



# SOUTHRIDGE FIRST SCHOOL

## January 2022



### Welcome back

Thankfully we have been able to welcome the children back into school this January and it has been a pleasure for staff to see them well rested and ready for the busy term ahead.

### Faith and Diversity Day

Last Friday the children took part in a variety of activities looking at different faiths and cultures. They explored how our Core Value of **Kindness** is an important aspect of all religions' beliefs. This work on shared values, complements the work the children do in R.E. lessons, PSHE sessions and assemblies.

### Pick-up time

Please can we ask that when picking up children at the end of the day, that you keep your child with you and try, where possible, to move through the school grounds in a timely manner. We are aware that we can struggle with congestion around the gate nearest the Year 4 classroom and are keen to keep this to a minimum for the safety of all.

### Sporting Achievement

A huge well done to all our Year 3 and 4 children who have taken part in both archery and tri-golf inter-school competitions. Our Year 4 archers came a highly commendable 3<sup>rd</sup> out of eleven local schools. While our Year 3s topped the tree with 1<sup>st</sup> place out of twelve local schools!



### After School Clubs

Thank you for all the replies for the After School Clubs for this term. It is wonderful to see all the additional activities which started this week - thank you to Mrs Curran and Mrs Lee in the office for organising these. The clubs run in five week blocks before and after the half term break. All clubs finish at 4.20pm and when picking up the children please use the one-way system around school and collect children from their usual end-of-day collection point. If you are unsure, or have any queries, please see the office staff.

### Reading - Stokes Barrington Project

Eight of our wonderful Year 4 children have taken part in a top-secret and very important job with Miss McIntyre our Literacy Co-Ordinator. They have been helping the publishers Stokes Barrington to decide whether one of their possible books for publication cuts the mustard and should go into print. They have not been able to share the details of the book with anyone else, but have given their full and honest feedback on the draft story which may...or may not...make it onto a book shelf near you soon!

### Poverty Proofing

We have welcomed Ellie Liddle from Children North East into school this week to complete a comprehensive audit around how we support and protect children who may be living with varying degrees of poverty. We recognise that this is not something that affects every family, however we are keen to get feedback from Ellie and her colleagues to ensure that we giving every one of our children the very best start in their school lives. If you are currently facing financial hardship, you may be eligible for Free School Meals - please see the flyer from North Tyneside Council at the end of this newsletter.

### Attendance –Autumn Term

#### Attendance Cup Winners



Best Class  
Miss Flitcroft's Reception

#### Attendance Stars



Best Year Group  
Year 2

### Attendance –Spring Term

#### Attendance Cup Winners



**Week 1:** Mrs Pringle's  
& Mr Price's Classes  
**Week 2:** Mrs Pringle's  
& Mr Price's Classes  
**Week 3:** Miss Smith's Class

#### Attendance Stars



**Week 1:** Year 2  
**Week 2:** Year 3  
**Week 3:** Year 1

## Diary Dates – Spring Term 2022

**\*please see the updated Teacher Training dates and Bank Holiday highlighted at the bottom of the page\***

<b>JANUARY</b>	
17th	Afterschool clubs start for 5 weeks
25th	Reception – Height & Weights
28th – 30th	RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	
1st	Chinese New Year – Year of the Pig
8th	Safer Internet Day
14th – 17th	Parent Consultations
18th	Last day of half term
19th–27th	<b>HALF –TERM</b>
28th–4th	Back to school Parent Consultations Clubs start for 5 weeks
<b>MARCH</b>	
3rd	World Book Day
18th	Comic Relief Day
21st	KS2 Book Look – a chance to come in and share a look at your child's books with them. 9.10-9.40am – Y4 <del>SMc</del> 9.50-10.20am – Y4 AH 2-2.30pm – Y3 SOH 2.40-3.10pm – Y3 IP
22nd	KS1 Book Look – a chance to come in and share a look at your child's books with them. 9.10-9.40am – Y1 CC 9.50-10.20am – Y1 KP 2-2.30pm – Y2 LS 2.40-3.10pm – Y2 <del>NMc</del>
23rd	AM – PTA Mother's Day Gift Shop (tbc)
24th	PM – PTA Mother's Day Gift Shop (tbc)
25th	9.10am – Reception Classes' Spring Assembly
WB 28th	Last week of afterschool clubs
29th	Easter Assembly – Year 1 9.10-9.35am Year 2 2.45-3.10am
30th	Easter Assembly – Year 3 9.10-9.40am Year 4 2.40-3.10am
<b>APRIL</b>	
4th–6th	Year 4 Mrs McIntosh's Class at High Borrans
6th–8th	Year 4 – Mr Harrington's Class at High Borrans
8th	Last day of Spring term
9th–24th	Easter Holidays
25th	Teacher Training Day
26th	Children return to school

#### **SUMMER TERM**

Return to school for the summer term:

**TTD – Monday 25th April** Children return – **Tuesday 26th April**

**PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING DATES:**

**5th MAY – ELECTION DAY (SCHOOL OPEN); 27th MAY – TEACHER TRAINING DAY;**

**6th JUNE – Additional Jubilee Bank Holiday;**

**21st JULY - TTD**

# Free school meals



## Your child may be entitled to free school meals

To check eligibility for free school meals you must apply online at [www.northtyneside.gov.uk](http://www.northtyneside.gov.uk) and enter 'free school meals' in the search bar.

If you don't have an e-mail address please call to register for free meals **(0191) 643 2288**

**Choose Option 3**

### Easy to apply

It only takes a few minutes to apply online, you will need your NI Number or your NASS reference to register.

### Savings for your family

You could save over £427 per year for every child that qualifies for free school meals.

### Your school benefits too

Your school receives additional funding for every child registered for free school meals. So the school and your children will be better resourced.

## Safeguarding Update from [www.saferinternet.org.uk](http://www.saferinternet.org.uk)

### How to start a conversation with your child about using a tablet safely:

#### ■ Why do you want to get a tablet?

Whilst deciding if it is time for your child to have a tablet can be a great opportunity to find out what your child expects to use their tablet for. This could be for connecting with friends, playing games, for homework and research or for something else.

#### ▲ What do you like about using your tablet?

You can ask your child about their favourite websites to visit, what they like using their tablet for, or you can ask them to show you how to play or use their favourite game or website.

#### ◆ What is your favourite app or game on the tablet?

Ask your child about activities or games that you could enjoy as a family, this can be a great time to establish a [family agreement](#) to manage your families time online.

#### ● What would you do if something worrying or upsetting happened on your tablet?

You can ask them about the places they can go to find the safety advice, find out what they know about privacy settings, and ask them how to report or block on the services they use.

#### ✶ What can we do as a family to help you use your tablet safely?

Ask your child about activities or games that you could enjoy as a family, this can be a great time to establish a [family agreement](#) to manage your families time online.

## Safeguarding update from Ineqe regarding Roblox

•Ineqe have recently received multiple reports from parents and school staff about harmful content on gaming platform Roblox. To help you understand how to keep children and young people safe, they've created an important Roblox Parents Guide.

•The latest reports they've received have outlined worrying accounts of younger children being sent 'friend requests' from strangers and exposure to sexualised content, with in-game characters imitating sex in the Roblox game Brookhaven.

•Due to these reports around inappropriate conversations and highly sexualised content, the Ineqe Online Safety Experts have carried out further research into the platform Roblox, specifically its game Brookhaven.

•Please follow this link to see the full article and advice: [LINK](#)