



# South View News

September 2016

## Welcome Back!

I hope you've had a wonderful break with your youngsters (I know I have – my two dragged me to the Lido in Peterborough as soon as there was a sniff of sunlight!)

Inevitably, where a school has a new headteacher, there tends to be a few changes to follow. That being said, I think that this is a fantastic opportunity for you to let me know of any traditions at South View you'd like to keep and things you might like to see changed, tweaked or say goodbye to altogether! Please feel free to send your thoughts in.

Mrs J Tomlins  
Headteacher

## Achievement Assemblies

As a parent myself I know how important it is for your child to have you there when they receive an award. Achievement Assemblies will now take place from 9am-9:30 every Friday morning. Parents of children receiving an award will receive a **Parentmail alert** or **phonecall** by 12noon the day before. I appreciate this is short notice for some but the achievements are earned from Monday to Thursday. We look forward to seeing our first set of invited parents on **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September**.

## Class Assemblies and Performances

I'm keen to continue the excellent work that has been done on children's performances at South View as there are so many talented children here! In order that your child isn't lost in a large production we will be introducing a traditional **class assembly**. These will take place on Thursday's between 9 and 9:20 a.m. with parents invited to stay behind for a cup of tea and a biscuit before the children go back to class.

	<b>Class Assemblies – Autumn Term</b>	<b>Productions (Dates and arrangements to follow)</b>
Term 1a	Year 6 Class Assembly (Redwoods/M Webb) Year 6 Class Assembly (Oaks/L Walsham) Year 5 Class Assembly (Laurels/H Barrett+S Staples)	Harvest Festival ( <b>All children</b> ) – IN SCHOOL Led By Mr Brown 9:00 – 9:30 (Parents invited to Join)
Term 1b	Year 5 Class Assembly (Elms/W Whitton) Year 4 Class Assembly (Poplars/G Turner) Year 4 Class Assembly (Junipers/S Speechley)	<b>Foundation/KS1</b> Christmas Productions AM/Evening to Parents  Christingle Service/ Carol Singing ( <b>All children</b> ) – In Abbey (Parents invited to Join)
Term 2a	Year 3 Class Assembly (Aspens/A Graham) Year 3 Class Assembly (Beeches/S Bell)	
Term 2b	Year 2 Class Assembly (Willows/S Frith) Year 2 Class Assembly (Chestnuts/D Hutton)	Easter Service Led by <b>Years 3 and 4</b> - In Abbey 9:30 – KS1 and YR3/4 parents 11:am – Yr5/6 and Parents
Term 3a	Year 1 Class Assembly (Hazels/C Davis+C Evans) Year 1 Class Assembly (Maples/J Rhodes)	
Term 3b	Foundation Class Assembly (Acorns/D Holmes) Foundation Class Assembly (Catkins/S Elliot)	Music Extravaganza ( <b>All children</b> )  <b>Year 6 Leaver's Assembly – Year 6 lead, Year 5 support</b>

Dates for each performance are to follow.

“Hand in hand we learn together”

### Homework

I'm a firm believer that, although homework is valuable, it shouldn't become a chore that causes friction for families at home. It can also increase teacher workload to the point that teaching in the classroom could suffer. To help us all manage homework better the staff and I will be discussing homework this week and will update the school homework policy together. As a result, homework will commence the **week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> September**.

### 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.

### Friends of South View

The PTA at South View are integral in raising funds for school projects. They are currently looking to recruit new members to support fundraising for the school. The committee will be restructured in September to form 2 sub committees. The first committee will be strategic in planning events, attending meetings, liaising with the school and managing the organisation of projects. The second committee will consist of parents who are able to offer their time simply to help at the organised events. I am meeting with members of the FOSV committee this week and a letter to all parents will follow.

### Governor Elections

Governor Elections will be held shortly. If you think you have a skillset that may help move our school forward we look forward to hearing from you. Please look out for nomination forms being sent home.

### Ofsted

The school was last inspected in November 2012, which means that we are expecting an Ofsted inspection within the coming year. Parents are encouraged to give their views of the school on the Ofsted Parent View site, this gives the inspectors an indication of how you feel the school manages issues such as behaviour, teaching and learning, progress etc.

### Behaviour

This week the children will be introduced to a few changes regarding behaviour in school. The teachers and I are implementing a new system where the children are given more ownership of their behaviour, and will be creating themed charts in their room. We have opted for a more consistent approach that can be rolled out in every classroom, so that all children are clear about what we expect from them. We've said goodbye to 'Golden Time' (too much teaching time being lost) and 'Marbles in a Jar' so that children who behave well do not lose out if their classmates make the wrong behaviour choices. Please ask your child about their class chart.

### TWITTER

South View is now on Twitter! I have created a link on the homepage of our website so that staff are able to tweet work, photos and snippets of what their classes are doing across the week. We will also use this to send out quick reminders. Please download the app on your phones and follow us if you are able, I'm sure it'll support (but not replace) our lines of communication. I look forward to counting our followers this evening and tweeting how our first day went.

ACADEMIC YEAR 2016—2017		ACADEMIC YEAR 2017-2018	
Term 1	Begins 5th September 2016 Ends 21st October 2016	Term 1	Begins 5th September 2017 Ends 20th October 2017
Term 2	Begins 1st November 2016 Ends 20th December 2016	Term 2	Begins 31st October 2017 Ends 19th December 2017
Term 3	Begins 4th January 2017 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
<b>TRAINING DAYS</b> (No school for children) <b>1st &amp; 2nd September 2016</b> <b>31st October 2016</b> <b>3rd January 2017</b> <b>20th July 2017</b>		<b>TRAINING DAYS</b> will be notified as soon as possible.	

## SCHOOL MEALS

Menus for September went live from 25th July.

Please remember to place your order by midnight on a Tuesday for the following week.

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

Don't forget to order your school uniform online now by going to the school website [Southviewprimary.co.uk](http://Southviewprimary.co.uk), then select the 'Parents' tab and scroll down to School Uniform Orders—this will take you direct to the online shop with Total Clothing.

Please remember that you can also visit their school shop at No 9 Botolph Trading Estate, Oundle Road, Peterborough PE2 9QP