



SOUTHRIDGE FIRST SCHOOL

APRIL 2019



Welcome Back - The children have returned refreshed following the Easter holidays. We have a busy diary this term and look forward to talking to the children about all the exciting activities and events planned for this term.

Annual Parent Questionnaire - thank you for all your feedback on our recent questionnaire. Class teachers work incredibly hard with our children and were very pleased to hear how happy they are at school. The results are on our websites and we have identified some actions for us to work on this term.

[annualquestionnaire2019](#)

Year 4 Skipping Festival -

Congratulations to our Year 4 who were superstars at the Skipping Festival just before the Easter holidays. They were awarded

2 Gold

5 Silver

and 4 Bronze medals!



Dodge Ball - Congratulations to Year 3. A group of children took part in a Dodgeball Festival before the Easter holidays. They all played extremely well, reaching the quarter finals and were a credit to the school.

Daily Mile - Yesterday, 25th April, over 63 schools in North Tyneside took part in the Daily Mile at school, with the aim of increasing this short, daily activity in lots of schools in the Local Authority. We were delighted to host the organisers of the Whitley Bay Junior Parkrun in our assembly yesterday morning. **This is a free, timed 2K event which runs every Sunday at 9am on The Links for Juniors aged 4 -14 years.** Our children will be running their Daily Mile again in school this term. On Sunday 9th June the organisers of the Junior Parkrun have organised a 'Southridge Take - Over Run' at 9 am. They would like to encourage our pupils from Key Stage 1 and 2 to join in their Sunday morning

If you would like your children to join in please take a moment to register them at: <https://www.parkrun.org.uk/register/>

and bring a printed copy of their unique barcode along on the day. Please arrive on the promenade down by the Rendezvous Café at 8:50am on Sunday 9th June. (Children must be accompanied by an adult, the adult may choose to run too).



Easter Assemblies - The children performed to a packed hall, sang spring songs and reminded us all of the importance of our Mums on Mother's Day and Easter traditions. The children were fabulous and it was a lovely way to end the spring term.

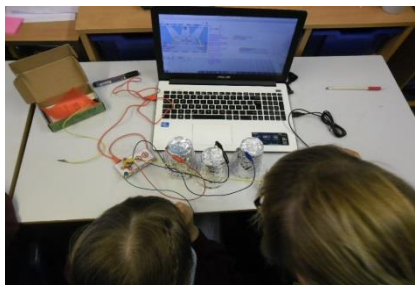
Class Photographs - On Wednesday 22nd May Tempest Photography will be in school taking class photographs. There will be no obligation to purchase these photographs but please notify your child's class teacher if you do not wish your child to be included. -(permission already granted via GDPR forms)



Attendance - Spring Term

WELL DONE to Year 1 for having the highest attendance last term. A special congratulations to Mr Willcock's class whose class was awarded the Attendance Cup seven times last term.

Computing for Kids - all of our children have worked extremely hard developing their Coding skills - here's a snap shot of what we've been up to!



Makey Makey - music program



Mind



Spheros



Lighbot

Reminders for events coming up -

Diary Dates for this half-term are listed to enable you to plan your diaries—a termly list is in school bags. They will be added to as the term progresses and staff book trips etc.

- April 30th - Year 1 Medieval Day
 - May 1st - Year 3 Multi-Skills Festival
 - May 2nd - Nursery closed for Local Elections
 - May 7th - New to Nursery Meeting 5pm (Sept 2019)
 - May 17th - Year 3 Handball Competition
 - May 20th - Walk to School Week
 - May 22nd - Class Photographs
 - May 23rd - Nursery closed for European Elections
 - Break up for Half-term
 - May 24th - Teacher Training Day - school closed
- HALF-TERM**
- June 3rd - Children return to school
 - June 13th - Year 3 Visit to Ouseburn Farm and Victoria Tunnel

Full diary dates for the whole term will be issued via Teachers2Parents.

Keeping Safe in the Sun - as the weather improves please ensure that the children have water bottles and sun hats in school. It would be helpful if all day sun screen protection could be applied before the children arrive at school.

Local Elections - a reminder that our school is a polling station during any elections. **Therefore Nursery will be closed on 2nd May AND 23rd May as the Nursery mobile is used as a polling station.** However, our main building and the rest of school will be open on polling days. **The gate to the main school yard via Nursery will be CLOSED on both days. Please access the playground via the gate at the front of school (next to the school office).**

Reminder - The PTA will be meeting tomorrow, 26th April at 2.30pm Summer Fair. Please join us if you are able to help.

