



SOUTHRIDGE FIRST SCHOOL

MARCH 2019



Welcome back after the half-term holidays. The children returned to sunshine and showers this week - we even began to wonder if we'd missed a month or two with the high temperatures on Monday and Tuesday! It has certainly set us on the right path as we move towards our Spring Assemblies at the end of term.

Thank you for attending the Book Looks last month, where the children proudly shared their fabulous work with you. Our school priorities this year are based around writing and developing our curriculum to specifically meet the needs of the children at our school - we hope you enjoyed seeing evidence of this in their books.

**Comic Relief -
Thursday 14th March**



**SOUTHRIDGE FIRST SCHOOL
COMPLETE THE 'CLUBBERCISE'
CHALLENGE FOR COMIC RELIEF**

Our Comic Relief event will take place on **THURSDAY 14th MARCH** (NOT Friday 15th)

Our children will all take part in a 'Clubbercise Challenge' in the school hall, run by a Clubbercise instructor.



Each year group will have a session in the morning or afternoon.

Clubbers need to wear trainers and sports wear - white and neon colours will glow in the dark. A bottle of water is also advisable. Glow sticks will be provided! Clubbers can wear their kit to come to school.



PLEASE BRING A SMALL DONATION FOR US TO SEND TO COMIC RELIEF.

The school council will be going around the classes with a collection tin.

World Book Day



World Book Day takes place on **Thursday 7th March** and we would like to invite your child to join us in celebrating reading for enjoyment.

We would like to invite your child to come to school on World Book Day, dressed as a character from a book they particularly enjoy. It would be lovely if they could bring a copy of the book with them so they can share it with their class. The children will take part in a variety of activities at school on that day.

Book Swap:

If your child has **ONE** book they would like to swap, they can cut out the token on the letter sent home, stick it inside the book they would like to swap and bring it to school.

Attendance - last half-term

Attendance Cup Winners

Attendance Stars



Week 5: Mrs Smith's class

Week 5: Year 1

Week 6: Miss Flitcroft's class

Week 6: Year 3

A quick update - the climbing wall will be installed in a few weeks and the pirate ship after the Easter holidays.

Mother's Day Gift Shop - will be open on Tuesday 26th March and Wednesday 27th March. Children may bring £3 in a named envelope if they wish to buy a gift for their Mum.

A Disco will be held on Thursday 28th March in the school hall

Year 1 and 2 are invited to attend at 5pm -6pm.

Year 3 and 4 at 6.15pm - 7.15pm.

£3 entry on the door, with a little bit of extra money for the tuck shop.



'Hidden Heroes' in Reception - our younger children in Reception have enjoyed visits from parents recently. They have been finding out about different jobs (Reception staff feel that it's never too young to start careers advice!) and it is also part of their on-going work on people who help us. This has been an excellent opportunity to reinforce our school value of kindness and we thank you all for your support.

Musical Celebration Event - On Wednesday March 7th at 6.00pm in the school hall children in our choir (from Year 2, 3 and 4) will perform alongside the violinists. Next week your tickets will be in school bags.



E-Safety Advice - please help us to reinforce the e-safety messages we give the children at school by reminding your children of the following important messages -

- Reinforcing to children the importance of confidently, saying "no" to invitations to play games from strangers
- Reminding children as to why they should not click on unidentified links
- Ensure that as parents you know how to block and report unknown numbers friend requests, invitations and inappropriate websites.



Our January newsletter on the school website contains helpful website links for parents.

Reminder - Bags 2 School collection on Monday 4th March

Please remember to clear out any items to fill your Bags 2 School this weekend. Bags can be left in front of the main entrance of school - all funds raised help to organise lovely activities for our children.

Special Awards - last half-term, staff enjoyed reviewing children's contributions to school life. Our Lighthouse winners were **Souter**.

Core Values Awards and Headteacher Awards are also awarded in Assembly.

We have really enjoyed sending home some special messages from school on postcards. We are very proud of all of our children and during the course of a school year they are rewarded for their hard work and upholding our school values.

Reminders for next week-

Monday 4th March:

Parent Consultations (1)
Bags 2 School

Thursday 7th March:

World Book Day
Musical Celebration Concert 6pm

Diary Dates -

Monday 11th March:
Parent Consultations (2)

Thursday 14th March:
Comic Relief Clubbercise Challenge

Tuesday 19th March:
Reception Spring Assembly 9.15am

Thursday 28th March:
Year 1 and 2 Spring Assembly 9.15am
Year 3 and 4 Spring Assembly 2.30pm

KS1 SATs presentation for parents -

Wednesday 3rd April at 9am

Mrs Smith and Miss McIntyre will deliver a presentation to parents on the SATs tests which Year 2 children will sit in May.

Nursery places for September 2019

have been allocated.

Our Nursery has been very over-subscribed for the new academic year. We are looking forward to meeting all the parents of those children allocated places at a meeting on 7th May at 5pm.

Mrs Pringle will explain all about our Nursery routines and philosophy at the meeting. You can also follow the link below to look on our website at some of their newsletters. It will give you a flavour of all the exciting things that happen in Nursery.

Fencing - a group of Year 4 pupils took part in a Fencing Festival before half-term and came second. Well done Year 4!

They enjoyed demonstrating the skills they had been practising over the last half-term.

We are also looking forward to a Gymnastics Competition in the summer term.

We aim to ensure all children in Year 4 have the opportunity to represent the school at least once by the end of the academic year if they wish to.

Finally - Year 3 and 4

Newcastle Falcons v Worcester 3pm Sunday 3rd March

We are looking forward to seeing you at the match on Sunday. Please make sure that you are in the WEST STAND for 3pm and dressed in your kit to play at half-time.

