



South View News

January 2018

Note from the Headteacher

Thank you to all the mums and dads who have supported the school this year so far, it's really encouraging to hear such positive feedback about our school. If you could see your way clear to popping your thoughts onto Parent View that would be much appreciated! <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

We would very much love to see more parents in school helping to support learning so if anyone wishes to volunteer please give us a call.

Mrs Tomlins



Note from the Chair of Governors

On behalf of the Governing Body I'd like to wish you all a Happy New Year. We have recently appointed two new members to the governing body – Mrs Heather Beeken and Mr Simon Deeks. Mrs Beeken has recently retired from a thirty year career in education, the last twelve as a Primary School Headteacher, and brings a wealth of experience to South View. Some of you may remember her as a teacher at South View in the 1990s. Mr Deeks spent twenty years teaching in a secondary school as a history teacher, including some time as an Assistant Head. During the last year he has spent some time at South View volunteering in KS2. I'm sure you'll join me in welcoming them to South View.



Note from the Chair of FOSV

After a lovely break over Christmas the FOSV committee are back in full swing getting ready for the year ahead. Upcoming fundraising events include the Mother's Day pop up shop and the second school disco of the year so keep an eye out for the flyers with details of these soon.

There's still time to volunteer to help out at the disco so please do get in touch if you could spare a couple of hours on Friday 23rd February. If you aren't available for this one but want to be kept up to date with events you can help with in the future, please do join our Facebook group "FOSV event volunteers" where we put details of events we need help at but there is absolutely no obligation!

As a result of your generosity over the Christmas period, FOSV has been able to fund lots of items for school this term including some baby chicks for foundation stage to watch hatch and two lecterns and a laptop for the stage. We're also working hard behind the scenes to get the South View Secret Garden up and running for spring time so watch this space!

Thanks as always for your continued support and generosity.

See you all soon,

FOSV Committee



WANTED!

Donations of uniform, fancy dress costumes, Christmas Jumpers, Play costumes (Shepherds/angels/donkeys etc). Buttons, wallpaper rolls, kitchen roll tubes, boxes, musical instruments, books, magazines.
Thank you

Roblox – Online Safety

There have been concerns raised on Facebook over the online game Roblox. More information can be obtained via this website:

<https://www.somersetlive.co.uk/news/somerset-news/police-issue-warning-parents-childrens-1136224>

Safety Issue

For your information, Amazon has removed a product labelled "Magnetic Putty" over fears it contains dangerously high levels of arsenic. The product was tested and was found to contain seven times the permitted amount of the poison. If you have purchased any of this

Sponsor Mrs Strickland!

South View Primary School are looking to update our school library. New books help our children learn and progress and keeping up to date with fresh and exciting reading material is essential. So, with that in mind, in April MRs Strickland is taking part in the Loch Ness Etape, a 66 mile cycling event around Loch Ness. We are hoping with your help and generous donations to be able to raise enough funds to expand and stock our library to its full capacity. By doing this, every child in school will have a chance to access and source vast range of reading materials. Please see Mrs Strickland's 'Just Giving page' to donate.

www.gofundme.com/books-for-south-view-school-library

Thanking you in anticipation for your donations, big or small, all are very welcome. Who knows? Maybe we will be able to buy enough books to fill 66 miles!

Lates

Just as a quick reminder, children need to be in their seats ready for the register being called by 8:55! Doors open at the front of school at 8:40 which should give children plenty of time to put away their lunches and bags and be ready to begin their day. Thank you.

Mother's Day

Please keep your eyes peeled for the Mother's Day Parentmail with details of the event. We'd like to take the opportunity that, due to the size of the hall and nature of the event that this is specifically for MUMS. If for any reason mum is unable to attend children are allowed to invite 1 SIGNIFICANT FEMALE i.e. Gran, Auntie but we are unable to offer more than one place. This will be the same arrangement for Father's day lunch.

Dates for your diary:

2nd February – Year 5 and 6 to Young Voices

9th February – End of half term

19th February – Children back to school

23rd February – School discos 3-4 Foundation and KS1, 4:30 – 5:30 KS2

27th February – 4:30 – 7:30 Parent's Consultation Evening

28th February – Year 3 and 4 out at Skegness, to see BBC Concert Orchestra Performance

28th February 3:40 – 6:00 – Parent's Evening

7th March – FOSV Meeting 6:30

9th March – Mother's Day Lunch

13th March – School Photographer – Group Shots

27th March – Year 3 out at Twycross Zoo

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

In May 2018, South View will be leading the singing at an event, to be held at Kingsgate Community Church in Peterborough. We will be part of a massed choir of year 5 and 6 children from our local cluster of schools. Children will be practising the pieces between now and May and we will let you know when tickets are available to purchase.



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 Letters

Many parents will be aware that we have been sending out letters regarding school attendance. If you require any support to improve your child's attendance please contact Mrs Henderson.

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

South View Twitter now has **195** 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.

	ACADEMIC YEAR 2017-2018		ACADEMIC YEAR 2018-2019
Term 1		Term 1	Begins 4 th September 2018 Ends 19 th October 2018
Term 2		Term 2	Begins 30 th October 2018 Ends 20 th December 2018
Term 3	Ends 9th February 2018	Term 3	Begins 7 th January 2019 Ends 15 th February 2019
Term 4	Begins 19th February 2018 Ends 28th March 2018	Term 4	Begins 25 th February 2019 Ends 5 th April 2019
Term 5	Begins 16th April 2018 Ends 25th May 2018	Term 5	Begins 23 rd April 2019 Ends 24 th May 2019
Term 6	Begins 4th June 2018 Ends 20th July 2018	Term 6	Begins 3 rd June 2019 Ends 19 th July 2019
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“Hand in hand we learn together”