

# SOUTHROYD SPECTACULAR

March 10th 2017

## BIG TALK—READ TO SUCCEED!

In assembly this week we explored the link between enjoying reading, reading more and because of that increasing our learning success. We know from research that if children enjoy reading they will be motivated to do it more—and that will help them learn more !

*Read Often + Enjoy Reading + Read Good Books*  
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*Be Smarter, Happier, More Successful*

School Council challenge! Using the ideas we have shared in assembly about improving ourselves during LENT, the children are being asked to increase the amount of reading they do out of school. They will complete a survey about how much they read and whether they enjoy reading, which you will see in their reading record. We are hoping they will be motivated by our recent World Book Day fun, from understanding how reading can help them learn and by the lovely range of books available in school to increase their personal reading . They will re-do the survey after Easter to see if they have managed to make an improvement. Please encourage them to do this.

We shared some data from the Literacy Trust with the children showing them just how much their vocabulary can be increased by regular reading. Look at our READ TO SUCCEED page on the school website for more information.

## FOSS EVENT: WORLD BOOK DAY WOODLAND TRAIL

Thankyou to everyone who came and enjoyed this wonderful event. FOSS did an amazing job—what a unique opportunity for our families!

A special thanks to Mandi Rugg for her vision and creativity in designing our trail –wow!

## PARENTS' CONSULTATIONS

We will be holding Parents' consultations in school during the week beginning March 20th. We do expect to see every child's parent - we highly value our partnership with you and recognize that we need to work together and communicate often to ensure your child is happy and successful in school.

We have a new ONLINE booking system for Parents' meetings. You will be sent a text or an email, depending on what contact information we have for you. You simply need to click the link and this will take you to the on-line booking system.

You then choose your slot and it will be reserved for you so that no one else can book it.

If you do not receive a text or email please contact the office. If you have any difficulties with this please call the office and they will book your slot for you. We hope that this system will save valuable time, paper and frustration with booking these meetings and hope you find it easier .

Please see the website under 'School Information' for more detailed information.

Please may I stress that these meetings are 10 minutes long. If you know that you have things to discuss that will take more than 10 minutes, please contact your teacher directly and make an alternative meeting outside of parents' evening .

In addition, we will be having a PARENT HUB in the hall on Wednesday 22nd March from 3.30—7.30. where you can drop in without an appointment and talk to myself, a Governor , the Deputy Head (Dave Manton) , the Special Educational Needs Leader (Kath Walsh), Lynn Haygarth our phonics and reading leader and try some of our delicious school food cooked by our chef Simon.

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## YEAR 5 VIKING DAY

Yesterday, was Viking Day and year 5 had a wonderful day and learnt a lot from our Viking friend Njal. At the start of the day we helped him wrap his legs up in thick cloth so he didn't get bitten by ticks. One of our favourite activities of the day was when we tried to wake him up while he was snoring in his tent and we also enjoyed using fake swords and shields to attack the monks (our teachers!), steal their silver and use them as 'slaves'. When we got back in the classroom Njal taught us about Viking marriage, then Lucas and Paige were chosen to be hand fasted (have their hands tied together) and have a fake wedding as an example for the class. It was funny when our class mates were given Viking names and then made slaves. The yuckiest fact of the day was learning how they made straw into linen! Written by Jamie B and Grace D, 5Peake\_

## YEAR 2 INDIA DAY

Year 2 took part in an exciting India Day, as part of their topic work about the geography, culture and arts of India. Children enjoyed dancing, traditional Indian arts and Indian music, tasting snacks kindly donated by the PRASHAD RESTAURANT. Huge thanks to Mrs Qaisar and Mrs Szlatchetko for helping make an enjoyable and memorable day. "Our India Day was so fun because we had mendhi patterns done and can wear Indian clothes", Freya-Leigh. "It was very exciting because we had Indian food," said Rose.

## SEN PARENTS' MEETINGS

If you have a child in school with special educational needs, you can book a slot to meet with Mrs Walsh the week beginning 20th March. Mrs Walsh will be available for drop-ins as well, as described overleaf.

## Ukulele Performance

On Tuesday Y5 performed the Hall of the Mountain King using ukuleles. Mr Hall, a music professional, has been working with the children on Edward Grieg's description of the mysterious mountains of Norway. Y5 have really enjoyed playing and performing with their ukuleles and have loved music with Mr Hall.  
By Chale Thompson

## YEAR 4 PRIESTHORPE FOOTBALL

On Monday, 8 children, Daniel, Jayden, Isla, Dillon, Megan, Olivia, Luke and Max played in a football tournament against 6 other teams. We won 3, drew 2 and lost only 1 match.

At the end, we had 11 points since every win was worth 3 points and a draw was worth 1. The two teams who went through had 13 points, Holy Trinity and Lower Wortley, so Souththroyd came in 3rd place. A big thankyou to all the parents who supported us.

By Olivia D and Luke W

## EQUALITY: INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

This week was International Women's Day which aims to raise the profile of Women's Rights around the world. The fight for gender equality continues in many countries, including our own, and as a school which promotes and values equality and equity we would like to encourage you all to discuss the issues local, national and international that are being highlighted in the press this week.

I am sure in your own families you have fantastic women role models that you could celebrate for their achievements, hard work and commitment?

We feel very proud that a strength of our school is our fantastic mothers who muck in and are such fantastic role models for our children—whether it's at FOSS events, sharing their talents (art/reading/business), being a working mum, being a talented homemaker, being a sportswoman, a community volunteer or a campaigner for justice! We really do have all these role models in our parent community at Souththroyd—well done to you all!!

## INCONSIDERATE AND UNSAFE PARKING

Please be aware we do report inconsiderate, unsafe and illegal parking to the police and they have made home visits as a result of this in the past and will do in the future.

Thankyou so much for all you parents who politely challenge drivers who ignore the yellow markings. This Active Citizenship is much appreciated.

Please be a good role model to our children and park safely, considerately and legally.

Thankyou in anticipation of your co-operation.

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