



SOUTHRIDGE FIRST SCHOOL



Newsletter Autumn 1: September 2018



Dear Parents and Carers,

It was wonderful to be able to welcome all our children back to school at the start of this new academic year. All the children look very smart in their uniforms and there has been a really positive and productive atmosphere throughout the school. We especially welcome all our new starters in Reception and Nursery as they start their school life with us at Southridge.

New Reception Intake - A Message from Miss Parker and Mrs Mason - All the Reception staff are very proud of the fantastic start Southridge's new intake have made during their first two weeks of school. Staff are very impressed with the children's positive attitudes, fantastic behaviour and new found confidence in their setting. The Reception children will look forward to being full time from next week. Well done to all our new pupils and keep it up! We look forward to bright futures ahead at Southridge!

Our Vision and Values - During Assembly last week we reminded ourselves of the five core values that are like 'magic dust' around our school. They are **friendship, kindness, honesty, respect and responsibility**. We also discussed our school motto which reflects these core values in one simple sentence: **'Work hard, enjoy school and do your best.'**



On Friday 21st September the children may come to school in non-uniform wearing jeans for a small donation. The money raised by organisations and schools on Jeans for Genes Day funds a range of initiatives that improve the quality of life of children and families affected by genetic disorders.



Friends of Southridge - Thank you to PTA - the total sum raised at the summer fair was £3,150.

We were very lucky with the weather and appreciated everyone's support on the day. The PTA worked incredibly hard last academic year to support the school and organise events and are always grateful to the extra helpers at events on stalls / refreshments etc.

Cycle, Scoot and Walk to School - Remember, next week 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 (in the new bike sheds). They are easy to access at 4.15pm when clubs finish.





School Games Award - we are delighted to have been awarded the Gold Award for our commitment to school sports. The School Games Mark is a government led awards scheme to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school.

Participating in this process allows schools to evaluate their PE provision and assists them in developing an action plan for future progress.



If your contact details (mobile number / email) have changed during the school holidays please contact the school office.

Medicines in School - we have reviewed our Medical Register for those children with asthma, food allergies etc. Medical forms have been issued to those children on the register and new children in Nursery and Reception and we would appreciate it if you could return them promptly. If your child is in Year 1–4 and has been diagnosed with any medical needs in the last academic year that we are not aware of please notify the school office. Please note that medicines must be collected from school at the end of the day / weekends and that you will be asked to collect any out of date medicine stored for long term medical conditions.

Car Park - please use the pedestrian path around the school perimeter fence to access the playground / school office and do not walk across the school car park. We have improved signage at the main gate and remind you that the school car park is for staff and visitor use only.

Admissions - applying for school places for September 2019

From 12th September 2018 you can apply online at www.northtyneside.gov.uk. This is a quick and easy process and will provide you with immediate notification of receipt of your application form. **You are encouraged to apply on-line**, although a paper application is available to print at www.northtyneside.gov.uk. If you have chosen to complete a paper application we strongly recommend that you return it to North Tyneside by recorded delivery as in the event that they do not receive your application proof of posting will be required. You must return it to: The Access Team, Floor 3, North Tyneside Council, Quadrant West, Silverlink North, Cobalt Business Park, North Tyneside, NE27 0BY

For Nursery parents - applying for your child's Reception place for September 2019

If your child's is in our Nursery and their date of birth is between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015 you should complete an application form for admission to Reception Class. **Please ensure you apply by the deadline date of 15th January 2019**

For Year 4 parents - applying for your child's Middle School place for September 2019

If your child is in the last year of a First School and their date of birth is between 1 September 2009 to 31 August 2010 you will need to complete an application form for admission to year 5 of a Middle School. **Please ensure you apply by the deadline date 31st October 2018.**

Diary Dates: Diary dates for the term have been sent out in children's school bags. Dates will be updated regularly in the whole school newsletter and these and term dates for the academic year are on our school website www.southridgefirst.org.uk.

