



SOUTHRIDGE FIRST SCHOOL

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GAMES



Postcards Home — with a message from school - during the course of the school year we may send you a message home from school or teachers may nominate your child for a **Headteacher Award** in recognition of their hard work or perhaps a **Core Values Award** as recognition of displaying our core values.

Look out for them — they are very special!



Reading at home: We want to encourage you to read with your child for at least 10 minutes every day. It really does make a difference to all their work in school. Remember to write in your child's reading diary. Talk about illustration, book titles/ authors, the type of book (e.g. fiction, non-fiction, plays, poems) - as these all build up valuable reading skills. Remember to ask questions about the book you read with your child. It is all about reading and understanding the book. Read anything! Remember newspapers, comics, recipes, instructions, traffic signs, shop notices, shopping lists etc. all count as reading! Check out our school website for some helpful tips.



R.N.L.I water safety talk:

This morning Elliot and Andrew, two lifeguards from the RNLI talked to the children in Year 1 to 4 teaching children how to be safe in and near the water - an important message for all living at the coast.



School Council:

The theme for Local Democracy Week this year was 'Local democracy: building trust'. Last week Mrs Mason and the Year 4 School Councillors attended this event. Our children had to present a campaign idea related to their school community. They chose to focus on parking and encouraging children to walk, cycle and scoot to school. Our School Council will be promoting their ideas through a poster campaign next half-term.



Year 4 Egyptian Day:

The children in Year 4 have embraced their Egyptian topic this term. Historians from the Museum's Department of Durham University came to school today and delivered a range of activities as part of our Egyptian Day bringing the topic to life in the classroom. They were very impressed with our children's historical knowledge, who certainly looked the part in costume.



Attendance -Autumn Term

Attendance Cup Winners

Attendance Stars



Week 7: Miss McIntyre
& Mr Price 's classes

Week 7: Year 2

Week 8: Miss McIntyre

Week 8: Year 2

A group of Year 3 children were out and about in our community this week planting bulbs at the **Red House Ramble**. They planted wild daffodil bulbs and primrose plants that they had grown from seeds in school with volunteers from The Friends of Red House Ramble. This is a local community Group that has been formed to help improve, develop and maintain the land running west of the Red House Pub. Our school has been working with them for the last 2 years and enjoy helping to improve their local environment.



Year 1 Discovery Museum – the children in Year 1 thoroughly enjoyed visiting the Discovery Museum. They took part in a treasure hunt around the museum after a lovely story about the museum bear. They also made their own 'thaumatropes' and explored the science zone.



Southridge teachers reported that they were a pleasure to take out and their lovely manners and excellent behaviour was noticed by museum staff and visitors. Well done Year 1!



Year 4 – during the course of the year our oldest children will take on roles of responsibility around school. We have lunchtime buddies, sports leaders, womble warriors and eco - warriors. We can report that they have risen to the challenge and are doing very well this term.

Collecting Children From School Policy—Parents provide the names of people who are authorised to collect their child via the emergency contact sheet. The school should be informed in advance of any changes to collection procedures e.g. medical appointments, going to a friends for tea. Parents must make sure that the office staff and class teacher are aware if a child is to be collected during the school day and by whom. Requesting permission for an older sibling to collect a younger child means that the parent is responsible for (via the sibling) the child's welfare upon collection. A child can be collected by an agreed adult OR an older sibling in Year 9 or above with parental permission. A request for an older sibling (Year 9 and over) to collect one of our children should be made to a member of staff (class teacher or office staff). However if staff have concerns about the suitability of the older sibling or need to check arrangements with parents about who is collecting, they reserve the right to keep the child at school under staff supervision until the parent can be contacted —a copy of this policy is on a notice board at the school office.

Friends of Southridge

The P.T.A would like to organise a **Christmas Shopping Evening** to take place on Friday 22nd November. If you know of a local small business selling crafts, cards, jewellery, christmas gifts, they can contact barbaracornfoot92@googlemail.com with details of their stall. (£10 per stall)



Bags 2 School – will take place on 12th November. Please bring bags on the day and leave them outside the front of the school office by 9am

Reminders: Have a lovely half-term holiday. We break up for half-term today. The children have certainly worked hard in their new classes for the last eight weeks and are ready for a break. We look forward to seeing you all on Monday 4th November when we return to school. After - School Clubs start immediately and run for 5 weeks. Remember, clubs will not be running on the night of the Christmas Fair - 4th December

Friday October 25th: Teacher Training Day

Monday 4th November: Children return to school

School Entrance – if you leave your dog at the school gate please leave them tied up away from the entrance way/gate as some of our children are upset by the barking and nervous walking past dogs so close to the gate. Thank you.