

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

Southover CE Primary School

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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 May 2024

Dear Parents, Carers and the Community of Southover,

This term we have been thinking of the school value of Friendship. We have talked about the value of friends and how we can build strong ties with our actions. We have also looked at the Empowerment Approach (our approach to supporting behaviour) with children talking about their 5Cs and how practising leads to building strong neural pathways and being able to do things more easily. I demonstrated the difference between my piano playing and Jack's in Y5! (Jack has practised a lot more and this was clearly evident!)

Our new sports coach from Premier is Daniel Morley. He has settled in very well and runs PE sessions for KS2 as well as clubs at lunchtime and after school.

Congratulations to Ms Rea in the office, Ms Bryant and Mr Breese on the recent births of their children. The baby girls are all growing stronger and have proud parents looking after them. Mr Breese is back in school whilst Ms Rea and Ms Bryant enjoy their maternity leave. This is bucking the trend for births in Lewes where there are fewer than anticipated; we have spaces for EYFS for September if you know anyone looking for a great school.

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

Our swimming pool is opening next term and the sun will shine! The children will be swimming regularly and the progress and fun is easily seen. 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 and have sent out letters explaining this and asking for support. Swimming pools are expensive but a brilliant resource for our children. Please find the email if you haven't seen it. Volunteers (with a DBS) are great for helping with getting the children ready. Please let us know if you can help for a session.



HOW TO PAY:

Payment can be made via ParentPay or Bank transfer:

The Friends of Southover Primary School

NatWest

Account No: 42359074, Sort code : 60 13 09, Ref: Pool

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No Room for Racism workshop

Louis MacAndrew from Albion in the Community led workshops in all KS2 classes on inclusion and No Room for Racism. They children responded well and watched professional footballers talk about their experiences and how they can be allies of each other. Your child may come home talking about the workshops and hopefully will be more aware of the need to stand up to racism. Ask them about it and check out these resources. If they have questions you find hard to answer, you won't be the only one.



Listen to a BBC podcast with Dr Pragya Agarwal a renowned writer on this:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p07khskz>

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

Parent Carer SEND Forum

On 7th June at 2pm, we will be hosting a parent/carer meeting for parents with children with SEND. This will be led by the East Sussex Parent Carer Forum. This initial meeting will be a parent/carer led session to find out what more we can do to support you and your child. All welcome and more details to follow.

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

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) are proposing to 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.

A public consultation exercise will take place from Friday 10th May until Friday 31st May 2024.

Following a successful temporary School Street trial in 2021, East Sussex County Council has secured funding to deliver a School Street scheme using an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order.

The measures that are being proposed will take place on the following streets around Southover C of E Primary: Potters Lane, The Course, Cleve Terrace, St. Pancras Road, and Southover High Street. More details have been emailed separately and a map can be found in the noticeboard in the playground.

ESCC would be pleased to receive any comments you may have regarding the proposal by no later than Friday 31st May 2024 at 5.00 p.m. via the ESCC Citizen Space portal:

<https://consultation.eastsussex.gov.uk/economy-transport-environment/school-streets-design-southover>

Sustrans arranged for Dr Bike to visit to repair and tune up your bikes for free. They worked through the day on pupil and staff bikes. As the fine weather arrives, more cycling will be done and children will be learning good habits for life. Sustrans are also going to visit the school to talk about clean air and measure the pollution levels around school.



Mental Health & Wellbeing is important at Southover and this includes around 25 children accessing 1:1 counselling/therapy as well as our Empowerment Approach. We are also trying our best to look after staff wellbeing too. We want to send a big thank you to Miles and Hew from Harveys who gave the staff team a tour of the wonderful building. MDSAs, office staff, cleaners and the teaching staff enjoyed the educational evening!

Office News

Lunches - A reminder, if you pay for your child to have a school lunch (they currently cost £2.85), please can you ensure that you pre pay for lunch via your ParentPay online account. Lunches are to be paid for in advance and not in arrears. There is a function within your ParentPay account that enables an alert when your balance is running low. We would appreciate it if you can keep an eye on your lunch accounts and top them up when they are getting low.

Collection at the end of the day – in most cases, KS2 parents don't need to let the office or class teacher know of changes to pick up arrangements as long as their child knows.

After School Clubs - If your child is not attending a club please can you ensure that you have let the outside provider know. If it is a school run club please email or call the office to let us know so we can mark the club register accordingly. This saves us worrying at the end of the day trying to track children down.

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

Where has the year gone? It feels like a couple of weeks ago that we were welcoming new children into reception, and yet we are approaching the May school holiday. It has really raced by, and what a year it has been already. With forest school going from strength to strength, our year 6s through their SATs, school trips, themed days, and confirmation of our 'Good' OFSTED rating as some of the highlights. As we turn to the final term, I'm especially looking forward to the opening of the swimming pool, which has provided a life skill to so many of our children.

As governors, we have continued to support Noel Fadden and the leadership team via school visits, strategic direction and helping out in a range of school activities. Some of you might know that I recently decided to stand down as co-chair to focus on regular governor work, with my co-chair Susi Pollard now chairing the board solo. I wanted to take this opportunity to thank the whole team – and especially Susi and Noel - for all their support during my few years as chair, it was a real privilege.
Andrew Barnard

Library

We are planning to have another pre-school library session on Friday 14th June 9:00-9:30 where you can bring your pre-schoolers in to share a book and enjoy the library experience. This is a great opportunity for children to build familiarity with school. You are welcome to share this opportunity with friends and neighbours.



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

Music

It's been another musical term at Southover with Year 5 performing the ukulele brilliantly to their parents and all KS2 classes taking part in samba drumming workshops. KS2 also watched a demonstration from Create Music's flute, clarinet and saxophone teacher: please use this link if your child is interested in taking lessons: <https://createmusic.org.uk/for-children-and-young-people/lessons-at-school/>. The choir and orchestra performed after school to friends and family. They were wonderful! Thank you to Mrs Fenton, Ms Hayward-Tapp and Mr Spring. As one family messaged me: *'The kids clearly loved it but a massive takeaway for us was the close, family like atmosphere amongst the staff. Their passion is clearly infectious and they are role models to the children in such a wonderful way.'*

Chess

Congratulations to the chess club members who completed the Southover Annual Chess Tournament. They all received certificates and the top three: Edie, Amaya and Joseph have trophies for their

performance and Joseph was the overall champion with seven wins out of seven! Chess club continues on Tuesday lunchtimes with a very healthy number of boys and girls playing.

We love Reading!

Book Club regularly meet on a Friday morning in school and have been busy reading the six books for the East Sussex Book Awards. They have recently cast their votes for their chosen favourite. They enjoyed a visit to Wallands School to meet Stewart Foster where he talked all about his latest book and signed some of our copies too! They are hoping to attend the book awards celebration in June to see who the winner of the East Sussex Book Awards will be. Many thanks to Miss Hayward-Tapp, our English Lead and reading champion who runs the club and inspires our school!



Vibrant Learning at Southover

We have all been so proud of the determined way in which Year 6 tackled their SATs this week – they celebrated with a feast of fruit and an ice lolly at the end, and are now looking forward to the PATINA brainstorm and planning session as well as the excitement of STEM week. This term's highlights include an exciting visit from 'Beat Goes On' in which the children performed samba rhythms worthy of Rio itself! They have also received an inspiring, thought-provoking visit from Brighton and Hove Albion about 'No Room for Racism'.

They have produced some stunning writing in a range of genres including: passionate, persuasive writing supporting their choice of what should be consigned to Room 101; a detailed report about a newly discovered species of animal; gripping suspense writing that will have you on the edge of your seats. They have also made an extremely positive start on their end-of-year production – you're all in for a treat so please keep the evenings of Monday 15th and Tuesday 16th July free – all children will be needed on both evenings.

Year 5 have had a very busy Term 5: they have performed with their ukuleles; enjoyed playing samba rhythms with an ex-Stomp percussionist and received a talk from Brighton and Hove Albion about 'No Room for Racism'. They have also had a DT bonanza! They designed unique sock toys and perfected their running stitch and fastening on and off while making them. They then measured, sawed and assembled a wooden frame to build a Tudor house. In English, they have written thrilling sequels with dynamic dialogue and got to grips with explanation texts to explain how to use a Crumble electronic controller (our computing focus this term). In Geography, they have learned about the different landscapes of Greece and compared life in this Mediterranean country with life in the UK. To top it all, they designed mechanisms to launch a volley ball over a net in STEM week. Well done to the creative Nightingales!

Y3/4 have been making mini galleries! They have been thinking about how an object is seen when it is on a plinth. They really enjoyed their Brazil day, immersing themselves in all things carnival and learning all about life in Rio. They learned to play two instruments in a samba band with Feel the Beat and even had a mini carnival parade whilst the Year 6s played. They learned about the making of one of Brazil's most important exports - chocolate! They all enjoyed sampling some chocolate and comparing the different flavours.

In Y1/2 we have been learning all about plants. We started the term by exploring different seeds and guessing the plant that they grow into. We explored avocado, basil, lemon, sunflower and butternut squash seeds to name a few. After looking at how a plant grows we looked closely at the different parts of a plant; looking at the differences between the parts of a flower and the parts of a tree. As we continued our learning we went on to learn the difference between deciduous and evergreen trees. In our

classes, we went on a walk around the school to look for plants that have been planted by humans and plants that are wild. Afterwards we worked together to sort different plants into groups. Some of us grouped them by colour, shape or type. We are all looking forward to our STEM week, where we're excited to do even more science!

In Reception we have really enjoyed our Paws and Claws topic - we are now experts! We have explored different animals and their habitats and what they need to survive. We have learnt about dinosaurs and how they lived and finally minibeasts - what they are and where we might find them.

In Literacy we have spent time imitating and innovating the story 'The Little Green Dinosaur' and writing from a different perspective. We have continued to learn lots of new poems and develop our Maths skills, learning how to manipulate shapes and represent teen numbers.

Forest School at Southover

It is the turn of Kingfisher class next term to head off into the forest on a Wednesday. If you want to volunteer every Wednesday (and learn new skills) the please contact the office. The more adults we have, the more varied the activities can be.

Looking Ahead...

Half Term Premier Sports club – Tue 28th -Thur 30th

INSET Day –Monday 3rd June

Summer Fair – Saturday 15th June

District Sports (KS2) – Friday 28th June

Sports Day – Wednesday 10th July

Last Day of the Year – Tuesday 23rd July 1:15pm finish

Enrichment Clubs

Look out for the extensive clubs list we have for the summer term. Lunchtime clubs run in addition to these and include cricket and chess this term.

Homework Club will be running on Thursdays after school for most weeks. This is a great opportunity to get it done if working at home is difficult.

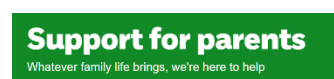
Summer School Art Club 24 August 19th -22nd 10-3pm Ages 6-11yrs £185

This year's Summer School Art Club is inspired by Japan. We'll have new projects everyday 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/>



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.

BABY BANK & BEYOND (South Wealden) CIC

Have you heard of a baby bank?

Baby banks collect pre loved baby & children's clothes, equipment & toys & pass them on to families in our community who need a little help.

We cover South Wealden, Eastbourne & Seaford.



If you can't afford the basics for your child & aren't sure where to turn, **we're here to help.**

CAN WE HELP YOU?

Please contact us confidentially:

Nicky@babybankbeyond.org
Text/Whatsapp: 07355 445502

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 Babybank.southwealden

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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

