Points

Beacon	393
Hill	365
Dyke	362
Cliff	300

Attendance

95.5%
 Class with highest attendance from 16th December to 10th January:
 ★ Kahlo (97.3%) ★



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