



South View News

December 2016

Note from the Headteacher

What an exciting term we've had! I'd like to say a very big thank you to all parents and staff for bearing with the many changes we've undertaken this term; new behaviour policy, new systems for teachers to mark and feedback, some new teachers/structures, new homework, changes to assemblies and parent consultation evenings, to list just a few.

I've thoroughly enjoyed my first full term here as Head Teacher and am excited for the coming Spring Term.

I hope you all have a great Christmas with your families and we look forward to seeing you back on Wednesday 4th January.

Merry Christmas!

J M Tomlins

Dates for your diaries:

3rd Jan – Staff Training Day

4th Jan – Children back to school

17th Jan – 'How to support our boys' – Speaker Gary Wilson to speak to parents 7pm – 8pm

20th Jan – Years 5 and 6 to O2 Arena for 'Young Voices'

24th Jan – FOSV Meeting 7pm

25th Jan – SEN Coffee Morning 9-10

2nd Feb – School Council Trip to Parliament

2nd Feb – Beeches Class Assembly

6th Feb – E-Safety Week

9th Feb – Aspens Class Assembly

10th Feb – Last Day of Half Term

20th Feb – Children back to school

Sad Goodbyes and Warm Welcomes...

At Christmas the children and staff will sadly be saying goodbye to Mrs Frith who is moving on to pastures new. I'm sure you will join us in wishing her well.

In January, Willows will be taught by Mrs S Gray who the children have already met over the past few weeks. Mrs Gray is excited to be joining the staff here at South View.

Ukulele Donation

South View would like to send a huge THANK YOU to Mr Clarey for his kind donation of £300 towards a class set of Ukuleles. Mr Clarey kindly donated money to our school after being so impressed with the Juniper Class's performance recently, and learning that the lessons were soon to cease. We are now able to continue these lessons using our own staff and instruments!

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 Miss Barratt (Deputy Headteacher) or Mrs Davis (Assistant Headteacher) will be happy to have a further discussion with you. 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.

Helping Our Boys Succeed!

In January, South View has invited a speaker to the school to talk to teachers, support staff, governors and then parents on how best to support our boys to achieve. Teachers from a number of schools will be coming to South View to hear **Mr Gary Wilson** talk about negative labelling of boys, boys and emotional intelligence, developing language and literacy skills (with a particular focus on boys and writing), attitudes to boys and the way we talk to them, getting rid of peer pressure, what parents can do and much more. Gary has written a number of books on this subject.

The session for parents is on the evening of 17th January (confirmation of times to follow). The school will provide a **FREE CRECHE** to enable parents to attend. We would like as many parents to attend as possible (**especially dads!**) This event will be **FREE of charge**, and there will be a raffle ticket given to all attendees with a copy of some of Gary's books and goodies as a prize.

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.

FOSV

A huge THANK YOU to the Friends of South View who have worked tirelessly to fundraise for the school this term. The children have enjoyed a number of organised evenings. Thanks for all your support in putting on such amazing events!

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.

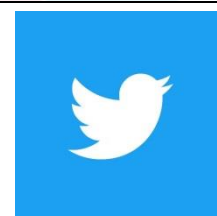
Click 'Give your views' to register and complete a survey to help your child's school improve.

At the moment, results for this year so far will not show until we have a minimum of 10 surveys completed. Please help us improve the school by giving us some much needed feedback.



TWITTER

South View is now on Twitter and we already have **88** 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, I'm sure it'll support (but not replace) our lines of communication.



WANTED

We are currently planning to improve our outdoor area in the Foundation Stage and would like some eager volunteers to help us make some raised beds and mud kitchens! If any parents or grandparents have any carpentry skills they would like to put to good use, or if any families are revamping their kitchens and have a spare sink floating around, please let us know!

PIANO LESSONS

Piano lessons next term will start on Tuesday 10th January and there will be 10 of them, with the last one being on 21st March.

If you are interested in your child having piano lessons, please contact Mrs Danina Stefan direct on either 07980204591 or email: ninastephan7@gmail.com. Flyers are available from the School Reception.

CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION COSTUMES

Now the manic rush of Christmas productions has finished for this year, please can we ask you to consider what happens with your child's costume – especially if this was their last Christmas production in KS1 or that it will no longer fit. The school would welcome any donations, to help us build up a Christmas production wardrobe for future years.

SCHOOL BOOK FAIR

The amount raised at our recent book fair was a brilliant £594.04. The school receive a percentage of this amount to purchase books for our library.

School Uniform

Don't forget to order your school uniform online now by going to the school website 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

PHOTOGRAPHS & FILMING

Please note, any photographs or filming taken of your child should be for home use only and **SHOULD NOT** be placed on social media or the internet **if any other child other than your own can be seen**. Please can you ensure that any such photos etc. are taken down if you have already uploaded any showing other children. This is for safeguarding reasons.

HEAD LICE

Please can we ask that over the next few days ALL families check for head lice – this includes all family members. Please be vigilant of these 'visitors' and treat them as soon as possible.

	ACADEMIC YEAR 2016—2017		ACADEMIC YEAR 2017-2018
Term 1		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
	TRAINING DAYS (No school for children) 1st & 2nd September 2016 31st October 2016 3rd January 2017 20th July 2017		TRAINING DAYS will be notified as soon as possible.

“Hand in hand we learn together”

