



SOUTHRIDGE FIRST SCHOOL



Newsletter Summer 3: 24th May 2018



Dear Parents and Carers,



Cycle, Scoot and Walk to School — Well done to all those children who have walked to school this week or continued to cycle and scoot. Remember if you are staying for an After School Club you can leave your bike or scooter just inside the gate at the Nursery entrance (in the new scooter pod) or just inside the main gate by the school office / Year 2 classrooms.

Junior Park Run — thank you to Mrs Johnson, a parent who helps to organise the Junior Park Run in Whitley Bay. On Sunday 13th May we took part in a 'Southridge Take-Over' of the Park Run. We joined all the usual participants and were delighted by the amazing turn out from Southridge. The children were fabulous (our Mile a Day initiative in school certainly prepared them well) and it was lovely to see so many parents up bright and early too!



teachers2parents — thank you for registering so quickly for Teachers2Parents. Hopefully the office staff have been able to help any parents whose contact details weren't up to date. This will enable us to keep you up to date with events in school / send reminders. Please do keep checking the newsletter / school bags for information and diary dates too. We have also changed our school website provider to eSchools, so our website can provide you with information too.

Royal Wedding Party — our whole school picnic was wonderful! The children celebrated this special occasion with a fun filled day of activities—moving around the classes and having fun with different teachers. Games included:

Roll the wedding band

Pin the jewel on the crown,

Race to the altar

Find a kennel for the corgi,

The wedding band roll,

Balance the crown jewels on the cushion,

Royal family treasure hunt



The children also designed invitations, and wedding cakes etc.



Year 2 SAT's 'special jobs' - Year 2 have been busy completing their 'special jobs' and very exciting 'puzzle books'! They have all worked incredibly hard and done their very best for their teachers in tests which contribute to their overall assessments this year.

Recycling Batteries— thank you to those of you who have returned used batteries. We have filled one big bucket already and are going for a second one! Please keep sending them in.

Year 4 Handball Competition— last week a group of children went to Whitley Lodge First School and reached the final. Well done for taking second place and representing our school.

Year 4 Football League— Year 4 also took part in a 5 a side football league at our school, ensuring that all our children in Year 4 have the opportunity to take part in competitive sport.

Sickness and Diarrhoea - From time to time children are sick (vomit) either at home or at school. Unfortunately it is not possible to distinguish between the causes, and therefore it is essential that the same rule of exclusion applies in all cases of vomiting or diarrhoea. In the Public Health Agency document, 'Guidance on infection control in Schools and other Childcare Settings', the recommendation is that any staff member or child with diarrhoea and or vomiting symptoms must stay away or be excluded from the school or early years setting until they have been free of symptoms for 48 hours (the '48 hour rule') and feel well. **If your child is sick at school, we will ask you or your emergency contact to take your child home. They should not return for 48 hours to reduce the risk of infection for all children in school.** Thank you for your understanding with this.

Friends of Southridge



Thank you to our PTA for organising a Uniform Sale recently which raised £120

Father's Day Gift Shop - This will take place on the 12th and 13th June—gifts are £3. Please send money in a named envelope on the day.

Disco - this termly event will take place on **21st June** and is open to all children at the times listed below. **(Note change of date)**

Reception children are invited to attend straight after school from 3.30 -4.30pm. **We recommend that our Reception children come to school that day dressed in their disco clothes instead of school uniform.** Miss Parker and Mrs Mason will gather the children together at the end of the school day to toilet them and will then take them up to the school hall and stay with them to ensure they enjoy their first disco. At the end of the disco they will then take the children back down to the classrooms to collect their school bags and will meet parents and carers at the Reception entrance— following their usual end of the day routine.

Year 1 and 2 Disco will be held from 5pm -6pm.

Year 3 and 4 Disco will be held from 6.15pm - 7.15pm.

Entrance £3 , plus a few extra pennies for the tuck shop.

Friends of Southridge— Summer Fayre. PLEASE CAN YOU HELP US?

This year our annual summer event will take place on Friday 3th July at 3.30pm. This is an excellent event organised by our PTA. It is only possible if there are a significant number of people who can help out on the day with stalls, refreshments etc. Please see a member of the PTA or leave your name at the school office / email southridge.first@northtyneside.gov.uk if you can help.



Parent Questionnaire 2018:

At the end of last term our annual questionnaire was sent out to parents. The results are summarised below.

	PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE 2018	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't know
1	My child is happy at school	86%	13%			0.5%
		99%				
2	My child is taught well at school	93%	7%			
		100%				
3	The curriculum has been interesting and varied	89%	10%			0.5%
		99%				
4	I have received enough information in the newsletters / notes in school bags	81%	18%			0.5%
		99%				
5	My child makes good progress at school	88%	12%			
		100%				
6	I have received appropriate information about my child's progress at parents meetings	90%	10%			
		100%				
7	My child feels safe in school	95%	5%			
		100%				
8	Schools ensures that pupils are well behaved	87%	12%			1%
		99%				
9	My child has encountered bullying YES - 6 responses					
	(If yes to the above) The school has dealt with any issues that arose	95%	4%			
		99%				
10	The school is well led and managed	90%	9%			1%
		99%				
11	I would recommend this school to another parent	92%	7%			0.5%
		99%				
<p>Please tell us what you think we do really well</p> <p>Communication - from staff, newsletters, school bags and parent mail</p> <p>Warm, friendly staff, positive relationships - always available</p> <p>Caring, supportive environment</p> <p>Excellent teaching</p> <p>Children are valued and staff really care</p> <p>Core values are strong</p> <p>Curriculum varied and exciting - lots of special events</p> <p>After School Clubs - wide range</p> <p>Emphasis on sport and health</p>						
<p>Is there anything we could do better? (Listed where more than 3 responses)</p> <p>More text messages</p> <p>Use twitter/dojo</p> <p>Goal posts on field /football nets</p> <p>Coding in Computing</p>						

Year 3 visit to Victoria Tunnel and Ouseburn Farm—

Today Year 3 enjoyed a successful trip to Ouseburn Farm and the Victoria Tunnel. They were able to imagine being an evacuee in the countryside by helping on the farm, feeding the goats and sheep and rounding up the flocks. They participated in a 'Dig for Victory' workshop, making pots out of recycled newspaper and planting peas. The walk through the Victoria Tunnel enabled them to experience first hand what a public shelter was like and the workshop helped them to delve in to the tunnel's history. When asked if they had enjoyed themselves the answer was a resounding YES! The teachers were proud of the children's behaviour, their questioning skills and their knowledge.



Year 1 visit to Newcastle Cathedral and Castle - Today the children have explored the Black Gate and tower that Newcastle is named after and they explored the Cathedral, had a story and found about different saints.

Grapes in packed lunches /snacks—please ensure these are cut in half to avoid choking.

As you know Mrs Rosario is leaving us at the end of this term after 27 years at Southridge. Mr O'Hara, who has been working with us this year has been appointed to join us in September. We look forward to him being a member of our staff team as he is familiar with our school. Class organisation and invitations to 'Meet the Teacher' meetings will be issued next half-term.

I hope you all enjoy the good weather forecast for the half-term break. We all return to school on Monday 4th June for an exciting and busy end to this school year.

June	DIARY DATES
6th	Class Photographs
11th	Week of Year 1 Phonics Test
12th & 13th	Father's Day Gift Shop
13th	Year 4 Summer Football League (2)
18th	New to Reception Meeting (Sept 2018)
21st	Disco
22nd	Year 4 Beamish Trip Year 3 VE Day Assembly 9am
26th	Sports Day 2pm—Reception & Yr 1, aft Nursery
27th	Sports Day—10am -morning Nursery - 2pm—Yr 2,3 & 4
29th	Year 2 Gibside Hall Trip