

# SOUTHRIDGE FIRST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2020

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. We hope you all enjoyed the Christmas Performances at the end of last term – the children work extremely hard and singing and performing is an important and enjoyable part of our curriculum.



# Faith and Diversity Workshops -

It is very important that our children are prepared for the world they grow up in and that they have an understanding of and tolerance for other faiths. 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.





## **RSPB Birdwatch** -

We will be working with some of our children in school to complete a birdwatch.



You can also take part at home:

Choose an hour at any time over the three days  $25^{th} - 27^{th}$  January and enjoy time with nature counting the birds.

Then submit your results on-line at <u>rspb.org.uk/birdwatch</u>





**Curriculum Information** – Please check your emails for details of the topic and subjects being taught. We hope this gives you an overview of your child's learning this term. '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. Over the last year they have helped to raise money for the pirate ship and climbing wall on the playground, purchased new reading books, part funded Year 4 Leaver's hoodies and other activities for the children.



They worked incredibly hard to organise our Christmas Fair which was enjoyed by everyone.

## Pupil Progress Updates -

A text will be sent out in the next few weeks with a link on to sign up via Teachers2Parents for appointments to see the classteacher in February.

Book Look -

# Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February – Year 1 at 9am and Year 2 at 2.45pm Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February – Year 4 at 9am and Year 3 at 2.45pm

You have been invited to visit school so your child can show you their books. Our children are very proud of their work!

Please don't worry if you are unable to pop in on the day as you will also have the opportunity to see your child's books at Parent's Evening after half-term.

**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 last Friday. If you were unable to attend the information shared was emailed to parents on Monday. The following websites also contain useful information:

https://www.childnet.com/

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

https://www.commonsensemedia.org/

# Diary Dates for this half-term

January 10<sup>th</sup> - Faith and Diversity Day

- 10<sup>th</sup> E-Safety for parents 9am with Claire Graham
  - 13<sup>th</sup> After School Clubs start
  - 20th Year 2 Florence Nightingale workshop
  - 22<sup>nd</sup> Recorder players perform in Assembly
  - 25<sup>th</sup> RSPB Birdwatch
  - 29<sup>th</sup> Violin players perform in assembly

### February 4th - Zoo Lab - Year 1 and 4

- $6^{\text{th}}\,$  Book Look Year 1 at 9am  $\,$  and Year 2 at 2.45pm  $\,$
- 6<sup>th</sup> Flash The Magician Show 6 7pm
- 7<sup>th</sup> Book Look Year 4 at 9am and Year 3 at 2.45pm
- 7<sup>th</sup> Fencing Festival Year 4 (pm)
- 11th Safer Internet Day
- 12<sup>th</sup> Parents Evening and after half-term on 24<sup>th</sup> February
- 13<sup>th</sup> Year 3 Segedunum Visit

### 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.

