



SOUTHRIDGE FIRST SCHOOL



Newsletter Autumn 5: November 2018



Dear Parents

Congratulations - to our football teams in Year 3 . 20 children represented our school in the Whitley Bay Schools Tournament. The children returned as winners with a first place trophy for our cabinet! Charlotte in Year 3 was also awarded the honour of best 'Sports Person of the Match'. Miss Flitcroft was delighted with the team's efforts and the way the children conducted themselves. Well done to them all.



Friends Of Southridge

Friends of Southridge (our PTA)



Christmas Fair Day (7th Dec) is non-uniform. Wear Christmas Jumper and / or Christmas accessories e.g. hats, tinsel etc. and make a donation to the Tombola and Bottle Stall. **Please leave school bags at home on the day of the Fair.**

This year outside we will have a special guest appearance from

'Rook the Reindeer'

kindly sponsored by Rook, Matthews and Sayer'.



Raffle Tickets will be going out in school bags - the PTA have worked incredibly hard to gather a range of prizes. If you require additional tickets there are extra available at the school office. Any unused tickets can also be handed back to the school office. Please help us make a good start to our Christmas Fundraiser .



Children in Need— Our 'SPOTACULAR SPORTATHON' raised an amazing £442.10 . The children had great fun in the hall. Thank you to Mr Harrington and Mr O'Hara for a well organised and exciting event to raise money and help others.



MORNING ROUTINE ON THE PLAYGROUND

THANK YOU to all those parents who encourage their children to line up independently and who have stood back as staff lead their class in.



Please can you either:

Leave as soon as the whistle goes to reduce congestion — the children are used to lining up at break and lunchtime in this way and do so very sensibly.

OR

Stand back and wait at the lining up area and allow your children to follow their teacher on their own, in to school in their class line.

If your child is in Year 1, 2, and 4 please do not walk in the line with your child / push prams through the line. The class teachers are finding it very difficult to lead their children in to school when crowds of parents are walking in the line / alongside their children and they have to stop to allow adults past.

Please pass this message on to grandparents /childminders etc. if another adult brings your child to school.



T.J's First Aid course—all of the children in Year 1 took part in a basic First Aid Session this week, covering how to check for dangers, and who to ask for help.

Our Year 4 children also have the opportunity to do 'Little Rescuers' a 6 week First Aid course after school.

Ozobot workshops—over the next few weeks the children will be developing their coding skills with the Ozobots. An **Ozobot** is a little toy robot that teaches children programming skills ... **Ozobot** can identify lines, colors, on paper and the children can programme them to follow a route. The PTA's fundraising efforts have enabled us to purchase 2 class packs.



After School Clubs - After School Clubs for this term finish at the end of next week on 6th December.

Reminder: clubs are NOT running on 7th December—Christmas Fair Day

Next term: After School Clubs in the spring term will run for 5 week blocks before and after half-term, starting the second week back on the week **beginning 14th January** and finishing at 4.15pm The information regarding After School Clubs for the spring term has been issued to enable Mrs Reilly to allocate spaces for next term and should be returned as soon as possible (first come first served). We would appreciate a prompt response as the office staff will need to allocate and organise over 1000 places across the school for clubs before the end of term!

Christmas Lunch on 19th December - We have received the following information from Catering Services: Please can you pay for your child's Christmas lunch by debit / credit card via JOINOS www.joinos.com Meals cost £2.20 and must be paid for on line. If you do not have access to Joinos can you please contact catering.services@northtyneside.gov.uk to set up an account and request a Joinos Code. **Meals are free for those eligible for free school meals and for all children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 but the children must still be registered on Joinos.** If your child usually has a packed lunch they are still very welcome to order a Christmas Lunch via Joinos.

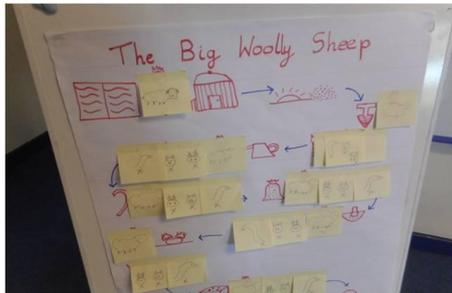
Christmas Disco - KS1 and 2. The P.T.A are running a disco on Tuesday 18th December in the school hall. Year 1 and 2 are invited to attend at 5pm -6pm and Year 3 and 4 at 6.15pm - 7.15pm. £3 entry on the door.

Talk for Writing

This year we are delivering 'Talk for Writing' across the school. One of the initiatives in our School Development Plan is to encourage our children to develop a love of writing and also to reduce the gender gap between boys and girls in writing. We certainly feel that this approach has really engaged all our children this term and they are very proud of the fabulous writing they have produced. We know that you were impressed with the children's writing books at the recent Parent Consultations.

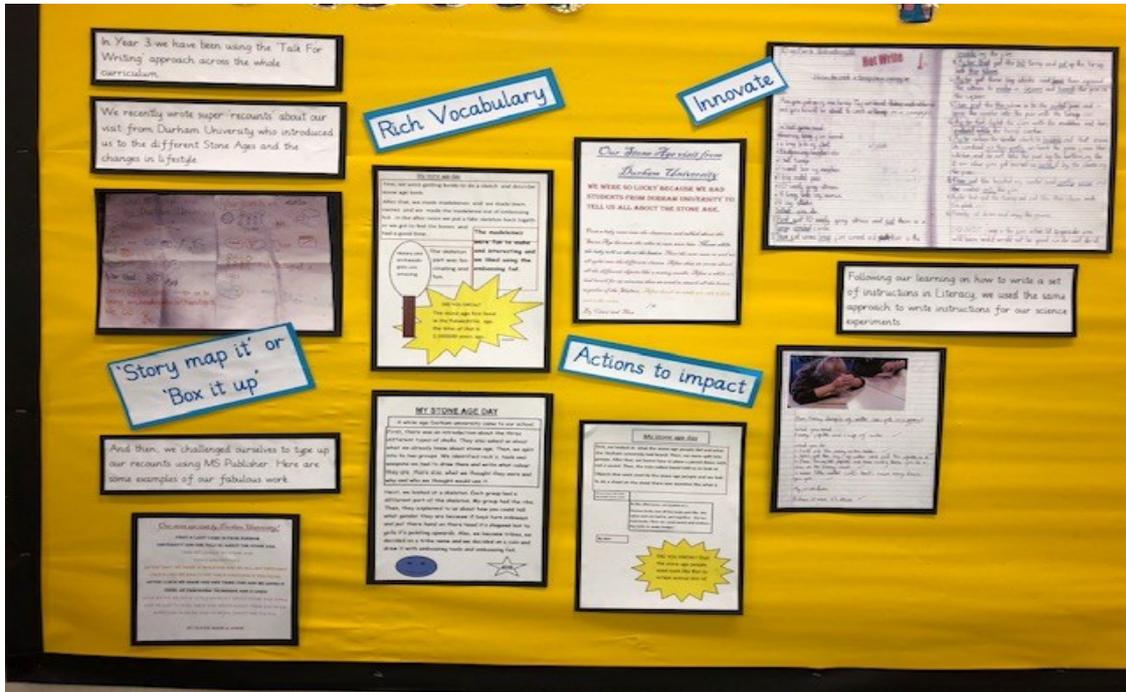
Talk for Writing was developed by the author Pie Corbett. It is a fun, creative and also rigorous approach to develop writers.

Talk for Writing starts with enjoying and sharing stories. Throughout the school, we place a strong emphasis on children reading stories and enjoying a range of literature. Through regular reading, we want children to build up an extensive and rich vocabulary for use in their own writing.



During the initial '**imitation**' stage of Talk for Writing, children learn to tell a story off by heart. They retell a text with expression and actions and make use of a story map to support their retelling. Once the story is learnt, children are encouraged to adapt it. At the '**innovation**' stage, children make the story their own, for example, by changing the character or setting. Finally, at the '**invention**' stage, children write their own text independently.

Please ask your children about their story maps and how they use them in their writing.



Diary dates for this half- term:



Internet Safety Session for Parents and Carers - advance notice of date: On Friday 16th January at 5pm. Claire Graham our I.T. Adviser will be in school to deliver our annual e— safety session for parents and carers in the school hall. This will be an informative session lasting approximately one hour and is part of our safeguarding agenda to ensure that we work together to protect our children when they are using the internet.

November	HALF-TERM
29 th	Flu Immunisation Programme
December	
6 th	Year 4 Christmas Performance 2pm After School Clubs finish
7 th	Christmas Fair 3.30pm
10 th	Reception - Party Day and Theatre Visit
11 th	Year 3 Christmas Performance 2pm
12 th	Year 2 Christmas Performance 2pm
13 th	Year 3 last swim
14 th	Early Years Performance - Reception and Morning Nursery 9.30am Reception and Afternoon Nursery 2pm
18 th	Year 1 Christmas Performance Christmas Disco Disco Year 1 & 2 - 5pm - 6pm Disco Year 3 & 4 - 6.15pm - 7.15pm
19 th	Christmas Lunch
20 th	Christmas Party Day - Year 1 - 4 Nursery break up
21 st	School closes for Christmas 3.15pm (Reception) 3.20pm (Year 1 - 4)
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS return to school on Tuesday 8th January	