



SOUTHRIDGE FIRST SCHOOL



Newsletter Autumn 2: September 2018



Thank you for your donations on Jeans for Genes Day and tinned goods for our Harvest Assemblies this week. We raised £344.70 to help improve the lives of children with genetic disorders and the Whitley Bay Food Bank were delighted with our Harvest donations.



Curriculum newsletters - each year group has sent out a newsletter which details the curriculum plan for this term. Please do not hesitate to ask the classteacher if you have any queries.

Thank you to Mrs Mason and Miss Parker - who delivered an informative but enjoyable curriculum evening to a packed school hall last week. They are delighted with your feedback and contributions in the Learning Journals.

Stone Age Day - On Monday Year 3 had a visit from Durham University archaeologists and found out about the Stone Age through to the Bronze Age. The children became archaeologists—handling and identifying different stone age tools. They also made embossed coins. Our visitors were very impressed with the depth of their knowledge so early in the term.



Themed Lunch - On Thursday 4th October it is 'Pizzeria Italia' day - our school kitchen will be providing a special lunch on census day— pizza and fries, Italian salads, jelly and ice cream with shortbread biscuits. If you would like your child to take part and they normally have packed lunch then register for a school meal www.joinos.com. The staffing levels in the kitchen are based on the number of school meals on that day so Tracy, our school cook hopes to feed as many people as possible. If your child doesn't like pizza please ring school and ask to be put through to the kitchen.—Tracy will always try and offer you an alternative choice.



On Monday we had a very special visitor in Assembly- Goldie, the golden retriever and her owner Christine visited from Hearing Dogs for Deaf People. The children enjoyed hearing just how helpful Goldie is and how hard her trainer works with her.

Year 2 Lighthouse Visit - the children spent the morning on a mini-beast hunt and then went rock pooling. They compared the creatures they found and talked about their super powers (adaptations!).



Christmas Cards—advance warning! Once again the children have been creating their own Christmas card design. Thank you to the PTA who have organised this fundraising activity and have ensured that these have been sent off promptly to the company who print them for us. You can order Christmas cards and other gifts, order forms are in school bags tonight. Please can you check the details carefully on your proof and include any amendments on your order form. Payment can be made by cash or cheques made payable to 'Friends of Southridge'. **Please return your order form and correct payment to school by Monday 8th October.**

Our school uniform policy states that - Long hair should be tied back. Hair accessories such as slides and bobbles should be simple and if possible in school colours. Headscarves, bandanas and fancy hairbands should not be worn. Jewellery - for health and safety reasons we ask that the children **do not wear jewellery in school, including earrings of any kind.** Any child wearing earrings will be asked to remove them for PE, and newly pierced ears will need to be covered with tape for the lesson. In line with North Tyneside Local Authority safety guidelines, children are not allowed into the swimming pool wearing earrings.

Thank you from the Office Staff: Thank you for returning all your paperwork—your flu vaccination letters , school photograph letters, after school club reply slips etc. It is always very busy at the start of the year.

How you can help us: Please try and remember everything in the mornings e.g. packed lunches, violins swimming kit, water bottles to avoid us disrupting lessons later when delivering forgotten items to the classrooms.

Parking - please park considerately in the streets around school and take care not to block drives. The Local Authority are working with the school to try and reduce congestion in the local area. Residents drives in Cranleigh Place are being blocked on a regular basis as parents park on the yellow lines at drop off and pick up times. Our Year 3 and 4 children are taking part in Bikeability training to encourage cycling to school and we have new bike /scooter sheds.

School Crossing Patrol—Mr Bell will be absent from the school crossing for 6 weeks as he recovers from an operation. We send him our very best wishes and look forward to him returning after half-term.

After School Clubs—safe dismissal of children

Choir (Wednesdays) and Football (Thursdays and Fridays) will leave by the Year 2 entrance.

All other clubs will leave by the front entrance. As a school we are proud of the wide range of after school clubs we offer across the whole school and staff enjoy working with the children in an informal club. Please be patient when staff are handing over your children safely as we know that sometimes it can take a while to get tired children organised at the end of the day! Inappropriate language is unacceptable and upsetting for staff who have given up their time to run after school clubs.

Pupil Progress Meeting— letters will be coming out next week to enable you to book an appointment to see your child's class teacher. Please look out for them in school bags.

Phone calls home from school—from time to time we have to ring parents to pick up poorly children/ pass on messages. Please be aware that our school number will not come up. You may see 'unknown number' or 0191 6432655—North Tyneside Council which will leave you a message asking you to check your voicemail.

