



SOUTHRIDGE FIRST SCHOOL

September 2019



It was wonderful to be able to welcome all our children back to school at the start of this new academic year. All the children look very smart in their uniforms and there has been a really positive and productive atmosphere throughout the school. We especially welcome all our new starters in Reception and Nursery as they start their school life with us at Southridge.

New Reception intake - A Message from Miss Parker and Miss Flitcroft

All the Reception staff are very proud of the fantastic start Southridge's new intake have made during their first week of school. Staff are very impressed with the children's positive attitudes, fantastic behaviour and new found confidence in their setting.

The Reception children have been a pleasure and by the end of next week they will all have experienced lunchtimes and will be ready for full days from 16th September.

Well done to all our new pupils and keep it up! We know you have bright futures ahead at Southridge!

Our Vision and Values - During Assembly this week we reminded ourselves of the five core values that are like 'magic dust' around our school. They are **friendship, kindness, honesty, respect and responsibility**. We also discussed our school motto which reflects these core values in one simple sentence:

'Work hard, enjoy school and do your best.'



Jeans for Genes Day
Changing the world for children with genetic disorders

On Friday 20th September the children may come to school in non-uniform wearing jeans for a small donation. The money raised by organisations and schools on Jeans for Genes Day funds a range of initiatives that improve the quality of life of children and families affected by genetic disorders.

Medicines in school: Medical forms have been issued for those children on our Medical List. Please return to school as soon as possible. If your child has a medical need that we are not aware of you must speak to the class teacher.

Please note updated guidance in the summer holidays from the Local Authority authorises school to administer non-prescription paracetamol and ibuprofen. A form must be completed in the school office.

Cycle, Scoot and Walk to School — please try and avoid using the car for school drop off. The area around school can be very congested and children's safety is compromised if the cul-de-sacs are busy with parked cars.

Remember, from 23rd September if you are staying for an After School Club you can leave your bike or scooter just inside the gate at the Nursery entrance (in the scooter pod) or just inside the main gate by the school office / Year 1 classrooms (in the new bike sheds). They are easy to access at 4.15pm when clubs finish and the internal playground gates are locked.

Attendance -Autumn Term **Attendance Cup Winners** **Attendance Stars**



Our children have had an excellent start to the new school year. We will continue to focus on attendance to ensure our children do their very best. Every week we award the Attendance Cup to the class with the highest attendance and our Attendance Stars are the year group with the highest attendance.

School Games Award – we are delighted to have been awarded the Gold Award for our commitment to school sports. The School Games Mark is a government led awards scheme to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school. Participating in this process allows schools to evaluate their PE provision and assists them in developing an action plan for future progress.



Friends of Southridge



Thank you to PTA – the total sum raised at the summer fair was £3,160.

We were very lucky with the weather and appreciated everyone's support on the day. The PTA worked incredibly hard last academic year to support the school and organise events and are always grateful to the extra helpers at events on stalls / refreshments etc.

Later this month, on 27th September we are looking forward to our next event on

'The Great Southridge Run'

a sponsored event that will take place during the school day with classteachers. Please look out for sponsor forms that will be coming home in school bags.

PTA meeting on 13th September at 2.15 pm in school

AGM meeting on 18th October at 2.15pm in school



These are open to all parents – come along and find out how you can help e.g. Christmas Fair

Admissions – applying for school places for September 2020

From 11th September 2019 you can apply online at www.northtyneside.gov.uk. This is a quick and easy process and will provide you with immediate notification of receipt of your application form. **You are encouraged to apply on-line**, although a paper application is available to print at www.northtyneside.gov.uk. If you have chosen to complete a paper application we strongly recommend that you return it to North Tyneside by recorded delivery as in the event that they do not receive your application proof of posting will be required. You must return it to: The Access Team, Floor 3, North Tyneside Council, Quadrant West, Silverlink North, Cobalt Business Park, North Tyneside, NE27 0BY

For Nursery parents – applying for your child's Reception place for September 2020

If your child's is in our Nursery you should complete an application form for admission to Reception Class. **Please ensure you apply by the deadline date of 15th January 2020.**

For Year 4 parents – applying for your child's Middle School place for September 2020

If your child is in the last year of a First School you will need to complete an application form for admission to year 5 of a Middle School. **Please ensure you apply by the deadline date 31st October 2019.**

Reminders:



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If your contact details (mobile number / email) have changed during the school holidays please contact the school office.

Car Park – please use the pedestrian path around the school perimeter fence to access the playground / school office and do not walk across the school car park. We have improved signage at the main gate and remind you that the school car park is for staff and visitor use only.