

Everyone at Southover achieves their potential, is valued for who they are and knows they belong

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At Southover Church of England Primary school:

We all work together —children, parents, staff, Trinity Church and the community.

We inspire each other to learn through a vibrant curriculum, set within a safe environment that meets the needs of all children.

We gain strength from the love of God and our love for one another; we feel we belong to Trinity Church.

We value: Trust, Compassion, Friendship, Hope, Thankfulness and Fellowship.

We have a healthy mind, body and spirit to allow us to 'Live, Love, Learn'.

Newsletter July 2024

Dear Parents, Carers and the Community of Southover,

This term we have been thinking of the school value of Fellowship. There is hardly a more apt value at this time of the year as we all work together to make the school safe and exciting for the children. The fellowship has been seen in so many things: Y6 residential trip; the school musical; sports day; the 'summer' fair and the helping hands at school. Thank you for the smiles and support you give – these little things make a difference.

Check this newsletter out for exciting news about safety on Potters Lane and fantastic sporting events.

We close for the summer on Tuesday 23rd July 1:15pm finish.

We start back for children on Tuesday 3rd September 8:45am – don't be late!

Staffing

A big thank you to Chiara Sottolini who taught Wren class these last three months. She has made a fluent and successful end to the year for the children while Ms Bryant is on maternity leave.

We say goodbye to Lisa Guile who stepped in this term as a TA in Bluebird class; to Eilis Hunt who has been our swimming teacher and to Dan Morely, our Premier coach. We thank them for fitting in so well and doing fine jobs. We welcome Lily Edmunds who will be teaching in Nightingale on Fridays next year.

Continuously Developing the School – part of our School Development Plan

Forest School at Southover - we inspire each other to learn through a vibrant curriculum

Following the success of Forest School this year we are delighted to say we will continue with this next year.

It is the turn of Falcon class next term to head off into the forest on a Wednesday and Eagle class on a Friday. If you want to volunteer every Wednesday or Friday (and learn new skills) then please contact the office. The more adults we have, the more varied the activities can be. We need your help!



Keeping our Community Safe - we have a *healthy mind, body and spirit*

Safer walk to school – Potters Lane Traffic restricted!!

After many years of trying, we finally have a possible solution to families dodging traffic at drop off and pick up on Potters Lane. East Sussex County Council (ESCC) will deliver a School Street Scheme for Southover Church of England Primary School. This aims to support a healthier local environment near to the school, by making it safer and more enjoyable for everyone in the community to walk, wheel or cycle.



Potters Lane and the surrounding roads will have restricted traffic during drop off and pick up times. Signs will be in place and it will be illegal for unauthorised vehicles to drive near the school between the restricted hours.

We will have a School Streets Celebration Day on Tuesday 10th September to celebrate the increased safety of their journey to school.

Swimming at Southover - we *inspire each other* to learn through a *vibrant curriculum*

Our swimming pool has been very successful and lessons have been very rarely cancelled despite the weather. It takes a lot of work and a lot of funds to keep the pool running. The Friends help fund the running of the pool. Swimming pools are expensive but a brilliant resource for our children.

Enrichment - we *inspire each other* to learn through a *vibrant curriculum*

Book Club had a thoroughly enjoyable time in Bexhill at the East Sussex Book Awards Ceremony in June. We got to hear from three of the authors and two of our members - Marcel and Chloe - even got to do some acting on stage with the author Jenny McLachlan. We were thrilled to hear that Emma, Hilda and Albert had all won prizes for their competition entries and that Chloe had won a commendation certificate for hers. Ms Hayward-Tapp would like to thank all of the book club for their brilliant contributions this year and the parent helpers who volunteered to come on our trips. She hopes that everyone has a lovely summer full of reading!

Reading has been a real success this year and we have supported individuals who were struggling to become fluent readers with Sarah Gaunt our Reading Recovery teacher. Feedback on this has been fantastic.

Sarah recommends you might want to keep reading going over the summer with this resource: <https://www.booksfortopics.com/>

Keep your children's interest in books and reading going over the summer!

Take a look at this free website that is packed with ideas for excellent book suggestions for children of all ages and interests. Easy to navigate and easy to find something for everyone.

Happy Summer and Happy Reading!

Sport we have a *healthy mind, body and spirit*

Football Success – we were delighted to have the girls' football team representing Brighton and Hove Albion at the Premier League Primary Stars National Finals at Brentford FC. They had a great day and represented the school and club magnificently. Their story of reaching the finals was made into a short film with accompanying articles on the Premier League website. Check it out!



<https://www.premierleague.com/news/4033864>

We will remember the day and the qualification success for a long, long time. Lexi managed to impress on the day and was the tournament leading goal scorer!

Learning outside the classroom

Y6 children and staff had a wonderful **residential trip** to PGL Marchants Hill. They climbed, leapt, hung, splashed and worked together as a team for three days. Many thanks to the staff who gave up their time to take them on the trip and who organised it over the preceding months. They have fond memories of their trip that will live with them for the rest of their lives.



Athletes shine in Lewes!

Nearly sixty children took part in the District Sports event at Lewes Leisure Centre. They ran hard, threw far and jumped high. So much so that they came away as the District champions! This is the first time in many years we have been champions and the children from Y3 to Y6 showed great sporting prowess. We have a large shield to add to the trophy cabinet and the children took home a hoard of medals. The relay teams did very well and both long distance and sprinters came home with golds. Roll on the Olympics!



Cricket

We sent two teams of girls to the Lewes area competition of the Sussex tournament. We had girls from Y4 to Y6 and they all played well. We qualified for the Sussex finals but unfortunately the date clashed with Sports Day. The players representing the school were: Ivy, Lara, Edie, Vera, Alisa, Sofija, Lexi, Iris, Emma, Hilda, Bea, Tilia, and Annie.

A Y5 & Y6 mixed team played a match on our field against LOGS. We had some fine bowling and batting and the sun shone! The players had been to cricket club over the term and narrowly lost in the end by six runs. The team was: Alfie, Ossie, Finley, Edie, Emma, Vera, Bertie, and Jack.

Music

Proms on the playground took place on Friday in lovely sunshine. Lewes, Glynde and Beddingham Brass Band played a fantastic set. The children recognised Nathaniel from the band as he had spent the spring term working with Y3/4 in their brass lessons. If your child is interested in playing a brass

instrument then they can join their sessions at All Saints and borrow an instrument for free! Look out for an email sent last week with more information.

Office News

After School Clubs info will come out at the very start of term. Look out for the email and access to our rich tapestry of enhanced provision.

Sadly Y6 Parents, your child will soon be leaving Southover School and moving on. Please can you check your ParentPay account and ensure all lunches have been paid for until the end of term and that your account balance is zero. Once your child leaves us you will not be able to access any monies left in your account.

Current Y2 Parents, your child will soon be moving up into Year 3 and the Government funding for their Universal Free School Lunch will cease. You will now need to pay in advance (daily/ weekly/ monthly or termly) if you wish for your child to have a school lunch. Payments for school lunches are made via a School 'ParentPay' account.

If you do not already have a Log in and Password for a 'ParentPay' account for your child, please email the school office and we will issue you with your personal log in details.

Once you have set up your account, details regarding allocating your money to lunches is available on our website. 'ParentPay' is our payment system that we also use for trips as you may already be aware.

If you think you may be entitled to a benefit-related free school lunch, please visit the link below for more information:

<https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/education-learning/schools/school-life/school-meals/free-school-meals>

Looking Ahead... INSET Days –Monday 2nd September and Wednesday 6th November.

Governors Update - *we all work together* —children, parents, staff, Trinity Church and the community.

A note from the Governing Board:

The governors would like to congratulate all the children on their achievements this year. They should all be proud and pleased with completing a successful year. We thank and recognise the hard work of our dedicated senior leadership team, teaching staff and all the support team in and around school.

We wish everyone a good summer break 🌻

Susi Pollard

Chair of Governors

Community News - *we all work together* —children, parents, staff, Trinity Church and the community.

Summer School Art Club 24

August 19th - 22nd 10-3pm

Ages 6-11 yrs £185

This year's Summer School Art Club is inspired by Japan.

We'll have new projects every day including calligraphy, mask making, manga, monsters, lanterns, textiles and lots more.

Email info@deborahmanson.co.uk for more information.

Keeping our children safe - a safe environment that meets the *needs of all children*.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/>

Support for parents

Whatever family life brings, we're here to help

We are continuously working to ensure the safety of our children. Please speak to the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) – Noel Fadden - if you have questions or concerns.

Visitors to the school cannot use mobile phones in the building (this includes outside the office) unless guided by staff to a suitable space. If you are entering the school building you must sign in at the office and receive a lanyard. This means you cannot take your child into class if late – please bring them to the office.

These are all part of our safeguarding procedures.

Yours sincerely,



Noel Fadden



NSPCC Website and Support

You may be interested in the support that the NSPCC can offer through their website at <http://www.nspcc.org.uk/> In the section on 'Keeping Children safe' they provide a range of information, advice, and child-friendly animations and activities covering areas such as e-safety, anti-bullying, social networking, safe relationships, advice on talking about difficult topics...and much more! They also run a helpline for parents for help and advice, as well as for reporting concerns about children.

Compliments, Comments, Concerns and Complaints! Have you got something positive you would like to say about the school, or a comment you would like to make? Have you got something which is concerning you or an issue need to complain about? If so, please let us know in person, by letter, by phoning the school office or by email. We have set up an email specifically for this which will be monitored only by the head and the Co-Chairs of Governors: cccc@southover.e-sussex.sch.uk

