



SOUTHRIDGE FIRST SCHOOL

December 2019



SCHOOL GAMES

Children in Need - we had a fantastic day on Friday November 15th and raised £413.75

Our children enjoyed completing the 'Joe Wick's challenge in assembly with Mr Harrington followed by a sing along with Mr Price and his electric guitar to the Children in Need song 'Yellow' by Jodie Whittaker. The children also made healthy snacks and completed an indoor Fitness trail.



Year 3 Football - well done to the Year 3 football team who represented Southridge in a tournament last week. They were fabulous, great ambassadors for our school and reached the semi - finals.

Christmas Lunch - Wednesday 18th December

Meals are free for those eligible for free school meals and for all children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 but the children must still be registered on Joinos.

If your child usually has a packed lunch they are still very welcome to order a Christmas Lunch via Joinos. Please can you pay for your child's Christmas lunch by debit / credit card via JOINOS www.joinos.com Meals cost £2.25 and must be paid for on line. If you do not have access to Joinos can you please contact catering.services@northtyneside.gov.uk to set up an account and request a Joinos Code.

Christmas Performances:

5th December - Year 4 at 2pm

9th December - Year 1 at 2pm

10th December - Year 3 at 2pm

11th December - Year 2 2pm

13th December - Morning Nursery and Reception - Miss Flitcroft's Class 9.30am

Afternoon Nursery and Reception - Miss Parker's Class 2pm



On Friday 13th December it is also Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save The Children. Our children can wear their Christmas Jumpers and casual trousers/skirt to school and bring a donation for this charity.

Friends of Southridge

Christmas Shopping Evening - thank you for your support. This was a lovely evening with some excellent stalls for people to enjoy.



Christmas Fair 6th December - the Christmas Fair is fast approaching. This will take place after school from 3.30pm until 5.30pm. The children can wear non-uniform or Christmas jumpers/ Christmas accessories on the day in exchange for a donation to the Tombola Stall and Bottle Stall. **Please send in donations to the school office in advance. Raffle tickets were sent out last week. Please also remember to leave school bags at home on this day.**

Christmas Disco - will take place on Tuesday 17th December

Year 1 and 2 at 5pm - 6pm

Year 3 and 4 at 6.15pm - 7.15pm

Entry £3 and a small amount of change for the tuck shop.
(Please have correct money for the door)

Christmas Fair Day 6th December - Football Club and Tchoukball cancelled

Election 12th December - Nursery only will be CLOSED

Attendance -Autumn Term

Attendance Cup Winners



Week 11: Mr O'Hara's Class

Attendance Stars



Week 11 : Year 3

Week 12: Miss McIntyre's Class

Week 12: Year 1

Thank you to our Choir - who performed a Christmas medley of songs at the Rosemount Nursing Home. Mrs Bland our choir leader and Mr Price took children to visit the residents and to spread some Christmas joy. The children sang beautifully and their visit was really appreciated by the staff and residents.



After School Clubs finish on Thursday for this term.

Spring term club letters have been issued, enabling you to sign up. Please note that the allocation letters will go out in January and clubs start on January 13th. Please check these carefully in the New Year. Occasionally there are mix ups with club lists / confusion over whether they have started/ children changing their minds about taking part. **Please be understanding** if the office staff have to contact you or if they need to help teaching staff to clarify names on lists. This can sometimes take time at the end of the day when the office is very busy - they always look after children whilst issues are resolved and do their very best to help parents, staff, outside coaches etc. Our office staff co-ordinate over a thousand places every term for after school clubs and do a fabulous job to ensure that the children have access to a wide range of after school activities.

Governor update - Every term the governors review our data looking at the high standards of attainment achieved last year and performance tables which can be found on our school website. They will also be working with staff to deliver priorities for this academic year - your responses from the parent questionnaire last year and reply slips from annual reports have informed this.

Last half-term governors visited school to observe phonics and Talk4Writing in Early Years and Key Stage 1. They also visited Year 2 classrooms to see the older children developing their mental maths strategies and improving their multiplication skills on 'Rock Star Maths'

On behalf of the children, staff and governors I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas. We hope you all enjoy the Christmas festivities with your family. Please remember the children return to school on Tuesday January 7th.

Teacher Training Day - 6th January. A reminder that school will be closed.

E-Safety Session for Parents and Carers - On Friday 10th January at 9am. Claire Graham our I.T. Adviser will be in school to deliver an internet safety session for parents and carers. This will be an informative session lasting approximately one hour and is part of our safeguarding agenda to ensure that we work together to protect our children when they are using the internet. **(Presentation will be posted on school website following the meeting)**

TOP TIP from Claire Graham - A reminder for parents to be 'Tech savvy'.

If your children receive electronic items as gifts this Christmas, please ensure that parental controls are in place, especially regarding internet access.

