

# SOUTHRIDGE FIRST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2019



Happy New Year - I hope that you and your family have enjoyed the Christmas and New Year holiday. Last week it was lovely to hear all the Christmas and New Year news from the children. Our children have returned to school very excited and ready to tackle their three challenges for 2019:

- · To line up sensibly and independently when coming in to school
- To try and have the best attendance possible
- To collect plastic waste and fill Eco-Bricks

So far - we're doing very well!

## Attendance

We are monitoring Attendance on a weekly basis in each class and year group.



CONGRATULATIONS to Mr Willcock's Class who were awarded the Weekly Class Attendance Cup on Monday for Week 1. This class had the best attendance that week.

Year Group	Attendance for week 1 & 2
1	98.1%
2	98%
3	98%
4	96%



**Year 3** were our 'Attendance Stars' for Week 1 - the year group with the best attendance that week.

Every Monday in Assembly we review the previous weeks attendance for each class and year group.

# 'Faith and Diversity Workshops -





Last Friday the children took part in a variety of activities looking at different faiths and cultures. They worked in mixed groups across the year groups exploring our shared values which compliments work they do in R.E. lessons and assemblies.



Curriculum Information - Please check your child's school bag for details of the topic being taught and a letter from the teacher. We hope this gives you an overview of your child's learning. 'Book Looks' and Pupil Progress Meetings take place later in the term, however if you have any queries you are welcome to make an appointment with the class teacher at any time.

After School Clubs - Allocation letters have been issued. Thank you to Mrs Reilly and Mrs Lee in the office for organising these. If you are unsure, or have any queries, please see the office staff

'THANK YOU' to the PTA for all their fundraising efforts last term which always make a significant contribution to our school - we are very grateful for their support.



Annabelle Jennings is stepping down from the role of Chair this term. She has given an enormous amount of her time over the last 4 years to fundraise for our school and has always done so with a willing smile! We are very fortunate that she will stay on the Committee.

The PTA are holding a meeting on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February at 2.30pm where they will elect a new Chair and discuss fundraising last term and allocate spending. All are welcome and please come along if you are interested in the role of Chair of the PTA. If you have any queries or questions before then you are most welcome to chat to Annabelle Jennings or myself.

### Eco - Bricks

Thank you to those children who have sent in Eco-Bricks. PLEASE COLLECT YOUR PLASTICS IN USED 2 LITRE MILK CARTONS so that all our Eco-Bricks are the same size. They must be DENSELY packed so remember to use a wooden spoon to press them right down and ensure they are

packed tight!

Bring your Eco - Bricks in to school on a Monday and don't worry - a good Eco-Brick will take a few weeks to fill properly.



Cycle and Scoot to School – the last of our two bike /scooter shelters arrived on Monday, giving us extra storage. Bikes and scooters can be stored in the bike and scooter shelters just inside the main gate by Year 2 OR just inside the back gate by Nursery. There is also an extra scooter shelter outside Year 3

**E-Safety Session for Parents and Carers** – Thank you to those parents who attended an interesting and informative session from Claire Graham our I.T. Adviser on Wednesday evening.

If you were unable to attend please follow the link to the following websites for more information:

https://www.childnet.com/

https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/

https://www.commonsensemedia.org/



#### Reminders:

Please make sure that you have notified the school office of any changes in your contact details e.g. email address or mobile number. We are investigating the possibility of using the Teachers2parents appointment system to arrange times to see Classteachers for Pupil Progress Updates.

After School Clubs - Office staff have issued reminders for any outstanding payments from last half-term. Please send payment as soon as possible so that we can continue to offer these activities. (A reminder that for some clubs payment is half-termly)