



ISSUE 14 2018/2019

21st December 2018

As I sit and reflect on the year that has passed, I can't quite believe what has been achieved at Southdale. It's been an amazing year and a brilliant Autumn term with so much to be proud of. From entering a world of eating books in year 3, to learning about war, peace and remembrance in year 6, the children have had a fun packed but challenging term. Today we have asked our children about what it's like to be a pupil at Southdale as we are constantly working hard to improve. When asked what has improved in school this year, the children have given an array of answers, including 'we are a sporty school', 'film and art club, 'cooking – that's been brilliant – that's just been the best thing,' to the comments that make me extremely proud – 'The Southdale Sparkle – everyone should show respect and be the best you can be.' One child said: 'The values, learning about Trust – if you aim for courage you achieve your goals.' They have also been clear about how we can improve, including, having a larger tyre area, football rotas and some children found areas for improvement difficult to answer with one child saying, 'Erm...well it's already better anyway.'

Thank you for all your responses from the parent questionnaire. The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive with a clear recognition from you that this is an improving school. We will share the outcomes of this in the new year.

Christmas

It has been wonderful to have such a great final week to the year. The children have thoroughly enjoyed hearing the rock steady singalong and finished the week with a fabulous concert by Wakefield music services. From all the Southdale team, we wish you all a happy holiday. Rest and enjoy yourselves. We look forward to seeing you all back on the **7th January**.



Year 3

In year 3, we started the week with a special Christmas Service at Christ Church. We sang carols together and learned about the true meaning of Christmas.

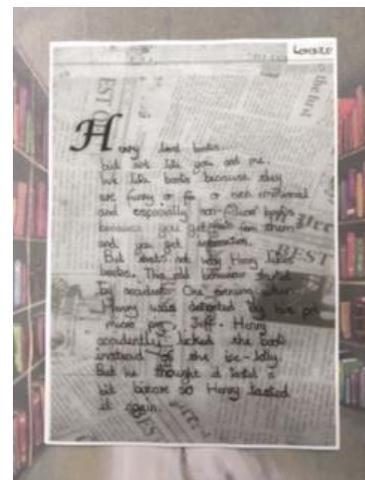
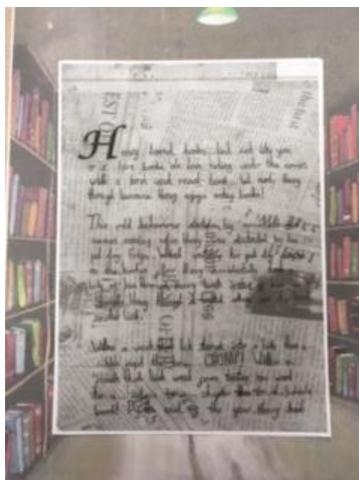


Later in the week, we got the chance to attend a Christmas Sing-a-long with RockSteady music school.

We have finished our artwork linked to Henry, 'The Incredible Book Eating Boy'. We have definitely managed to draw in the style of Oliver Jeffers. These pieces are going to look fantastic on display.



We have also finished publishing our writing ready for display.

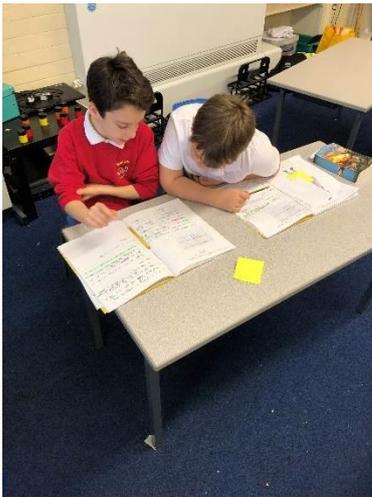


For more photos of these events please see our twitter page @ SouthdaleY3

Year 4

Over the past few weeks, Year 4 choir have been busy rehearsing for some Christmas events and their hard work has paid off. Our first event was in Ossett Town Centre to sing carols to the public alongside other EOCT schools. We wore our festive hats, braved the cold and sang with smiles on our faces to help get everyone into the Christmas spirit. We have also been to Dimple Well Lodge to entertain families after their meal. The children were fantastic representatives for Southdale and performed with confidence. Dimple Well Lodge were extremely kind to give us a cheque for £150 to support our school and each child received a chocolate Santa!

In English, we have finished editing and publishing our wanted posters. We shared our writing with each other to share things we had done well and help with ideas for improvements. The children were very responsible and great partners to look in depth at each other's work. The finished pieces look fantastic and all the children should be proud of the progress they have made this term.



In Science, we have examined the results of our experiment to find out which liquids cause the most damage to our teeth. We had some shocked and disgusted faces when the eggs came out of the liquids. Most of them had been discoloured and covered with slimy coating from the liquids. The orange juice almost disintegrated the entire eggshell and proved to be the worst liquid. This shocked many of the children as they predicted coke would be the worst. Hopefully, the children understand the importance of our teeth and the need to keep them clean!



For more photos of these events please see our twitter page @Y4Southdale

Year 5

Year 5 have ended the half term on a high! The children have now published the ending to their narrative and have read to the end of Viking Boy! They have all thoroughly enjoyed being immersed in this book and the journey it has taken us on. In Maths we have been measuring and calculating the perimeter of different shapes. The children particularly enjoyed swimming this week, as they had access to a variety of floats and flippers!

We would like to wish all the children and their families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

For more photos of these events please see our twitter page @ SouthdaleY5

Year 6

Firstly, we'd love to send a big thankyou out to Henry's Grandad, Mr Auty, for taking the time last week to come in and share with us his extensive knowledge of the war. We were keen to learn about the living conditions people had to endure.



In sporting news, we won the inaugural Ossett cross country championship in Green Park. Well done to all involved! We are looking forward to the next round of this competition. Cross country club is now on Monday after school.



We are incredibly proud of our new displays in the hall and corridor – showcasing the amazing work that we have produced this term on our thrilling narrative journey of War, Peace and Remembrance.



Y6 really have gained so much from learning about war, peace and remembrance. We travelled back in time & met a WWI soldier, explored Rose Blanche, learnt dances, baked soldier biscuits, researched artists like Banksy, cracked military codes, located countries and capitals using atlases and studied the lives of literary war heroes like Wilfred Owen! Our topic culminated in recreating the famous truce of 1914, where both English and German soldiers put down their arms to share gifts and play football on Christmas Day. We are sad that our journey has come to an end in this topic, but are looking forward to journeying into the world of Shakespeare with Romeo and Juliet next half term...

We have a **SATs information evening on the 23 January at 6pm**. All year 6 parents/carers are encouraged to come along to this informative session.

For regular updates and photos please see our twitter page @Y6Southdale



Special mentions

3LH	Lucy	For just being wonderful every day!
3AS	Layla	For always being kind and helpful and doing her best.
3LS	Colin	Delightful member of class who takes responsibility for his learning.
4RD	Bobby	For being a Superstar!
4RR	Grace	For always smiling.
4SF	Rebecca	For a fantastic piece of art.
5SB	Tom	For improved behavior – Keep it up!
5AM	James	For trying extremely hard to improve his writing this term, and producing a fantastic piece this week based on the end of the book Viking Boy.
5GM	Ronnie	For showing great enthusiasm in all lessons this week.
6MF	Klaudia	For always having the Southdale Sparkle.
6ZR	William	For always going above and beyond in everything you do!!!!
6RM	Jacob	For always showing the Southdale Sparkle.
HT Award	Tom	For being a complete superstar.

Attendance winners for the week: 3AS with 98.89 %



3AS	98%	4RD	97%	5AM	96%	6MF	96%
3LH	97%	4RR	94%	5GM	95%	6RM	98%
3LS	93%	4SF	95%	5SB	97%	6ZR	87%

Important Dates for your Diary

Date	Event
9 January 2019	Young Voices
23 January 6pm	Year 6 SATs information evening
4 February	Whole school assessment week
18,19 and 20 March	Year 4 Visit to Robinwood
25 March – 27 March 2019	Year 5 visit to Whitby
13 May -16 May	SATs week
24 June – 27 June 2019	Year 6 visit to France

Term Dates 2018 - 2019	
Date	Event
Friday 21 st December	School closed for the Christmas Holidays
Monday 7 th January	School opens
Thursday 7 th February	Valentines Disco
Friday 15 th February	School closes for the half term
Monday 25 th February	School opens
Friday 5 th April	School closes
Tuesday 23 rd April	School opens
Thursday 2nd May	INSET DAY
Friday 24 th May	School closes for half term
Monday 3 rd June	School opens
Friday 19 July	School closes for the summer holiday

We have 0 closure (INSET) for staff training to be allocated for 2018/2019

Safeguarding everyone in our school

				
Mr S Blake Designated Safeguarding Lead	Mrs K Partington Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead	Mrs R Mohebi Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead	Mrs Randall Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead	Mr Foster Safeguarding Governor