



# SOUTHRIDGE FIRST SCHOOL

June 2019



**Congratulations to Caleb and Jude Coleman** who are two of the young artist's participating in the North East endangered species exhibition and conference this June. The project is supported by Born Free Foundation Caleb and Jude have worked extremely hard to make their outstanding drawings for the exhibition. Please see this link for further information about the exhibition [where did all the animals go?](#)

### Year 1 Visit to Newcastle Cathedral and Castle

This week children in Year 1 have explored the Black Gate and tower that Newcastle is named after and they also explored the Cathedral, had a story and found about different saints. They were exceptionally well behaved and a credit to school.



**Year 3 Reading Festival** - This week our Year 3 children participated in the North Tyneside Reading Festival. They had an incredible morning filled with exciting and wonderful storytelling workshops to ignite their interest in their reading. From kitchen discos to reading with torches in tents, it was a very special experience. The children also met the very funny and inspiring author Guy Bass and fun and animated illustrator Liz Million. 'Liz Million was the best, I want to be like her'. 'I want to read all of his 32 books, he's so funny!'



**Staffing Update** - at the end of term we will say goodbye to Mrs Debbie Smith in Year 2, as her contract with us ends. She has enjoyed working at Southridge this year and we wish her well for the future. Mr Price, an experienced teacher will be joining our staff team and we look forward to him teaching in Key Stage 2.

We will also be wishing Miss Hepworth Good Luck as she has been granted a special 'Leave of Absence' and will be teaching abroad in Spain next year - this is a super opportunity for one of our younger teachers and we will be holding her post open. We look forward to her returning to Southridge in September 2020. Mrs Linsey Smith, who is an experienced primary teacher and French specialist will join our team full-time for next year. Our children know her from their French lessons last term.

**Meet the Teacher Invitations** will be emailed out via Teachers 2 Parents (dates listed below) which will let you know which class your child is in next year.

- Year 1 - Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July at 5pm
- Year 2 - Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July at 5pm
- Year 3 - Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July at 5pm
- Year 4 - Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July at 5pm

**School Meals** - the summer menu is now running. Meal choices are on the North Tyneside website - see link [school menus](#)

Copies are also on the notice board at the front of school and the office window. Please have a look but always prepare your child to make a second choice.

**Year 3 Handball**- Mr O'Hara was exceptionally proud of the children who took part in a handball tournament before half-term. They reached the quarter finals and were just a little unlucky to be knocked out on a 'golden goal'.

**Year 2 SATs '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.

### Attendance - Summer Term

#### Attendance Cup Winners



#### Attendance Stars



Week 4: Mr Willcock & class & Miss Hepworth's

Week 4: Year 1

Week 5: Mrs Smith's class

Week 5: Year 2

**Pirate non - uniform day - hank you to all our Pirates for dressing up on the last day of half-term.**

We raised £140 for the PTA and the children enjoyed a fun filled day of pirate activities



**Friends of Southridge**

**Disco** - this termly event will take place on **20th June** and is open to all children at the times listed below.

Reception children are invited to attend straight after school from 3.15 -4.15pm. **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 please collect your child from the front entrance of school (next to the school office) **PLEASE DO NOT** send school bags with Reception on this date.

**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 for the disco is £3 for all children,** plus a few extra pennies for the tuck shop.

**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](mailto:southridge.first@northtyneside.gov.uk) if you can help.



**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.

**Curriculum Information** - for all year groups can be found on our school website [Curriculum information](#)

**Reminders for events coming up - June 10<sup>th</sup> - STEAM week - see next page**

June 11<sup>th</sup> - Year 2 visit to Gibside

June 11<sup>th</sup> - Beach Clean

June 11<sup>th</sup> /12<sup>th</sup> - Father's Day Gift Shop - children may bring £3 in a named envelope

June 13<sup>th</sup> - Year 3 Visit to Ouseburn Farm and Victoria Tunnel

June 13<sup>th</sup> - Year 2 Skipping Festival

June 13<sup>th</sup> - Year 4 Gymnastics Festival

**Reminder - Change of date - Park Run**

Please note our Park Run date has been moved from 9<sup>th</sup> June and will now take place on 14<sup>th</sup> July



**A Thank you** from the office staff for returning your reply slips 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 newsletters, information and send text reminders. Club allocations, permission slips and trip letters which require a response will still be issued via school bags.

## S.T.E.A.M WEEK

Next week we are looking forward to our 'STEAM' week in school.  
The theme of our week is '**The Plastic Problem**'



The children will be investigating this across different curriculum areas:

**S**cience

**T**echnology

**E**ngineering

**A**rt and Creative Writing

**M**aths

Mrs Pringle, our Science Co-ordinator and Mrs Mason our Technology Co-ordinator have organised a lovely week of activities across the school.

Every day the children will also be introduced to a '**Scientist of the Day**' and we will be looking for the attributes of that scientist in our children e.g. observant, organised and resilient. (Look out for the postcards coming home about the scientists)

We are also looking forward to working with special visitors in school:

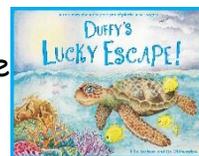
Early Years and Key Stage 1 will work with **Rockpool School** early in the week and on Wednesday KS2 will have a visit from **Daniel Turner** who will talk about the impact of plastic pollution on bird life.

Alongside this we will also be holding a **writing competition** in school linked to our theme which will be judged by Miss McIntyre, Miss Hepworth and one of our governors. Book tokens for the winner and runner up prizes will be awarded in each class.

We will finish our week on Friday with a special assembly from '**Cool Science**' - **Professor Onesmith!**

Our science will focus on three stories written especially for children from 'The Wild Tribe Heroes' series:

Duffy's Lucky Escape - about Duffy, the turtle, being rescued from the ocean



Marli's Tangle Tale - about Marli, the puffin, who gets caught up in plastic

Nelson's Dangerous Dive about a whale who gets stuck in the fishing nets



Finally - please remember our Beach Clean at 4.30 -5pm on 11<sup>th</sup> June (details sent by email)

and this weekend please collect together as many plastic bottle tops as you can - we urgently need them to complete our recycling mural!