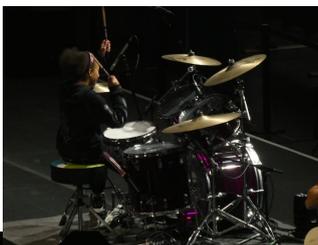


Germander Park, Southwood and Downs Barn Schools' Newsletter January 2024

Young Voices 2024

Children from Southwood School had an amazing trip to Birmingham this month, to join in a choir of over 5000 children—it really is a wonderful experience for the children.



Germander Park Consultation to Lower the Age of Admission

Please make sure that you have read the ParentMail regarding the consultation to lower the age of admission at Germander Park School. We would be very grateful for your email responses to office@germanderpark.com.

Governors of Boulevard Primary Partnership Schools are writing to you regarding the start of a consultation to lower the age of school admission for Germander Park School from 4 years old to 2 years old.

This would mean that:

- Parents and carers would be able to enrol children at a Nursery in their local community, which is attached to the school that their children will attend
- Germander Park Nursery will replace the previous Pre-School, which was judged as Inadequate by Ofsted
- Eligible working parents of 2 year olds will be able to access 15 hours of childcare support from April 2024 and these would be available at the Germander Park Nursery
- Many parents and carers who currently have siblings split across Downs Barn Nursery and Germander Park School would be able to have all their younger children in the same setting again

We believe that this is a good idea because:

- We already have a dedicated Nursery space, with all appropriate facilities
- Our recent June 2023 Ofsted confirmed that Early Years Provision is Good within the school
- Current pupil projection numbers show that there is a need for Nursery provision in the area

Should the changes be approved, our Germander Park Nursery will open after the 2024 Easter Holidays.

If you would like to discuss the proposal in person, there will be an opportunity to do so on Thursday 15th February 2024 at Germander Park School at 2.45pm. You are also able to give your feedback by email by Friday 8th March at 5pm, when the consultation will close,

The results of the proposal will be released on Friday 15th March 2024.

Facebook

We share regular news about upcoming events on our Facebook page. This is the link if you'd like to follow us too:

<https://www.facebook.com/Boulevard-Primary-Partnership-114657664463501>

ACERS and Breakfast Club

Did you know that at Southwood School, we run a Breakfast Club every day for children from Southwood, Downs Barn and Germander Park School. It cost **£1.20 a day** and you can drop children from 8am in the morning. At Breakfast Club, children get a healthy breakfast and time to play games and socialise with children from all three schools, then the school minibus takes the children to their Infant School for the start of the school day.



We also run an After School Club called ACERs every day for working parents and carers. Prices are £4.50 until 4.30pm and then £1 extra until 5pm and an additional £1 until 5.30pm. Parents and carers can let us know the day before and children will be collected from their Infant Schools and brought to Southwood for the club at the end of the day. Children have a healthy snack, have an opportunity to complete home learning and are able to play a range of activities and enjoy the large outside playing areas at Southwood.



Whole School Attendance to end of December 2023

93%	Germander Park
92%	Downs Barn
96%	Southwood

Safer Internet Day—there are lots of resources to help keep children safe online on <https://www.saferinternetday.org/>

