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SOUTHWAY JUNIOR SCHOOL

LEARNING AND ACHIEVING TOGETHER

NEWSLETTER



Dear families

A warm welcome back to the new term. I trust that you had a lovely Christmas break and that you had time to be together as a family. As I said to the children in Monday's assembly, I hope Father Christmas brought you what you deserved not necessarily what you wanted! Now is the time for children to knuckle down to the routines of a new year and apply themselves to their learning. As a staff we have discussed the use of the 15 minute period classes have from 8.45am until 9.00am, when formal lessons start for the day.

We have calculated that over a school year this equates to just under 49 hours of potential learning time and we need to use it wisely.

During this fifteen minute period children are engaged in tasks that consolidate previous learning and allow them to practice skills learnt and therefore become confident in applying them. As a school we are having a focus on ensuring that children are in class and engaged as quickly as possible at the start of the day and we would ask that you support us in this by ensuring that your child is in school on time, organised and ready to learn. I am sure you will agree that this is important. Children that are late are often stressed and do not feel ready to learn. Over time this can have a significant impact on them.

'Success does not consist in never making mistakes but in never making the same one a second time.' **George Bernard Shaw**

Have a lovely weekend Mr P Newbold

Diary Dates:

January

Tues 16th —Y3 Booth Museum Trips-Turner & Dali

Weds 17th —Y3 Booth Museum Trip—Picasso

Weds 17th—MSA Y3/Y4 Netball at Downlands (am)

Thurs 18th—Lodge Hill Meeting for Y4 parents

Tues 23rd—Turner Class
Library Visit 10am-12pm

Tues 30th—Dali Class
Library visit 10am-12pm

March

Friday 2nd—Dickens
Class Assembly to
parents 10am



Please remember

Bikes and scooters must **not** be ridden at any time on school premises. This is for safety reasons and we would ask that parents



supervise their children at pick up time to ensure this is enforced.

Thank you.

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Out of School Achievements



Chloe Baker of Shakespeare Class was recently awarded her Stage 5 Swimming Certificate & badge. She had to master 12 different tasks & be able to swim at least 10m of each stroke.



Keen ornithologist **Charlie Penfold** of Dali class brought in some eggshells he found in his garden, which he is looking after very carefully.



Isaac Howard of Dali class proudly displays the Chief Scout Certificate that he was awarded at Beavers. He had to earn 6 Challenge Badges, and learn how to put up a tent, in order to gain his award.

JK Theatre Arts

An imaginative and exciting club introducing children to drama and theatre. The sessions explore classic stories, working on devising scenes and making new friends- the club is open to all Southway pupils. Please contact the JK Office at info@jktheatrearts.com to book your child's place for this term.



Reminders

Please do not bring in bikes or scooters on the days your child attends an after school club. The gates are locked at 3.30pm and it is therefore difficult to retrieve these items later in the afternoon. We would also politely request that parents return permission slips & payments for school trips & activities by the due date. This helps greatly with the planning & administration of such activities. Thank you.



Other News



BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS!

Do you have any children's books, fact or fiction and in good condition, that you no longer need or want? If so we would be delighted to take them from you and our children can benefit from using them in school. If you can help please feel free to drop them off at the front office.

Shakespeare and Dickens Class Assemblies to parents

Please note that the planned assembly for Shakespeare Class has been postponed until the summer term (date yet to be confirmed).

Dickens Class will take over their slot this term, and will therefore present their assembly to parents on Friday 2nd March, at 10am.