

SOUTHDOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL INFORMATION NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2025



Blywyddn Newydd dda! I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas. It has been lovely having all the children returning to school this week and as always, they have settled back into school life and routines - even with all the snow and ice! A massive thank you to Mr Jackson, our amazing caretaker who has worked so hard to ensure that we are all safe 😊

DATES

- **Tuesday 14th January** Year 4 Miss Say visit to The Rise (afternoon)
- **Wednesday 15th January** Year 4 Mr Smith visit to The Rise (afternoon)
- **Wednesday 22nd January** Friends of Southdown meeting at 6.30pm
- **Monday 27th January** New Networks workshop 1 with Eco Council
- **Thursday 30th January** New Networks workshop 2 with Eco Council
- **w/b Monday 3rd February:** Wellbeing Week
- **Monday 10th February** New Networks workshop 3 with Eco Council
- **Tuesday 11th February:** Safer Internet Day
- **Thursday 20th February:** Finish for Half Term
- **Friday 21st February:** School Closed: Staff Training
- **Monday 3rd March:** Back to School
- **Thursday 6th March:** World Book Day
- **Friday 7th March:** Eisteddfod
- **Thursday 13th March** Year 5 Science and Numeracy at Elfed
- **Friday 21st March:** Red Nose Day
- **Friday 21st March:** Year 4 Sports Festival at Elfed
- **Monday 24th March:** Year 6 Cycling Proficiency
- **Monday 24th March:** Parents Evening 3.15-6pm
- **Tuesday 25th March:** Year 6 Cycling Proficiency
- **Tuesday 25th March:** Parents Evening 3.15-6pm
- **Wednesday 26th March:** Year 6 Cycling Proficiency
- **Wednesday 28th March:** Non-uniform Day for Easter Bingo -TBC
- **Wednesday 2nd April:** Easter Bingo after School -TBC
- **Friday 11th March:** Finish for Easter

Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th January -Reception, Year 2, Year 4 and 6 will be completing Spectrum workshops on healthy and unhealthy relationships are part of our Health and Wellbeing curriculum.

We will not be dressing up for either Word Book Day or Comic Relief but there will be exciting activities completed during each day.

FRIENDS OF SOUTHDOWN

Friends of Southdown will be meeting on Wednesday, 22nd January at 6.30pm in school. Please come along and support us. We had some wonderful activities led by the team last term and we are looking forward to what plans are in store for us during the Spring. We are imagining that there will be an Easter Bingo and a non-uniform day -we have provisional dates but will confirm everything after the meeting.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- **Monday:** Year 1 to 3 Singing Club with Mrs Maddox & Miss Phoenix at lunchtime.
- **Tuesday:** Year 4 to 6 Running Club with Mr Williams before school
- **Tuesday:** Year 5 and 6 Chess Club with Mr Williams at lunchtime
- **Wednesday:** Year 5 and 6 Gymnastics with Mr Williams and Mrs Ellison after school.
- **Wednesday:** Year 4 to 6 Netball with Mrs Mountain after school *
- **Wednesday:** Year 4 to 6 Art Club with Mrs Mathieson after school **
- **Thursday:** Year 4 to 6 Choir with Miss Gardner after school.
- **Thursday:** Year 5 and 6 Tag Rugby with Mr Godwin after school.

Please register for all after school activities using the form shared on your child's class dojo page. Thank you.

* Netball Club will start on Wednesday 12th February.

** This is for the children who were on the waiting list for Art Club, and Mrs Mathieson has already contacted you to confirm.

PE KIT

PE lessons will be starting again so this means that for children in Years 1 to Year 6 they need to come in to school in their PE Kit on their PE day.

Reception should come to school in their uniform and will get changed for PE as part of their Personal Social and Development skills.

Can we remind you that the kit is as follows and PE day is not an opportunity to wear non-uniform. The kit is:

- Plain red t-shirt and plain black shorts
- Tracksuit top and bottoms -this should be black or dark colours
- Trainers not pumps
- Velcro would be best for any children that cannot do their laces.
- Black School Hoodie (not essential -a plain black hoodie/jumper will do)

ATTENDANCE

If your child is unwell or absent from school please let us know on the day of absence by 9am. Many of you use Class Dojo but we would encourage you to phone school 01244 544473. Please leave a message if the phone line is busy. We do pick them up -thank you.

SCHOOL PLACES 2025

There is only just over 5 more weeks for you to apply for September 2025 Nursery places on line at www.flintshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions If you know of anyone who is interested in joining the school and they would like to find out more please let us know and we can arrange for them to be contacted with more information. All application forms need to be received by Monday 17th February at the very latest and you will then be informed of your place by in May.

Applications for Reception 2025 should have been in by the end of November 2024. If you have forgotten to apply please still do so or again if you know of anyone who has moved to the local area and is looking for a great, friendly school point them in our direction!

A FEW REMINDERS

- The school car park is for **staff only** and this includes using it during out of hours i.e. for Breakfast Club and After School Club. We've already had a member of staff's car damaged by someone who shouldn't be parking on the school site and this week one of the bollards has been damaged. Please respect this decision.
- Dog are not allowed on the school site and this includes the path down to the gate.
- Thank you to those parents who help their children choose in advance which menu choice they would like each day. If you do this please can you make sure that your child knows which option has been selected and that it is something they will enjoy as the cook only prepares what is ordered and this can't be changed after 9.30am.
- With the colder weather we have school fleeces in stock. Please order them as usual on Schoolgateway.
- Don't forget to sign up for some of our wonderful 'Parent Partnership' workshops. We currently have a cooking workshop and Little Numbers in Nature. Please see Dojo for more details.

If you need us -phone 01244 544473, email somail@hwbcymru.net, Dojo or pop in for a chat! Also, don't forget to follow us @SouthdownCP