



SOUTHRIDGE FIRST SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Newsletter 2 - 29th September 2017



Thank you for your donations on Jeans for Genes Day and tinned goods for our Harvest Assemblies this week. We raised **£403.99** to help improve the lives of children with genetic disorders and the Whitley Bay Food Bank were delighted with our Harvest donations.

Friends of Southridge - will be holding their AGM on Friday 6th October at 2.30pm in school to elect the committee for this year. You are all welcome, so please join us to see how you can help organise fundraising events for the school.



Autumn Disco - CHANGE OF DATE

The date of our school disco has been amended to **Tuesday 10th October**

KS1 - Year 1 & 2 at 5pm - 6pm
KS2 - Year 3 & 4 at 6.15pm - 7.15pm



Entry - £3.00 on the door

We apologise for any inconvenience caused.



A Mile a Day - We will be continuing our Mile a day challenge as often as possible so please make sure your child has their trainers as well as plimsolls in school.

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 to the Learning Journals.

Stone Age Day - On Monday Year 3 had a visit from Archaeosoup and learnt about the Stone Ages through to the Bronze Age. The children took part in fun drama activities and interesting discussions, tried ancient type foods and attempted to carve their own class spear head.



Bikeability - children in Year 3 and 4 - a reminder to bring bikes on allocated days next week.

Themed Lunch - Thursday 5th October 'Sports Hero' theme - a 'half-time plate!' - our school kitchen will be providing a special lunch on census day. If you would like your child to take part and they normally have packed lunch then register for a school meal www.joinos.com



Reminders:

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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.

Contact details – if you have moved house or changed your mobile phone /place of work during the summer holidays please provide us with new contact details as soon as possible.

Medical Information – Our medical register is being updated. If your child is on our existing register we have sent out a form to complete so that we have updated information. Please return this to school if you have not already done so.

'Once a Week, Take a Peek' – Please check your child for head lice on a regular basis. Within most schools at any time there will be a small number of children infected with head lice but if you could inspect your child's hair at least once a week we can keep numbers to a minimum. If you think your child has head lice, please seek advice/treatment from your pharmacist or consult the school nurse.



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. Our Year 3 and 4 children are taking part in Bikeability training next week to encourage cycling to school.



Diary Dates:

OCTOBER	
2 nd – 5 th	Bikeability Training sessions begin for Year 3 and 4
5 th	School Census Day – themed lunch (a sports theme – ‘half-time’ plate)
9 th	High Borrans Residential Meeting for Year 4 parents – 5.00pm in school hall
10 th (Please note change of date from 12 th)	School Disco G Force Disco Yr 1 and 2 at 5pm - 6pm Year 3 and 4 at 6.15pm - 7.15pm £3.00 entry
13 th	Year 1 Visit to Centre for Life ‘Fantastic Fossil’ Workshop
13 th	Year 4 Rugby Festival at Southridge
20 th	BREAK UP – HALF-TERM

