



South View News

Mid-March 2018

Note from the Headteacher

Well, hasn't it been busy since I last wrote!

Our year 5 and 6 children were amazing at Young Voices at the beginning of February, we had two very successful Foundation Stage Coffee Mornings, we've had some class assemblies, the children managing 30 reads had their film afternoon, CADS put on an amazing performance in our school hall, we held a computing day, I turned 42 (I know...tell me about it ☺) we had 2 great FOSVA discos, we had 3 snow days, year 1 visited Tattershall Castle and we had a fantastic Mother's Day lunch.

Looking forward to seeing many parents this week for our consultation week, please feel free to pop in to me to have a chat if you have anything you'd like to discuss.



Note from the Chair of Governors

It was good to meet so many parents at the recent Parents' Evenings and I hope that you all enjoyed the experience of meeting staff members and looking through your children's work. It is important for governors that we hear your views of the school, so please complete a Parent View survey if you haven't already done so this year. You will be aware that we recently had two vacancies for the role of Parent Governor. We had two parents apply for this role, so both applicants were appointed without the need for an election. I'd like to welcome Mr G Wilkerson and Mr J Boland to the South View Governing Body.

It was lovely that so many South View Mums were able to join us for the Mothers' Day Lunch and I hope that you all enjoyed this. I'm sure you will appreciate how much work goes into organising this, so I'd like to thank all staff involved in this, but especially Mrs Blackbird who spent a huge amount of time making sure that this event was a success. Please do speak to me or any other governor if you have any questions regarding the work of the Governing Body, and have a very good Easter Holiday.



Note from the Chair of FOSV

It has been a busy term for the FOSV committee with another successful disco. A number of parents replied to our plea to help at the disco which made a massive difference so please do get in touch if you think you could help in the future. By volunteering at a disco, there is no pressure to join the committee, just an opportunity to see your child's dance moves in action while raising money for the school. You are all very welcome to join our facebook group "FOSV Event Volunteers" where we post details of any upcoming events that you may wish to help at too.

This term also saw the return of the ever popular mother's day pop up shop. It was clear that the children loved picking their own presents and indeed we hope you all enjoyed receiving them last weekend! We're now gearing up for the father's day pop up shop next term so keep an eye out for the flyer with details to follow after the holidays.

A huge thanks to everyone who has chosen Friends of South View as your co-op community champion - remember that you can choose us to receive your donation permanently at any time and all those pennies soon add up. If you need any help with switching or need more information, please do email me at friendsofsouthview@hotmail.com

We want to say thank you again to everyone for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you all soon, Gina



Snow Days

Thank you all for your positive comments on twitter, Crowland Chatter and other social media. It's often easy to give schools a hard time when they have to close as it often creates quite an inconvenience to working parents. It was really warming to see so many supportive comments from parents expressing their understanding of our decision. Closing a school is a decision we never take lightly and we always have the safety and well-being of the children and staff at the forefront of any decision made. Once again, thank you for your support!

I'm sure most have you have already worked out that the lovely Mrs Evans in Acorns class is expecting a baby and I'm sure you'll join us in congratulating her. Mrs Evans is likely to be commencing her maternity leave at May half term. We are currently looking for a suitable replacement teacher for the remainder of the academic year and will let parents know as soon as this is done.

Also at May half term we will be welcoming back Miss Atkinson, our reception Nursery Nurse, who is returning from her maternity leave. A big WELCOME BACK from all of us!

Our really sad news (but proud at the same time) is that we will be losing the amazing Miss Turner at the end of this academic year. Miss Turner has secured a position as ASSISTANT HEADTEACHER at a school in Cambridgeshire. Miss Turner will be sadly missed and a tough act to follow but I'm sure you will join us in wishing her well for her new career move. I'm sure she'll be amazing!

Parent View

Thank you to all the parents who have taken the time to complete an Ofsted Parent View Questionnaire recently. We now have more than 10 surveys completed which means that the information submitted is now visible. I am delighted to see that of all the surveys completed EVERY PARENT has said they would recommend South View to another parent. Thank you, it's always nice to hear when you think we're doing well!

Out of 20 surveys taken: these are the results:

1. *My child is happy at this school – 95% agree*
2. *My child feels safe at this school – 100% agree*
3. *My child makes good progress at this school - 95% agree*
4. *My child is well looked after at this school- 100% agree*
5. *My child is taught well at this school- 95% agree*
6. *My child receives appropriate homework for their age - 100% agree*
7. *This school makes sure its pupils are well behaved – 95% agree*
8. *This school deals effectively with bullying- 85% agree (or didn't know)*
9. *This school is well led and managed- 100% agree*
10. *This school responds well to any concerns I raise- 95% agree (or didn't know)*
11. *I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress- 85% agree (or didn't know)*
12. *Would you recommend this school to another parent? - 100% agree*

As we find all feedback useful in helping us improve our school, please speak to your child's class teacher if you have any concerns specifically over homework or progress information at Parent's Evening Appointments. This will then be fed back to the Senior Leadership Team who will make any necessary improvements.

Thank you for your valuable feedback!

Voluntary Contributions

For most school trips we send letters out to parents asking for voluntary contributions. This is to support us in being able to take the children out of school for valuable, first-hand learning experiences they may not get from within a classroom. Unfortunately we have almost had to cancel one or two trips as we did not receive enough voluntary contributions to cover the cost of the coaches, extra staffing etc but have managed to subsidise the remainder from school funds. Whilst this is possible for the occasional trip we are unable to subsidise every trip in this way so ask politely that a contribution is made as much as you are able. Thank you.

Returning reply slips and reading parentmail

If your child brings a letter home which requires a reply slip to be returned, please could you pop the hand in date in your phone/home calendar. This term we have had to send out duplicate (and in some cases triplicate) letters as we have needed the reply slip back urgently which is costing us quite a bit in photocopying. Thank you. Also, GENERALLY we send out EVERYTHING via ParentMail or Twitter. If you need information about something please check we haven't already given you this via either platform before asking the school office, this will reduce the queues at Mrs Blackbird's desk first thing every morning. Thank you.

Mother's Day

Wow! Wasn't it amazing! We're so glad to see so many smiling mums, we hope you spotted yourself on twitter (if your photo wasn't upload it's likely you had your eyes closed – sorry!) Thank you to FOSV for their mother's day stall...I was told by one dad in particular it 'saved him a job'. The gifts were fantastic and it gave our children that little bit of independence to choose a gift they thought their own mum would like.

Same again next year?

Dates for your diary:

19th March – World Book Day – dress up day
21st March – Odd and bright funky socks day to celebrate World Down Syndrome Day
21st March – After School Dance Tournament
22nd March – Chestnuts Class Assembly
22nd March – Y4 Caythorpe Meeting 5pm
23rd March – Sport Relief – dress down day – sports kit
26th March - Year 3 and 4 production to Parents 1:45 – 2:45
26th March – Year 6 SATS information Evening 5pm – 6pm (information to follow)
27th March – Year 3 out at Twycross Zoo
28th March – FOSVA Easter Egg Competition
28th March - Year 3 and 4 production to Parents 10am – 11am
28th March – Last day of term

Volunteers

If you have any spare time during the school day and you are able to come into school to support with reading or general bits and pieces, please contact us with your availability.

Singsation

Tickets for SINGSATION are selling fast! Go on to:

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/date/468203>

Tickets are only £8 and £4 concessions.

We've already started practising our songs, please encourage your year 5/6 child to access the materials on our website:

<http://www.southviewprimary.co.uk>

>Pupils Tab
>Pupils Secure Area

Username: pupil
Password: singsation



Lincolnshire Music Service

SINGSATION

Friday 25 May at 6pm
KingsGate Conference Centre,
Peterborough

Massed choir of 500 children from South Lincolnshire primary schools, directed by the internationally acclaimed **David Lawrence** and the **Young Voices Band** made up of some of the UK's leading musicians!

Featuring:
Mark Delisser, Vocal Coach for The Voice (ITV) and Pitch Battle (BBC),
and Singer-songwriter **Elliott Morris**.

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Scooters and Bikes on the playground

For the safety of the children please ensure that all children bringing in bikes, scooters etc DISMOUNT whilst on the playground area.

Attendance Phone calls

If your child is poorly please ensure you telephone school and let us know so that we don't need to phone you to check where they are. Also, if your child has a medical appointment, please bring in the medical appointment card so that we can take a copy for their file. Thank you

Free School Meals and Pupil Premium

Is your joint family income UNDER £16,190 per year? Are in receipt of any of the benefits listed below:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support from NASS (National Asylum Support Service) under part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on
- Universal Credit.

If so, you are very likely to be eligible to apply for Free School Meals. As well as this giving you the opportunity to provide your child/children with a hot meal every day, every successful application mean that the school receive an extra **£1,320** to support your child. This funding (Pupil Premium) is used to employ high quality staff, subsidise trips and events, purchase resources to support learning and ensure all pupils make good progress.

If you are ELIGIBLE to apply for free school meals PLEASE apply, EVEN IF YOUR CHILD PREFERS A PACKED LUNCH.
Please contact the school office if you require further details.

Raising Concerns

If at any point you feel it necessary to voice a concern about anything relating to your child, please make an appointment with your child's class teacher in the first instance. If you do not feel that the issue has resolved then the phase leaders are:

EYFS – Mrs Evans

KS1 – Mrs Gray

LKS2 – Miss Turner

UKS2 – Mrs Bell

Mrs Henderson (Deputy Headteacher) will be happy to have a further discussion with you but if you feel the issue remains unresolved then this will be referred to the head.

TWITTER

Twitter has really taken off this year! As twitter pings you an alert the minute a tweet has been posted we're finding this is a quick way of getting messages to you. We will of course always send out Parent Mails but found that on the snow days Twitter worked a treat! If you haven't got a twitter account please download the app on your phones and follow us if you are able. South View Twitter now has **251** of you following us! There is a twitter link on our school website homepage.

| ACADEMIC YEAR 2017-2018 | | ACADEMIC YEAR 2018-2019 | |
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| Term 1 | | Term 1 | Begins 4th September 2018 Ends 19th October 2018 |
| Term 2 | | Term 2 | Begins 30th October 2018 Ends 20th December 2018 |
| Term 3 | | Term 3 | Begins 7th January 2019 Ends 15th February 2019 |
| Term 4 | Ends 28th March 2018 | Term 4 | Begins 25th February 2019 Ends 5th April 2019 |
| Term 5 | Begins 16th April 2018 Ends 25th May 2018 | Term 5 | Begins 23rd April 2019 Ends 24th May 2019 |
| Term 6 | Begins 4th June 2018 Ends 20th July 2018 | Term 6 | Begins 3rd June 2019 Ends 19th July 2019 |
| | TRAINING DAYS (No school for children) 4th September 2017 30th October 2017 2nd January 2018 29th March 2018 One day over academic year as twilight sessions | | TRAINING DAYS (No school for children) 3rd September 2018 29th October 2018 4th January 2019 8th April 2019 One day over academic year as twilight sessions |

“Hand in hand we learn together”