



SOUTHRIDGE FIRST SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

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.

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 and were a credit to the school.

Easter Assemblies - The children performed to a packed hall, sang spring songs and reminded us all of the importance of using our talents. The children were fabulous and it was a lovely end to the spring term.

After School Clubs - (Block 1) are running for 5 weeks this half-term before we break up. Letters allocating places have been sent out in school bags so please look out for them. A big thank you to Mrs Reilly in the office who does a fabulous job of all the associated paperwork and allocating places - it's a big job!

E-Safety - a copy of our E-Safety policy is on the school website www.southridgefirst.org.uk and all the children are reminded of our E-Safety rules on a regular basis.

Local Elections 3rd May - Our school site is a designated polling station so the Nursery only would be closed on an election day and used as the polling station and the rest of the school will be open and continue as normal. **However, please note on a polling day pupils will need to arrive and be collected via the front entrance** as the entrance to our main playground via the Nursery gate will be locked to ensure that voters can go in to Nursery to vote but not access the school site. Thank you for your understanding with this change to our normal procedures.

Class Photographs - On Wednesday 6th June Michelle Fowler 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.

Keeping Safe - in the sun. Hopefully the weather will improve soon as the children have returned this week in their winter coats! Once the good weather arrives please ensure that 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.

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.



More News etc. - so much to tell you



Friends of Southridge—dates for your diary

The PTA will be having an informal meeting at the Red House Farm Pub 7pm on Friday 20th April. A committee meeting will also be held at 2.30pm on Thursday 26th April in school where we will be starting to plan the summer fair which takes place in July.

We're having another uniform shop in school on Friday 27th April. Weather permitting we'll set up in the yard at drop off & pick up times. Please can you donate any items of uniform in to the school office from Monday 23rd April. School jumpers/cardigans & P.E. kit items are especially needed. We will have children's books on this sale too, so please bring in any good quality books that can be sold on. Just drop them into the school office for us to collect.



Daily Mile - As you are aware our children have been running The Daily Mile (weather permitting) on a regular basis at Southridge since last year. Yesterday, 19th April, over 40 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 13th May the organisers of the Junior Parkrun have organised a 'Southridge Take - Over Run' at 8.50 am. They would like to encourage our pupils from Key Stage 1 and 2 to join in their Sunday morning run—please see note in school bags about registering if you would like to join in.



Our School Rewards - Our children work extremely hard and are rewarded for it in a number of different ways. We also like to praise our children when they do well at sport and demonstrate our core values of friendship, kindness, honesty, respect and responsibility.

- **Lighthouse Points**— the children are divided in to groups and are awarded lighthouse points during the week. These are counted up each Friday in Celebration Assembly and at the end of the half-term the 'Lighthouse' with the most points has a 'Lighthouse Treat'.
- **Lighthouse Table**— children are invited on to The Lighthouse Table on a Friday for good table manners, polite conversation, trying different foods and helping others in the dining hall.
- **Headteacher Awards**— in Celebration assembly on Fridays each class teacher nominates a child for an award.
- **Core Value Awards**— staff nominate children each half-term.
- **A Message from Southridge First School'** - we send postcards home to share special moments and messages from class teachers.





SEE BELOW FOR

DIARY DATES FOR THE TERM



DIARY DATES FOR THIS HALF-TERM:

Please check the newsletter for any additions / amendments on a regular basis.

	April	May
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3		Local Elections - School open to Rec, Year 1,2,3 and 4 CLOSED for Nursery.
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7		BANK HOLIDAY
8		Cycle to School Day Reception Vision, Heights & Weights Assessment New to Nursery Mtg 5 -6pm
9		Yr 4 Football League 1/ 2 Year 1 Medieval Day
10		Reception - St Mary's Church
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13		Junior Park Run - see letter in school bags
14		Mrs McIntosh - Maths Workshop for parents: current Yr 2 and Yr 3 parents
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18		Yr 4 Handball Competition
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21		WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK
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23	After School Clubs start	
24		Yr 3 trip - Ouseburn Farm and Victoria Tunnel Year 1 Trip to Newcastle Cathedral and Castle
25		TEACHER TRAINING DAY - children off school
26	2.30pm PTA Mtg - open to all parents	Whitley Bay Carnival - see letter in school bags
27	Uniform / Books Bring & Buy sale	
28		HALF -TERM
29		HALF - TERM
30	 National College for Leadership of Schools and Children's Services	HALF -TERM
31		HALF -TERM