

SOUTHDOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER APRIL 2025



We've only had 11 days in April but as always we've managed to squeeze in so much -the sunshine has helped too! I must say that a highlight of April has been the parent engagement activities that the Year 1/2 classes and Year 4 have arranged this week. Parent partnership is important to us so it has been lovely to see so many of you in school, finding out more about all the wonderful things that your children are learning about.

STAFF UPDATE

As the term ends it is time to say goodbye and thank you to Mrs Ellison. We are so grateful to Mrs Ellison for all of her hard work in both Year 2 and Year 3 over the past 18 months. We wish her well and hope she keeps in touch! With Mrs Ellison leaving this means that we will be welcoming Mrs Hollinrake back from her maternity leave, and I know she is looking forward to getting back into classroom and getting to know Year 3.

FRIENDS OF SOUTHDOWN

Another thank you to Mrs Davies and the Friends of Southdown for arranging a wonderful Easter Bingo. It was a great success and we managed to raise £608.85 -this money has nearly already been spent as we are adding to our trim trail and have bought some additional picnic benches.

SCHOOL DISCO

Friends of Southdown are kindly organising our first school disco for a while. It will be on Thursday 1st May for Years 1-6 The disco will take place over 3 time slots:

- Year 1 & 2 – 3:15pm – 4pm*
- Year 3 & 4 – 4:15pm – 5pm
- Year 5 & 6 – 5:15pm – 6pm

Tickets are available to purchase via the School Gateway, £3 per child. This will include a hot dog and drink (please let us know if your child has any dietary requirements or allergies)

* Year 1 and 2 can bring their disco clothes to school and they can get changed in school at the end of the day.

SCHOOL NEWS

- Year 1 and 2 enjoyed their visit to Bistre Church. Also thank you to Jackie Davies and Pam Parry from Buckley Jubilee Committee who came to school to talk to the children about the history of the Jubilee.
- Thank you again to Rev Chris for allowing us to hold our Easter 'Together Time' at church this morning.
- Singing Club gave a wonderful performance in Phase 1 and 2s assembly.
- Congratulations to the girls football team who had lots of fun at the Fox Parry competition -they were a real credit to the school.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Another reminder about the correct school uniform. Jumpers/Cardigans should be red, either bought through school with the logo on or a plain one from another provider is fine. School hoodies should only be worn for PE days and/or Outdoor Learning days. Shoes such as Converse, Crocs and UGGs are not suitable footwear for school. School footwear should be plain black shoes with laces or Velcro/buckles for those younger children who have not learnt to tie their laces yet.

ATTENDANCE

You will receive your termly colour coded attendance letter today. This will show your child's overall attendance for both Autumn and Spring Term. Our school target continues to be 93% and overall as of today we are at 93.25% as a whole school. This is great news and we appreciate all of your support in making sure that your child's attendance is good. If you do need any support with any attendance matters please let us know.

DATES

- Monday 28th April: Back to school
- Tuesday 29th April: Swimming Gala
- Thursday 1st May: School Disco
- Monday 5th May: Bank Holiday, School Closed
- Thursday 8th May: School Photographs -full school uniform only
- Thursday 8th May: Year 1 & 2 school trip to Erddig
- 14th to 16th May: Year 6 PGL Boreatton Park
- 21st May to 23rd May: Year 4 Plas Menai
- Friday 23rd May: School Closes for Half Term
- Monday 2nd June: Back to School



Have a wonderful Easter break!