



SOUTHRIDGE FIRST SCHOOL



Newsletter Summer 4: 15th June 2018



Dear Parents and Carers,

Science Week 11th - 15^h June - We welcomed some very special visitors in to school this week - students from Sunderland University who are training to be teachers came in to school and worked with a different year group each day. The children had a fabulous time—we hope you have enjoyed the newsletter produced by the team. Thank you to Mr Hughes (a Year 1 parent) for organising this fabulous week for us.

Meet the Teacher Invitations - Please check school bags for these invitations which advise you which class your child will be in next year and the date that you are invited in to school to meet their teacher.



Information from Catering Services—From September 2018 the price of the set 2 course school lunch is being increased from **£2.15 to £2.20 per day**. School meals continue to be free for all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 as part of the on-going commitment to Universal Infant Free School Meals.



Year 2 Reminder for School Meals - A reminder for parents of children currently in Year 2 that from September 2018 when your children move in to Year 3 they are no longer eligible for **Universal Free School Meals which are only available for all children in Reception, Year 1 and 2**. All Year 3 parents will need to set up a school meal payment account at www.joinos.com to enable them to pay online. Parents are reminded that catering services do not accept cash payments. You may meet the requirements for Free School Meals if you are on a qualifying benefit. Please call the catering team on (0191) 643 8355 or email catering.services@northtyneside.gov.uk

Year 2 and 4 Gymnastics Competition- Mr Harrington and Mr O'Hara took some children to a gymnastics competition where they performed set routines and demonstrated their fantastic skills alongside other schools. They were superb and both teachers were also delighted when staff from another school commented on what 'exceptionally well behaved children' they had.

Year 4 Football League- Year 4 marked the start of the World Cup with their second 5 a side football league on Wednesday afternoon.

Skipping Festival - 30 children from Year 4 celebrated a silver award in the Whitley Bay Skipping Festival. Congratulations to them all. They mastered some very complex skipping routines and movements and are certainly fitter for it! Mr Harrington is very proud of them and delighted with their success after all their hard work to prepare for the competition.

Congratulations to Mrs Myers who has secured a promotion. She will be taking up an Assistant Head post at a new school in September. Mrs Myers has worked at Southridge for 20 years since she first qualified as a teacher. She has been a wonderful classteacher and whilst we are delighted that she has an exciting new opportunity to further her career we will really miss her at Southridge. A new teacher has been appointed for September - Mrs Smith will be joining our team and she is an experienced Year 2 teacher.

Get Well Soon - we have sent our very best wishes to Mr Bell who will be absent from school until the end of the summer term after having his appendix removed. Please take care when crossing the road outside of school.



National Schools Sports Week - takes place on 25th -28th June when we are holding our Sports Days—please see dates and times overleaf

Reminder-

School Disco next week- this termly event will take place on **21st June** and is open to all children at the times listed below.

Reception children are invited to attend straight after school from 3.30 -4.30pm. **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 they will then take the children back down to the classrooms to collect their school bags and will meet parents and carers at the Reception entrance— following their usual end of the day routine.



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 £3 , plus a few extra pennies for the tuck shop.

Friends of Southridge— Summer Fayre. PLEASE CAN YOU HELP US?

This year our annual summer event will take place on Friday 13th 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 if you can help.

Diary Dates -

June

18th	New to Reception Meeting 5pm (Sept 2018)
20th	KS2 Assembly— Great Exhibition of the North
21st	Assembly— Yr 2,3 & 4—violinists from Valley Gardens Middle School
21st	Disco
22nd	Year 3 VE Day Assembly 9am
26th	Year 3 Beach Clean Up
26th	Sports Day—2pm for Reception, Yr 1 and afternoon nursery
27th	Sports Day—10am for morning nursery and wraparound
27th	Sports Day—2pm for Yr 2,3 and 4
28th	Year 1—Storytelling Event at Whitley Bay High School

