



SOUTHRIDGE FIRST SCHOOL

September (2) 2019



Jeans for Genes Day

Changing the world for children with genetic disorders

Well Done Southridge! We raised £325 for a very

worthwhile cause. Thank you to our School Council who stood up in Assembly and explained about the charity and the Year 4 School Council representatives who helped Mrs Turney in the office count our donations.

Thank you also for your donations of tinned goods for our Harvest Assemblies this week.

The Whitley Bay Food Bank are very grateful for our support.



Curriculum Information

Curriculum newsletters - each year group has sent out a newsletter by email 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 in the Learning Journals.

Stone Age Day - Year 3 enjoyed a visit from Durham University archaeologists and found out about the Stone Age through to the Iron Age. The children became archaeologists, handling and identifying different stone age tools. They also made embossed coins. Our visitors were very impressed with the depth of their knowledge so early in the term.

Year 2 Lighthouse Visit - the children spent the morning on a mini-beast hunt and then went rock pooling. They compared the creatures they found and talked about how they adapted to their habitat.



Census Day - On Thursday 3rd October it is 'Census Day' when the number of children having school lunches is counted. The funding for our school kitchen are based on the number of school meals on that day so Donna, our school cook hopes to feed as many people as possible. If your child doesn't have school lunch but would like to try one please register on Joinas at:

north.tyneside.school.meals

Bikeability - the children in Year 3 have taken part in Bikeability sessions, taking advantage of the lovely weather last week. The PTA have funded new bike shelters and we are promoting cycling / scooting and walking to school as the Council have identified our school as a priority due to the congestion at drop off / pick up times. They also made improvements to the crossing last year.

If you do travel by car please take care in the cul-de-sacs and streets around school, parking courteously near residents houses and being mindful of the safety of our children as they leave school.

Attendance -Autumn Term

Attendance Cup Winners



Week 1: 4 classes 100%
Week 2: 5 classes 100%
Week 3: Year 3 &
Mrs McIntosh's
Class

Attendance Stars



Week 1: Year 1
Week 2: Year 4
Week 3: Year 3

Christmas Cards — advance warning! Once again the children have been creating their own Christmas card design. Thank you to the PTA who have organised this fundraising activity and have ensured that these have been sent off promptly to the company who print them for us. You can order Christmas cards and other gifts and order forms will be sent out in the next few weeks. Please can you check the details carefully on your proof and include any amendments on your order form. Payment can be made by cash or cheques made payable to 'Friends of Southridge'.

Friends of Southridge



'The Great Southridge Run'

A sponsored event that will take place on Friday with classteachers. Please send your sponsor forms in to school on the day and we will let you know how many laps your child completes.

DISCO - this popular event will be held on Tuesday 8th October for Year 1 and 2 at 5pm -6pm and Year 3 and 4 at 6.15pm - 7.15pm. Children will need to bring £3 for entry at the door and a little bit of loose change for the tuck shop. (Exact money for the door is very helpful and speeds up getting everyone in!)

P.T.A AGM meeting on 18th October at 2.15pm in school.

The meeting is open to all parents - come along and find out how you can help e.g. at the Christmas Fair



Reminders:

High Borrans meeting for Year 4 parents - come along on Monday 7th October at 5pm and find out about the Year 4 residential visit.

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.

Thank you from the Office Staff- for returning all your paperwork—your flu vaccination letters, medical letters, GDPR forms, after school club reply slips etc. It is always very busy at the start of a new academic year.

How you can help us - Please try and remember everything in the mornings e.g. packed lunches, violins swimming kit, water bottles to avoid us disrupting lessons later when delivering forgotten items to the classrooms.

After School Clubs — safe dismissal of children

As a school we are proud of the wide range of after school clubs we offer across the whole school and staff enjoy working with the children in an informal club. Please be patient when staff are handing over your children safely as we know that sometimes it can take a while to get tired children organised at the end of the day! Mr Bell has tried to help the first week by directing parents to the correct pick up point.

Pupil Progress Meeting - look out for a text /email next week to enable you to book an appointment via Teachers2Parents to see your child's class teacher. These take place over 2 days, the Monday before and the Monday after half-term and are a good opportunity to find out how your child is settling in to their new year group.

May Bank Holiday 2020 - a reminder that this has been moved to Friday 8th May 2020 - amended term dates have been issued by email.