



# Southway News

## **Autumn Update** 2016

*'Keeping you informed'*





Dear Parents and Carers,

Autumn term has passed by in a flash and I would like to thank you all for your support during that time. I would also like to share a few of the headline moments with you.

Our year 6 pupils visited France for their **annual residential visit**, which was a roaring success and our year 5 pupils spent two days at Lodge Hill. Both of which were a first for Southway.

We welcomed **Pioneer Childcare** to Southway offering before and after-school childcare and this has proven to be very popular.

Our girls' football team became the **Sussex County champions** for the first time and now go on to represent the County in the South East Regional Finals. We are very proud of them.

We have **raised substantial sums of money for our chosen charities** thanks to your generosity, as well as donating over **60 gifts to the More FM Radio Christmas appeal**.

We have now introduced **'Golden Tea'** for those children who receive the coveted 'Golden Award' at the end of each half term. This means that the children are treated royally and eat from golden plates and drink from golden cups!

Senior leaders and teaching staff have had the opportunity to **visit other schools** to share good and better practice and this has further improved what we do here.

We have also **hosted the teaching staff and headteachers** from several schools this term as we continue to be recognised as a forward thinking school with strong and successful teaching practice.

Finally, as part of my role on the **West Sussex Area D School Improvement Board** I have been supporting schools in developing good teaching and learning and fellow Headteachers in embedding good leadership and management.

Thank you for your continued support. Should you have any suggestions or comments please don't hesitate to share them with us.

Very best regards

**Mr P Newbold, Headteacher**



## WHAT HAVE WE BEEN DOING?

**Year 3** – Immersed themselves in “Me and My World”. Year 3 “flew” to South Africa with all the teachers and TAs suitably dressed as pilots and air hostesses! Year 3 walked around Burges Hill learning



all about the town they live in. They had a fantastic trip to Druscillas in Alfriston learning about the habitats of the animals at the zoo. Luckily they didn't bring back any meerkats!



*“I liked it when we went to the library and got the book read to us.” Daniel*

**Year 4** – Went back in time with Victorian Towns & Twisted Tales, learning about the industrial revolution, Queen Victoria, who popped in for a visit, and watching Oliver Twist. With a visit to Preston Manor and a day in a “Victorian School” they truly learnt all about life in Victorian Britain. Year 4 enhanced their musical talents by learning the violin and held a concert for parents / carers at the end of the term.



*Queen Victoria visit - “I liked when she answered our questions.” Phoebe*

**Year 5** – With a trip to Hampton Court palace to learn about Henry VIII, his six wives and the English Reformation and re-enacting the Battle of Bosworth, Year 5 also found themselves back in time. More up to date, WSCC Fire and Rescue Service paid the school a visit demonstrating the fire engine to the children.



*“I liked looking at the kitchens because I found it interesting that the lady that started Girl Guiding used to live there!” Tilly*

**Year 6** – An adventure day building shelters, putting up tents, caving, scaling a climbing wall and a trip to the home of the Seagulls at the Brighton Amex stadium for a day of workshops around maths have kept Year 6 very busy and engaged in their learning journey of “Frozen in Time”. The children had the opportunity to put the DT skills to work building sledges.



*“I liked the indoor caving because it gave a sense we were in a mini real cave. Although it was hot we all had a great time!” Caitlin*



# A fantastic experience at the Royal Albert Hall

Contributed by Southway Junior School

On Monday November 28, 23 pupils from Southway Junior School's choir performed alongside 40 other schools in a massed choir at The Royal Albert Hall.

The event was organised by Barnardo's who are celebrating their 150th anniversary this year.

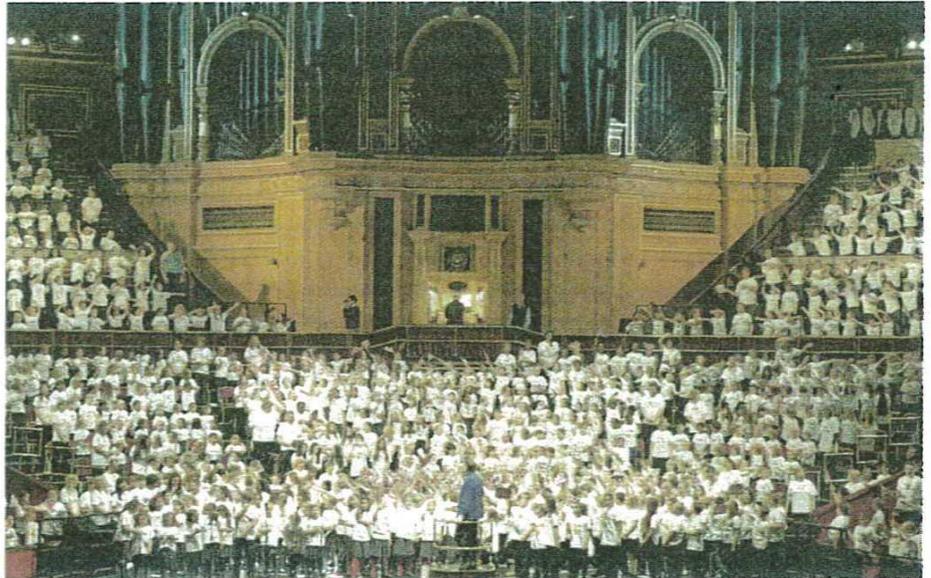
The massed choir was conducted by Susannah Edom-Baker and the evening was compered by Adam Shorey.

Songs during the evening included 'The Snowman', 'Little Donkey' and 'The Holly and the Ivy' which were sung alongside a lovely nativity play. Isabelle Gasper, a Year 4 pupil from Southway, had the honour of being chosen to sing a small solo part of 'Little Donkey'.

The evening progressed with the story of 'Scrooge' performed by dancers and the massed choir singing in harmony. Songs included Charity, A Ghost of a Chance' and It's Snowing.

The night's performance culminated in a rousing rendition of 'Land and Hope and Glory.

Mrs Hollingdale, choir leader and Year 4 teacher, said: "It was a fantastic experience for our pupils to sing at The Royal Albert Hall and at the same time support



Above: A bevy of school choirs at the Royal Albert Hall.

Below right: Southway Junior School choir.



such a worthwhile charity.

"It has certainly been hard work for everyone involved in the organisation and support from parents has been fantastic in ensuring the children learnt all their words.

"We are also extremely grateful to Burgess Hill District Lions who generously made a donation to the school to help with the cost of coach transport."

**Parent View Questionnaire.** We would be grateful if you would take 10 minutes to complete the Parent View questionnaire on the Ofsted website, which can be found on the Southway website, Parents, Ofsted section or by searching for Ofsted Parent View.

