

Extra-Curricular Activities

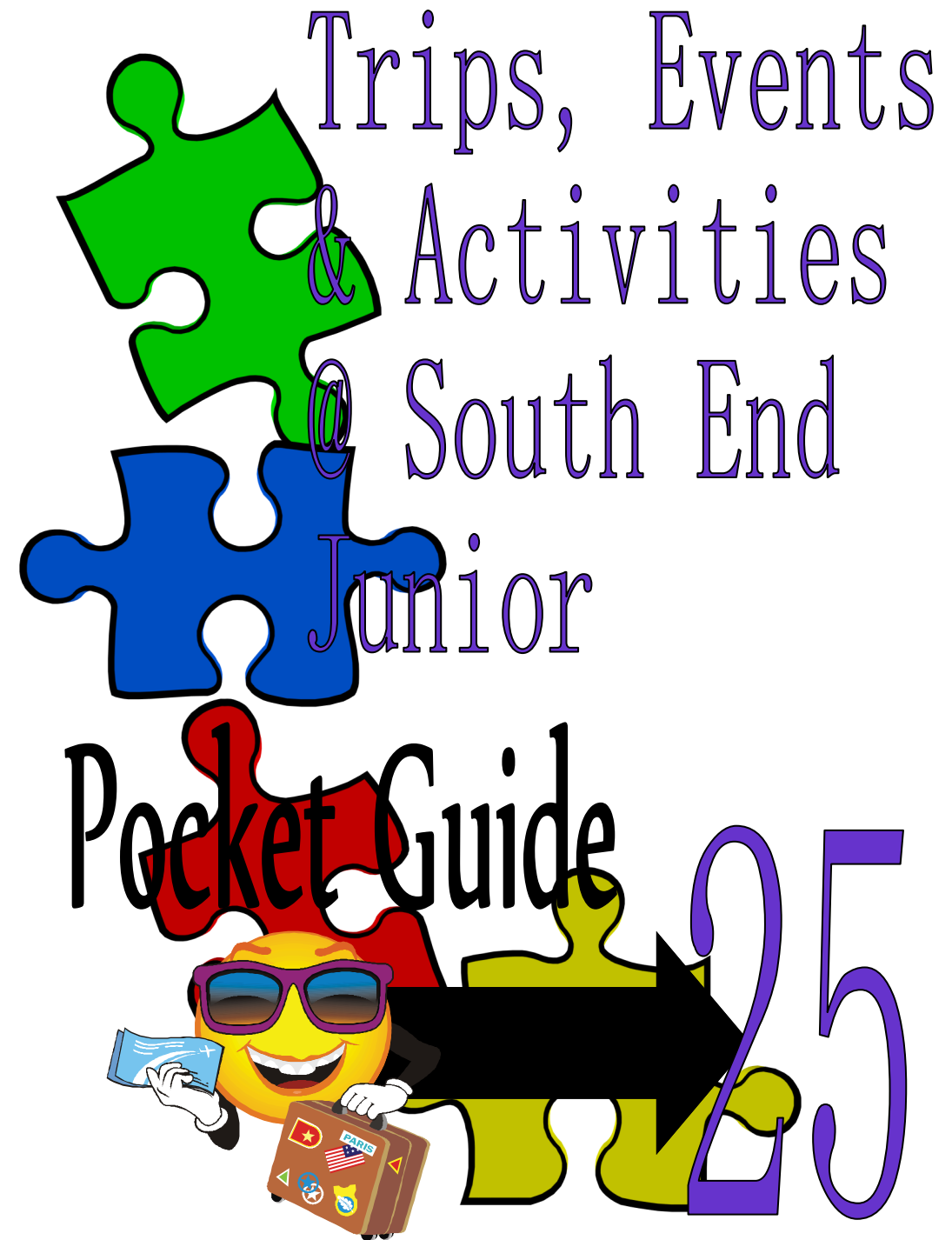
Extra curricular activities are a great way for the children to get involved in their hobbies and things they love to do. We have had very successful trips to the LG Arena in Birmingham for the Young Voices concert for our choir group, various netball and football tournaments within our cluster of schools, the annual swimming gala and District Sports competition.

In December, we have the pantomime come to South End. This is a great way for the children to kick back and relax and be entertained after a busy first term back at school *Oh yes we do.....*

We are very lucky at South End to have a wonderful and dedicated Fundraising team who make sure the children have many opportunities to have fun at school. From organising school discos, the summer fayre, cake sales and sales for Mother's Day and Father's Day– they are always ready to go the extra mile to make the children enjoy some fantastic moments and create memories of their South End journey.

In the evening the school is also host to many groups that parents/carers and the local community can join in with. Be it slimming club, Zumba, football, martial arts or practising your 'Strictly Come Dancing' moves there is something for everyone.

Please see the website, check the South End Echo or enquire at the office for more information.



At South End we believe in guiding children through many different and exciting opportunities to benefit their learning including social, educational and competitive experiences. Examples will be through trips, events and activities the school organises, either through the fundraisers or in curriculum. Not only does this benefit the children with their education but keeps school fun and varied.

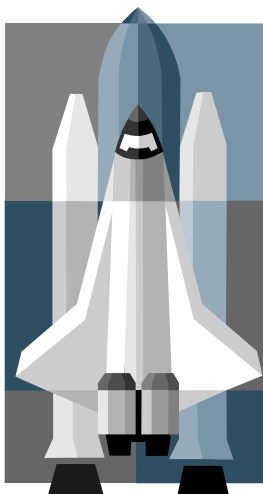
Trips

Throughout the school year each year group will organise a trip and/or visiting entertainer for their pupils in relation to the topic they are working on at the time. Previous trips have included: West Lodge Rural Farm Centre, Wicksteed Park, Woburn Safari Park, Birmingham's Think Tank and the Space Centre to name but a few. Visiting Entertainers have included The Black Hole Planetarium, Tudor Day, Roman Day, Waste Education Bus and Life Education Bus. These are a valuable and brilliant resource for children to experience learning in alternative mediums.

Trips and visiting entertainers such as these can only go ahead with enough voluntary contributions from parents/carers and are subject to cancellation if we are unable to raise the minimum amount.[This is in line with the School Charging Policy, which has been compiled in accordance with Sections 449-462 of the Education Act (1996).]

We also have some very popular walks around Rushden, which is another way of studying community and environment based topics. We assume permission for these local trips. However, we will always let you know before a trip out of school like this is arranged in case you have any concerns.

It is South End tradition to have the residential trip to Caythorpe Court organised for the final year of school. This is an activities based trip where the year 6 children get to zip wire, canoe, Aeroball, climb Jacob's Ladder, go orienteering and participate in lots of other team based sports. This is a fantastically popular trip and is enjoyed by all.



Events

As an added enhancement to learning we will often arrange special events throughout the school year. Last year our Radio Club had a trip to BBC radio Studios to meet with Chris Evans where they even had a small part co-presenting! Our annual summer concert is a huge showcase of the children's musical talents which are often displayed in the South End Has Talent competition.

Throughout the year we will have mufti days in order to raise funds for charity or for the school. Our Christmas and Easter catwalks always leave lasting impressions as the children create marvellous themed costumes and head down the red carpet in front of guest judges.

All events are announced in each South End Echo and on the school website.

