



South View News

January 2017

Note from the Headteacher

What a busy start to the year already and this term is flying by. If any parents are planning holidays (during school holidays of course) the school term dates for the next 2 academic years are on our website now. Please ensure any planned holidays are taken when the children are not at school anyway to ensure their attendance remains at a good level.

Thank you to all the parents who have sent in forms already for our breakfast club, having been asked for this facility I'm glad to see it's looking to be well attended.

Communication

If you need to pass on any quick messages to your child's class teacher in the morning (feeling a bit icky, forgotten their snack, something on their mind etc.) Mrs Strickland and I are always outside and are more than happy to pass these messages on. If there's something that requires a little more detail then please feel free to ask Mrs Blackbird in the front office to telephone down to the classroom. Obviously at the end of the day the teachers are a little more flexible for the odd 'quick five minutes' but if you need some quality time for a more in depth conversation then the office staff are happy to help organise a meeting with your child's teacher.

J M Tomlins

Dates for your diaries:

- 2nd Feb – 6 School Representatives - Trip to Parliament
- 2nd Feb - Beeches Class Assembly
- 6th Feb – E-Safety Week
- 9th Feb – Aspens Class Assembly
- 9th Feb – KS1 Dance Club Cresset Dance Performance (Evening)
- 10th Feb – Last Day of Half Term
- 20th Feb – Children back to school
- 22nd Feb – 9-10 SEN coffee Morning
- 22nd Feb – NSPCC in to talk to parents
- 23rd Feb – Year 5 out at Space Centre
- 24th Feb – FOSV Movie Night (3:15 p.m. start)
- 28th Feb – Late Parent Evening (4:30 – 7:00 p.m.)
- 1st March – NSPCC in to speak to KS1 and Lower KS2
- 1st March – Early Parent Evening (3:30 – 6:00 p.m.)
- 9th March – NSPCC in to speak to upper KS2
- 14th March – School Group Photos – 9 a.m. start
- 18th March – FOSV Auction Night (Legion)
- 22nd March – Sing Up Day!
- 23rd March – Chestnuts Class Assembly
- 24th March – Red Nose Day
- 24th March – Mother's Day Lunch
- 24th March – FOSV in library selling 'Gifts to celebrate Mother's Day'
- 29th March – SEN coffee Morning
- 30th March – Easter Service led by Year 3 and 4
- 31st March - FOSV Easter Egg competition

Young Voices

What an amazing day! I am delighted to say that the children made me really proud, their behaviour was impeccable and their participation in the event was fantastic. I'm sure the parents who came along will agree, it was an incredible experience for all involved. I'd like to also say a big thank you to the teachers who have practised the songs with the children and offered to accompany them to the venue. It was a long day but we all had a great time.

Roll on Young Voices 2018 – we have already registered our interest!!!

Your Child's Progress

This year we have brought in a new tracking system at South View. As you were probably informed last academic year, the government decided to abandon 'Levels' as we knew them (your '2As, 3Cs, 4Bs' etc) and replaced them simply with End of Year expectations that children either are emerging into, are developing, are secure with, or are exceeding (and are therefore mastering the objectives through deeper learning). Most schools have found this change of mindset quite a challenge as leaders have had to think of ways to evidence progress without the level system. At your child's consultation at Parent's Evening we will be letting you know:

- a. whether we feel your child is on track to meet the end of year expectations based on their learning so far
- b. what your child is doing well
- c. what your child needs to do to improve and the support we are giving them.
- d. what you could do at home to support their learning.

School Update from Governors

Over the last 4 years South View has suffered a decline in our KS2 results. Last summer's SATs results in particular left the school with a set of new challenges. As a result of recent government measures, we have been informed that our school now meets a 'Coasting School' definition, which Mrs Tomlins and Governors had already anticipated.

The Department for Education has recently written to us to explain the implications of being a 'coasting school' and to ask for our assurance that we are acting swiftly to put measures in place to make rapid improvements. We are confident that the work governors, the head teacher, new senior leadership team and staff are doing is addressing the issues raised, and can give assurance that we, as a team, are working tirelessly to make the necessary improvements to our school. We would like to thank parents for their continuing support while improvements to the school continue to be made.

Reading Books

Many of you have noticed that the children have got brand new reading scheme books coming home. We are currently in the process of introducing our new reading scheme to all the children across the school, which use colour bands rather than the stage numbers. You may find that some of your children have previously been on different stages or even free readers but are now reading the schemes books. We have invested in a larger range of quality reading books that now go up to Year 7 readers, which will enable your child to experience classic titles and vary the authors that they choose. If you have any queries about your child's reading books please speak to their class teacher.

Staffing

Unfortunately, for personal reasons, Mrs Rhodes has made the decision to leave South View School with immediate effect. The class will be taught by Miss B Hall, an experienced Year 1 teacher.

Raising Boys' Achievement

Thank you to all the parents who attended the 'Raising Boys' Achievement training this month. It was encouraging to see so many parents engaged in the session, we hope Gary's outlook has left you feeling refreshed!

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 Holmes
- KS1 – Miss Biddlecombe
- LKS2 – Miss Turner
- UKS2 – Miss Bell

Miss Barrett (Deputy Headteacher) or Mrs Davis (Assistant 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.

We welcome visitors to our school. We will act to ensure it remains a safe place for pupils, staff and

other members of our community. If visitors use intimidating or threatening language towards members of staff, they may be asked to leave the building.

Self Harm Talk for Parents

Wednesday 15th March 2017, Start 10:45 for 11:00 Finish at 12:00

South Holland Centre, Market Place, Spalding, PE11 1SS

LPCF warmly welcomes parents to a Self Harm Awareness workshop presented by Nicola Wickstead, a qualified counsellor and psychotherapist with CASY counselling. This event is supported by Comic Relief funding. Registered Parent Carers – Free, Non-registered parent carers £10 (Register free on the Website www.lincspcf.org.uk)

Free School Meals and Pupil Premium

If, due to your circumstances, you are eligible for Free School Meals, please could we ask that you complete the application irrespective of whether you intend to take up the meal. Successful Free School Meal Applications bring in much needed funding for our school which we use to support the children. Thank you.

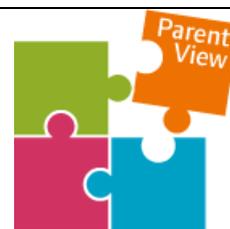
Milk

Please can we ask that any parents who would like their child to have milk in school that they return the milk order form and payment by the 6th February.

Late orders will NOT be processed!

Ofsted ParentView

Parent View gives you the chance to tell Ofsted what you think about South View Primary School as we are **NOW**, from the quality of teaching to dealing with bullying and poor behaviour. The survey can be completed at any time; you don't have to wait until the school is being inspected.



Click 'Give your views' to register and complete a survey to help your child's school improve.

We NOW have over 10 surveys completed so our results are now visible. Thank you to those parents who have completed their survey.

TWITTER

South View is now on Twitter and we already have **92** of you following us! I hope the quick notes we tweet are helping to improve communication with you. There is a twitter link on our school website homepage. Please download the app on your phones and follow us if you are able.



✂	ACADEMIC YEAR 2016—2017		ACADEMIC YEAR 2017-2018
Term 1		Term 1	Begins 5th September 2017 Ends 20th October 2017
Term 2		Term 2	Begins 31st October 2017 Ends 19th December 2017
Term 3	Ends 10th February 2017	Term 3	Begins 3rd January 2018 Ends 9th February 2018
Term 4	Begins 20th February 2017 Ends 31st March 2017	Term 4	Begins 19th February 2018 Ends 28th March 2018
Term 5	Begins 18th April 2017 Ends 26th May 2017	Term 5	Begins 16th April 2018 Ends 25th May 2018
Term 6	Begins 5th June 2017 Ends 19th July 2017	Term 6	Begins 4th June 2018 Ends 20th July 2018
	TRAINING DAYS (No school for children) 1st & 2nd September 2016 31st October 2016 3rd January 2017 20th July 2017		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

“Hand in hand we learn together”