



SOUTHRIDGE FIRST SCHOOL

MARCH 2021



As the Easter break begins, we see the end of a very busy Spring Term. We have worked our way through another lockdown with children, families and staff adapting to all kinds of unheralded pressures. We are very proud of all our children's efforts and thank you for supporting them in schoolwork and most importantly emotionally as they developed new routines. Since reopening our staff have been very conscious of supporting the children as they have become reaccustomed to school life. They have supported the children with opportunities for mindfulness as well as leading class assemblies focussed on emotional well being. We wish you all a good break over Easter and we are looking forward to enjoying the forthcoming summer term ahead.



Yoga - Julie from KidsYoga has run sessions with all children in school this week. Even our youngest children from Nursery had the opportunity to show off their flexibility and practise a little mindfulness.



Science Week

During our first week back together we enjoyed Science Week. While the Year 3 were enjoying making parachutes to see if they could safely drop their eggs, the children in Year 1 were testing whether supermarket's 'wonky' fruit tastes any different to their 'non-wonky' offerings (they didn't!). It gave the children a lovely informal way to enjoy their afternoons back together.

Comic Relief

There was lots of red on show and a host of superheroes to defend us for Comic Relief this year. The children raised **£238.45** which has been donated to Comic Relief.



Faith & Diversity Day

Today has been an opportunity in school for children to learn about different belief systems from around the world. This has included Hindu Rangoli patterns, the Christian Easter Story, and much more.

Cooking up a feast

Last week we were joined by Fun Little Foodies who helped the children from Reception to Year 4 cook up a variety of delights such as mini vegetable quiches, lemon drizzle cake and cheese muffins. There was lots of measuring and careful cutting, accompanied by lots of handwashing!

Importance of social distancing and hygiene measures in school:

We are extremely heartened by the lowering number of positive covid cases across North Tyneside, however we are mindful that there are still cases occurring in local primary and first schools and as such remain vigilant as we maintain our hygiene regimes and continually update and review our school's risk assessment. Please can you help to support this effort by **adhering to your drop off and pick up slots, maintaining a 2m gap from other family groups** when moving through our site at drop off and pick up times and **ensuring that your children move with you**. It is a sobering thought that over 1000 children and almost 60 teachers in North Tyneside have had to self-isolate over the past 3 weeks, which is something that we are currently striving to avoid.

We very much appreciate your support in this matter.



Cycle or Scoot to school

We have noticed that a very pleasing number of our pupils are choosing to scoot and cycle to school. As such, we have taken delivery of 4 new bike and scooter shelters that are now ready to house the children's bicycles and scooters through the school day.

Please help us to keep our playground safe by reminding the children to push their bikes and scooters when they are on the school site.

THANK YOU for returning your home learning questionnaires. These are being collated by staff and the analysis will be used to inform any future periods of home-schooling.

Summer Uniform Reminder

- After the holidays we move in to the summer term.

Our school colours are maroon and grey

Blouse/Shirt or polo shirt	White
V-neck Sweater or cardigan	Maroon
Sweatshirt	Maroon
Trousers	Grey
Skirt/pinafore	Grey
Shoes - flat	Black
Socks	Grey or white
Summer Dress -optional	Blue stripe
Shorts	Grey
Hairbands - plain, slim line headbands in dark colours.	
Earrings should not be worn in school	
Uniform is available to purchase from Anne Thomas Workwear in Whitley Bay.	

Please remember to bring your P.E. kits back to school straight after the Easter holidays

for our Mile a Day initiative. We will be joining all local schools in the North Tyneside Active Mile on Thursday 30th April.

Diary Dates

Monday 12th April: Return to school
Week Beginning 19th April: Clubs begin

Monday 3rd May: Bank Holiday

Thursday 27th May: Children break up for halfterm

Friday 28th May: Teacher Training Day

Monday 7th June: Children return to school

Friday 16th July: End of summer term.

Tennis in the local community

Just to let you know that Beverley Park Lawn Tennis Club was awarded LTA Northumberland Tennis Club of the Year 2021. They have worked successfully with school over the years and are always looking to welcome new members both young and old.

MEMBERSHIP PACKAGES FOR THIS SEASON NOW AVAILABLE

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