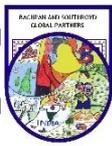


SOUTHROYD SPECTACULAR



October 3rd 2014

BIG TALK: School Council

Tuesday was polling day in school and we have some exciting results to share! After debates, hustings, posters, speeches and more, the children from Year 2 to Year 6 placed their votes for their school councillors. An amazing number of children stood in the elections – over 100 – which is an incredible reflection of active citizenship and how important School Council has become to Southroyd.

Mrs Walker, from the Governing body, manned the Polling Station as children took self-responsibility for placing their votes at break, lunch or moments during the school day. We would like to thank our super children for a fantastic demonstration of democracy in action.

The elected representatives are:

2MW: Florence Smith, Alfie Kelly
2E: Jayden W, Eden Amakoah
3H: Mary Ann Dzapasi, George Roberts
3BL: Kalib Mason, Maddison Horner
4S: Daltrey Hullah, Ellie Barraclough
4O: Hannah Wicherek, Luke Burgess
5L: Ben Hall/Sean O'Brien, Eve Duffy
5JW: Ali Al Kurd/Thomas Bradley, Evi Denham
6S: Katelyn Andrews, Alfie Metcalfe
6K: Jenna Stott/Ruby Swales, Hrishi Venkatesh

Popular re-votes mean that last year's councillors were re-elected for a role in a new "Second Chamber" – a little like the House of Lords, where we can call upon a group of experienced councillors for other urgent school matters:

Ryan Hicks (Y6), Lucy McLellan (Y6), Isaac Cox (Y3), Lily Faye Hullah (Y3), Alastair Duffy (Y3), Cormac Mullen (Y4)

HARVEST CELEBRATION

We will be going to Pudsey Church on Wednesday 15th October to celebrate Harvest. After last year's celebration Olivia in Y4 said "Can we go again next year?" and so—of course we can! We always plan our Harvest to coincide with World Food Day as an important part of our Global curriculum in school. The theme for World Food Day 2014 is 'Family Farming: Feeding the world, Caring for the earth.' At Southroyd we grow our own food in the kitchen gardens and will be highlighting this so the children can think about 'Family Farming.'

We will be taking the whole school from reception upwards. We consider the walk to church an important part of our local geography and PE curriculum. We need your help to do it though as without additional adults walking with us we cannot go—so please volunteer to walk to and from church with us. Tell your teacher if you can help. Thankyou.

We will be asking for harvest gifts from Monday 12th October of non perishables (packets and tins) with preferably a good sell by date. These gifts will provide a focal point for the service and be delivered to West Leeds Food Bank afterwards.

HARVEST SERVICE—2pm

We will return to school in time for the end of the normal day.

SKELTON GRANGE

This amazing environmental centre is having its annual open day this Saturday 4th Oct—it's a great family day out! Willow weaving, campfire cooking, spoon carving, circus skills and lots more!

<http://www.tcv.org.uk/skeltongrange>

Skelton Grange Road, Leeds, LS10 1RS

www.pudseysouthroyd.leeds.sch.uk

MACMILLAN APPEAL

Thankyou for your fantastic buns and generosity—we have raised £479 ! Well done!

PARENTS MATHS EVENINGS

Please come along to your class' Math evening this Wednesday – we hope it will be interesting and enjoyable. It's a chance to meet your child's teacher again, find out how you can help your child with Maths and understand a bit about the new curriculum.

For those of you with 2 or more children and only time to attend one session, we suggest you go to one child's class. Each teacher has got similar general information to share and then the finer detail about the maths in that year group. You can move from one class to the other class at the end of the session—the teachers will not be rushing off and can answer your questions or go over anything you missed.

DIARY DATES

Mon 6th October 7pm: FOSS meeting in Fleece pub.
Wed 8th October Parent Maths Meetings in School
Tues 21st October Individual School Photographs
Tues 7th October Pastoral Committee—7pm
Tues 14th October Teaching and learning Committee 7pm
Wed 15th October Harvest church visit 2pm
Week of 20th October Parents Evening Week
Wed 22nd October FOSS Disco

Half term holiday 27th—31st October

Brownlee Triathlon

Southroyd came home on Wednesday with an Active Schools Award for taking part in the Brownlee Triathlon event at the John Charles Centre, in Leeds.

The whole team enjoyed the events to swim, cycle and run and had a terrific day with a chance for the whole team to receive support and advice from local Olympian Jon Brownlee. What an inspiration for our budding tri-athletes!

Well done to all our sporting ambassadors who were a credit to our school.

FOSS MEETING

Thankyou to FOSS for buying fabulous new construction blocks for our nursery children!

Don't forget FOSS have a meeting on Monday 6th October in the Fleece pub—please come along! To help encourage you, extra teachers will be coming so that hopefully we can 'buddy up' so that those of you who might feel a bit nervous at doing something new needn't—you will have a partner to work with! Miss Newson –Smith, Miss Harvey, Mrs Barkerwood and Miss Sayle have all volunteered to join/come along and ensure we have the people power we need to make sure we have a Christmas fair for our children. However—they are looking for mums/dads/grandparents to work with/partner up and ensure the long term survival of FOSS! Please come along - we need you!

Year 6 High School

The application process is now open for you to apply for a place at a high school for your child for September 2015. You can either apply online at <http://www.leeds.gov.uk> or ask in the school office for a preference form. To apply online you must live in Leeds and have an email address so admissions can reply to you. All applications whether online or paper form must be completed **before 31st October 2014**. If you apply online you will get an acknowledgement email, this is proof that your application has been received by admissions. If you need any help with the application please speak to Jo Martin in the school office.

Parent Governor – Nominations Deadline

We need 2 Parent Governors - if you want to become a Parent Governor and be involved in the continued improvement of our school, remember you can fill in a nomination form in the school office. The deadline date for nominations is 5pm Friday October 3rd. In the event of multiple nominations a secret ballot will follow.

NO SMOKING POLICY

Please can I remind everyone that school is a non smoking site, including in the school grounds. Please remind anybody who you might send to pick up your child. Thankyou.