



South View News

February 2017

Note from the Headteacher

Welcome back after what seemed like a very short half term holiday. My own children (13 and 12) are on half term THIS week, so no doubt I'll go home to find empty Supernoodle and crisp packets everywhere, and find they've not left their tablet screens (head teachers have these problems too!)

As you can probably tell from the box below, despite this only being a 6 week half term, we've really packed it all in! We've got movie nights, performances, workshops as well as Parent's Evenings and Class Assemblies.

Here's looking forward to making some more South View memories this term.

J M Tomlins

Dates for your diaries:

- 20th Feb – Children back to school
- 22nd Feb – NSPCC in to talk to parents
- 23rd Feb – Year 5 out at Space Centre
- 24th Feb – FOSV Movie Night (3:15 start)
- 28th Feb – Late Parent Evening (4:30 – 7:00)
- 1st March – NSPCC in to speak to KS1 and Lower KS2
- 1st March – Early Parent Evening (3:30 – 6:00)
- 9th March – NSPCC in to speak to upper KS2
- 10th March – KS2 Singing Workshops all day and parents/staff workshop 3:30 – 4:30
- 14th March – School Group Photos – 9am 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 – SEND coffee Morning
- 30th March – Easter Service led by Year 3 and 4
- 31st March - FOSV Easter Egg competition
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NSPCC

On WEDNESDAY 22nd FEBRUARY at 9am, we will be hosting a parents information morning in the Children's Centre Room. This will be run by a member of the NSPCC School's Team and is designed to support parents in being able to **keep children safe online**. Online gaming and apps will be covered and information about what these programs can and cannot do will be shared. If you have ANY worries about how to keep your children safe or would simply like to learn more about how to change your settings etc

No need to book – just turn up!

YV YOUNG VOICES

KS2 Singing Workshops

As the children gained so much from their Young Voices experience this year, South View have been successful in securing a Singing Day with Mr David Lawrence, principal conductor of Young Voices, who will be visiting South View for the day on Friday 10th March to conduct a day of singing workshops with the children.

I'm sure the Year 5 and 6 children will enjoy working with David again



and that he will inspire the year 4 and 3 children for their trips to Young Voices in the next 2 years!

David has kindly agreed to sing with **staff and parents** from **3:30 until 4:30**, so feel free to pop along and join in, no previous singing experience necessary (I'm sure David can make us sing like angels by 4:30!) We're happy for you to drop your child/children at the after school club that day for an hour **FREE OF CHARGE** to enable you to come. After School Booking slots sheets will be sent out soon.

Your Child's Progress/Parent Consultation Evenings

Parent Consultation Evenings are on 28th Feb – Late Parent Evening (4:30 – 7:00) and 1st March – Early Parent Evening (3:30 – 6:00).

Booking online for your slots will be opening shortly!

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.

Year 6 Parliament Trip

Just to clarify: The recent trip to the Houses of Parliament by members of the school council was part of a Cluster Event held across approx. 10 primary schools in our area. This trip was NOT to replace the Year 6 trip that South View makes to the Houses of Parliament but would have been in addition to this as an initial event bringing our local School Councils together.

Unfortunately this year the Year 6 Parliament Trip has not gone ahead simply because we were unable to book places for this and funding to subsidise the trip was no longer available (it's quite an expensive one!) The year 6 teachers have decided to take the children instead to Stibbington for an Evacuation Day which ties in with their history topic. Having been to one of these at Stibbington before I know they will have an amazing learning experience.

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.

Breakfast Club

South View now runs a small breakfast club. If you feel your child may benefit from attending this club, please enquire about places through our school office.

Ofsted ParentView - Thank you to those parents who have completed their Parent View Survey online.

1. *My child is happy at this school – 100% agree (or didn't know)*
2. *My child feels safe at this school – 100% agree (or didn't know)*
3. *My child makes good progress at this school - 86% agree (or didn't know)*
4. *My child is well looked after at this school- 93% agree (or didn't know)*
5. *My child is taught well at this school- 86% agree (or didn't know)*
6. *My child receives appropriate homework for their age - 72% agree (or didn't know)*
7. *This school makes sure its pupils are well behaved – 93% agree (or didn't know)*
8. *This school deals effectively with bullying- 93% agree (or didn't know)*
9. *This school is well led and managed- 93% agree (or didn't know)*
10. *This school responds well to any concerns I raise- 86% agree (or didn't know)*
11. *I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress- 72% agree (or didn't know)*
12. *Would you recommend this school to another parent? - 86% 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 your Parent Evening Appointment. This will then be fed back to the Senior Leadership Team who will make any necessary improvements. With the assessment system we now have in place, the information you receive this term should be more valuable and give you a more accurate picture of your child's strengths and the areas in which they need further support. Thank you for your valuable feedback!

TWITTER

South View Twitter now has **96** of you following us! We 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.



World Book Day – Thursday 2nd March

Just to clarify, we would like the children to create their own book character and attend school in a costume of their choice (with mask). If your child has not got a costume or would simply like to wear the mask then normal clothes are fine!

✂	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		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”