

SOUTHROYD SPECTACULAR

September 15th 2017

BIG TALK - BACHPAN ARE COMING!

We are thrilled to welcome some new guests and old friends to Southroyd next week!

Sanjay, Meena and Chaitali, who we all know really well, are bringing students Falak, Ishan and Richar to spend the week with us in school. For those of us new to Southroyd, the guests are from Bachpan School in Gujarat, and represent the 13th annual visit from our partners in India!

After an exciting weekend in London, the guests will join us for a host of activities next week, including singing, dancing, drama, space exploration, weaving and much more! Keep an eye on the app or website to hear about the visit and we hope you can meet our guests sometime during the week!

ISA

Over the Summer we were delighted to hear the wonderful news that we had been re-accredited for our 4th International School Award, from the British Council.

The award reflects the schools work during Refugee week, our black history projects, the children's learning of social justice, projects relating to climate change, the international learning from Spirit Alive and so much more. We are really proud of our Southroyd curriculum, and know that global projects will continue to be a key part of our children's learning in years to come.

The award marks the importance of this global dimension within our Southroyd Promise curriculum.

Thankyou to all the kind parents who offered their feedback about the international projects.

You can find out more from the website.

The British Council feedback said that our global learning:

"is very clearly a valued and high-profile part of your curriculum, staff professional development provision and whole-school ethos, promoting citizenship and celebrating cultural diversity across the school and wider community. International work continues to be fully embedded in your curriculum, complementing your school's values and key priorities"

"...your application conveys a strong and well-deserved impression of confidence and pride in your international work, which looks set to go from strength to strength in the future."

Congratulations, and good luck with your school's continuing international journey! "

SILVER ANNIVERSARY BAKE OFF AND STREET PARTY

On Thursday 21st September everyone is invited to bring in a cake they have made to celebrate our silver anniversary—25 years since our school building was opened.

All cakes should be brought to the main school hall at the beginning of the day where they will be displayed. Parents may pop in and have a look up until 10 am. Classes will be given a chance to see the cakes before Meena Ma'am selects a winner from each class.

The cakes can be plain, decorated, any kind—it's completely up to you!

We shall take lots of pictures to capture all the efforts—but then we shall eat them! The children will enjoy a street party atmosphere and share the cakes they have made. We will also provide a small drink and packet of crisps.

If you don't want your child to eat any of this food please speak to the class teacher to make alternative food arrangements.

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ATTENDANCE

At Southroyd we value good attendance highly. Attendance is a school and an individual issue and where it isn't good the children are at risk of underachieving.

Good attendance is an expectation at Southroyd and the children understand its importance. I think it is important to clarify and refresh the school's position regarding attendance at the beginning of the year to avoid confusion.

Good work habits for life are established through the daily routine of going to school as well as all the social and personal benefits of feeling like they are part of a team and being involved in all aspects of school life every day. As such we recognize, reward and celebrate good attendance in lots of ways—celebrating those who achieve 100% termly and over the full course of the year, joining in local attendance competitions, celebrating children and families who improve their attendance.

I have reproduced the content of a letter sent out by the authority to all parents that outlines the school's position regarding authorising absence.

From 1 September 2013, schools are no longer allowed to authorise any requests for children to be taken out of school for a holiday during term time. Requests for leave can only be granted in exceptional circumstances, and a holiday would not be considered exceptional. Requests for leave must also be made to the school in advance, as the DfE have told schools that they cannot authorise any absences after they have been taken.

Parents may receive a penalty notice if their child is absent from school without permission.

From September 2013 the cost of these notices will be £60 per child per parent if paid within 21 days, and £120 if paid between 22 and 28 days.

We appreciate the challenges that some parents face when booking holidays, particularly during the school holidays. However, regular attendance at school is vital in helping children and young people to achieve their full potential and get the best possible start in life.

If you **need** to take your child out of school in term time you must request permission first, using the form available from the school office or the website. Holidays and visiting relatives are not considered exceptional circumstances. If your request is denied and your child is absent, their absence will be unauthorised and you may receive a fine. The school's attendance policy is available on our website.

Thankyou for your co-operation and understanding.

VOLUNTEERS - We are looking for lovely people to help Southroyd— See details on the website

We need someone to support our family outreach worker Wendy running the Stay, Play and Sing sessions for children aged 0-4 years on a Friday afternoon from 12.45— 2.45. Loads of fun! Very good for a CV of anyone aspiring to enter education or training or wanting to work in education, healthcare or community work.

We also need someone to run our new school community café which will be based Friday mornings in Pudsey House by the bus station. Throughout the year classes and groups will take it in turns to host the café but we need someone to make and serve the teas/coffees and generally be sociable and help promote Southroyd to the wider community. This could be a job for several volunteers—bring a friend.

For either position please see Dave Manton or the office to discuss further.

Remember Our Training Days

Monday 4th January
Tuesday 5th January
Tuesday 24th July
Wednesday 25th July

Mathletics—remember this does make a proven impact on children's maths learning. If your child can't get onto Mathletics please contact school and we will make sure the account is working properly.

If you have no facilities to use the internet at home, talk to your class-teacher about Mathletics opportunities within school time.

**For school related files and information check the website
www.pudseysouthroyd.leeds.sch.uk**