



# SOUTHRIDGE FIRST SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2020



During the last few weeks we've had some very interesting visitors in school!

**Zoo Lab** – Children in Year 1 and 4 enjoyed a workshop with Zoo Lab last week. They brought in some 'amazing animals' for Year 1 to see and those which you would find in the rainforest for our Year 4 children – all linked to their topics. Our children listened and looked very carefully and enjoyed the 'hands-on' aspect of handling some of the creatures e.g. giant stick insects, African snails, tortoises, snakes, cockroaches and tarantulas!



**Reading to become a Writer!** – Year 3 and 4 have been doing some fantastic writing linked to books they have been reading – please admire the displays in school when you visit for the 'Book Look' and on Parents Evening.

### Year 4

The  
Firework -  
Makers  
Daughter

by  
Philip Pullman



### Year 3

The  
Secret Garden

by  
Frances  
Hodgson Burnett



### Fencing -

Year 4 have also been learning some new skills. A group of children attended a fencing tournament to showcase their skills.

### Super Skippers!

Year 4 have enjoyed a coaching session on skipping – they are certainly getting fitter and training hard for a skipping festival later in the year.



**Florence Nightingale workshop in Year 2** – last week Year 2 were lucky enough to spend time with Richard (The History Bloke) and Miss Florence Nightingale. Richard put them through their paces as British Army recruits with drills and a look into what it was like to be a Victorian soldier. Miss Nightingale talked to them about how she and her nurses cleaned and organised Scutari Hospital – they also had a go at dressing wounds and got to look at and handle some REAL Victorian artefacts.



**Friends of Southridge** - our PTA meet regularly to plan events. This term we will be holding a Magic Show and after half-term a disco  
Planning also continues for the Mothers Day Gift Shop.  
We are very lucky to have the support of the PTA Committee and on behalf of the staff I would like to thank them and all of our parents who support the events they organise.



**Wellbeing Group** - some of our Year 4's have been looking at how we keep ourselves happy and healthy in our body and mind at school. They will be sharing their thoughts with the other year groups in assembly next week.



On Thursday night **Flash the Magician** was a huge hit and great entertainment for us all!



**Attendance** - We are monitoring Attendance on a weekly basis in each class and year group - our children are doing very well!

**Attendance Cup Winners**  
(Class with highest attendance)

**Attendance Stars (Yr Gp)**  
Year Group with highest attendance



Week 1: Mr Harrington's class

Week 1: Year 4

Week 2: Mr Price's class

Week 2: Year 2

Week 3: Mr Harrington's class

Week 3: Year 3

Week 4: Mrs Pringle's class

Week 4: Year 1

**After School Clubs** -

A reminder that next week is the last week of Block 1. Block 2 starts straight after the half-term holiday and letters were sent out at in January with club allocations on.



**Pupil Progress Updates** -

**Thank you** for signing up for your appointments to see classteachers on 12<sup>th</sup> /24<sup>th</sup> February. Staff will be able to discuss your child's progress.

**Bad weather procedures** -

In the event of snow please check our school website for updates. We will only post closure on the website and text you via teachers2parents in the event of a school closure, **otherwise please always assume school is open.**

Remember, sometimes we may have to ask children to enter via the main entrance at the school office to give Mr Bell time to clear paths etc. (Notices would be on the gate)

**Diary dates** -

**Safer Internet Day** on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February  
**Year 3 - Computing Workshops** on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February  
**Year 3 - Visit to Segedunum** on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February  
**Year 3 - Roman Day** on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February  
**Break up for half-term** on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February