
Newsletter 02 14/09/2018

Dear Parents,

Our first full week back has been incredibly busy as the children settle into the class routines and start their exciting topics. The staff were delighted to meet so many parents at our 'Meet the Team' drop in session on Wednesday and we hope you found it useful to put names to faces.



A warm welcome to all the new families with children in Reception that have joined us this week, we hope you will be very happy at Southfield Park. It has been lovely seeing all the children in the Reception classes having great fun learning inside and outside and making new friends. Today was the first day they stayed for lunch, and we were very pleased at how well the children behaved in the hall and ate their fish and chips—well done all of you!



At this time of year our oldest children in Year 6 are selected by their peers for the roles of responsibility as Head girl and boy and House captains following speeches and voting, and this week we appointed our Head Boy and Head Girl. The quality of the speeches was very high, and it was clear to see that the children had put a lot of thought and effort into them. It was a close competition, with the children thinking carefully about who would be the best candidate for the role, and I am delighted to announce that Isabelle Tucker will be Head Girl and Jack Winder will be Head Boy for this academic year. I know they will both rise to the challenge with great maturity and be excellent role models for others and ambassadors for the school. I would like to express my thanks to all of the children who volunteered for the roles and congratulate them all on their speeches as they were simply superb. Next week there will be more speeches as the children in Year 6 seek election as House Captains, voted for by children from Years 3 to 6. I will update you next week once the final votes have been cast, in what I know will be another tightly-contested vote as there are so many children who would fulfil the role so well.



Our topic 'Stunning Starts' to our topics have taken place this week. Year 6 enjoyed a superb WW2 day, with the children and staff looking fantastic in their wartime outfits; everyone thoroughly enjoyed the day, learning so many facts as well as trying to master the 'Lambeth Walk'. Year 5 children have been learning all about Shakespeare, and Wednesday next week they bring this to life as they work with a drama company to produce Romeo and Juliet in a day! Year 2 ended their week with a fantastic Florence Nightingale workshop and, as you can see from the photo, the children loved dressing in a range of costumes linked to the era and re-enacting scenes that really brought the history to life. Today, Year

1 have been on a leaf hunt linked to their Seasons topic, while next week Year 4 will be out in the park practising various Roman battle formations, complete with the Roman shields they have been designing and making. To complete the 'Stunning Starts', in a few week's time the children in Year 3 will be visiting Chiltern Open Air museum in the coming weeks to explore lifestyles in Stone Age Britain.

As part of our continuous self-review process, over the second half of the summer term we worked with different stakeholders to develop our school priorities for the coming year. Later on the newsletter you will find our School Development Plan summary poster, explaining our priorities for 2018-2019. One of the key areas you will be involved in as parents over the year will be our wellbeing target. As you will know mental health of children is a high profile area for schools as statistics show that a significant number children will have mental health needs of some sort during their time at school. It is therefore crucial that as a whole community we look after our children's mental health and support them to be emotional resilient and aware of their feelings. We have a number of actions planned including workshops for children,

parents and staff run around the Power Thoughts theme run by Natalie Costa. More information will be available as the year progresses so watch out for details. Miss Gilby will be building on our success of securing the Silver standard of the Surrey Anti-Bullying accreditation over the course of this coming year and will be looking for parent volunteers to join our developing Anti Bullying Partnership, involving a range of stakeholders from our community. Please do consider getting involved when she writes out to parents explaining what is involved as by working together we can achieve so much more. Finally, as I mentioned in the newsletter last week the car park restrictions in Long Grove Park Car Park are now enforceable. Traffic wardens have attended the school at drop off and pick up times this week and the first penalty charge tickets have been issued, including one where a parent had parked their car in a disabled bay without displaying a blue badge. Can I please remind you to adhere to the parking restrictions, not only to keep our school community safe and set a good example to your children, but also avoiding the cost of a penalty charge!

Have a lovely weekend; I think the children are looking forward to it after such a busy and tiring week.

Kind regards
Kate Gee

Tweet of the Week

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Having fun, while learning about a serious topic

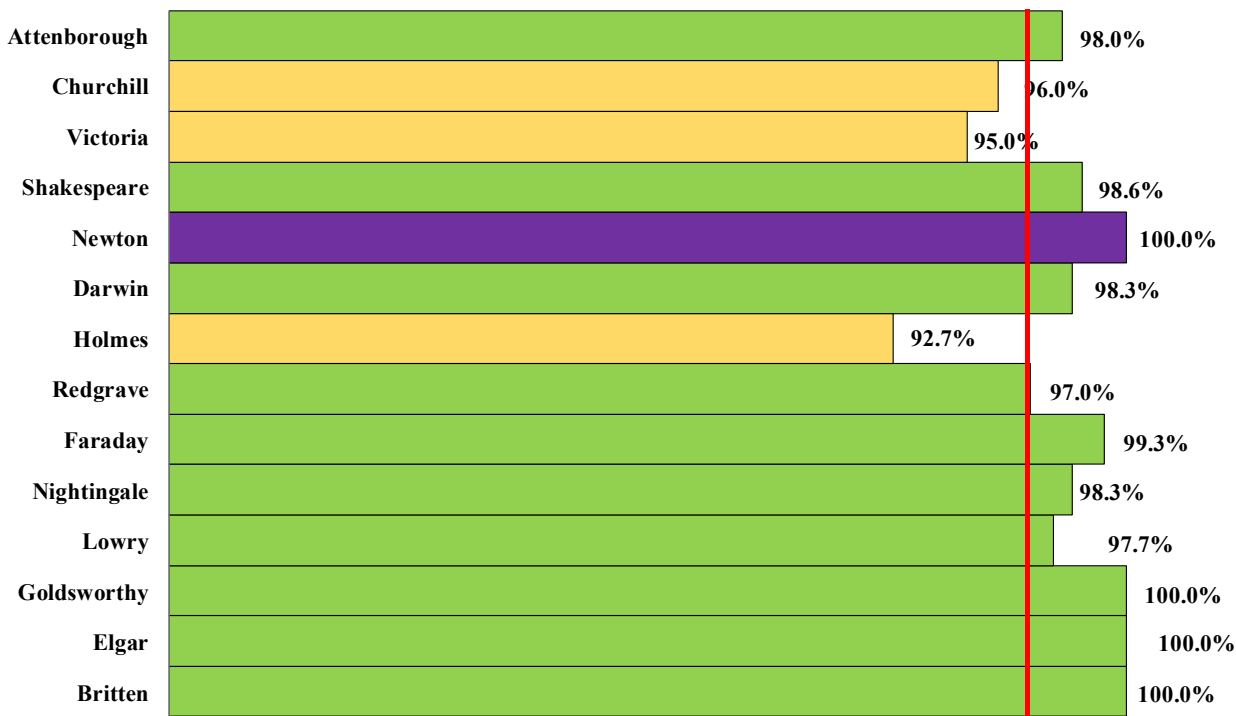


Attendance this week



Sparky says “well done!” to **Newton Class**, who had the best attendance this week with **100%**, and to **Britten, Elgar, Goldsworthy, Lowry, Faraday, Nightingale, Redgrave, Darwin, Newton, Shakespeare, and Attenborough Classes**, who also had high attendance this week!

Attendance Monday 10th - Friday 14th September 2018



Leadership and Management Team 2018-2019

Phase 1 - Reception and Year One led by Miss Emily Greenacre egreenacre@southfield-park.surrey.sch.uk (Acting while Mrs Pratelli is on Maternity Leave)

Phase 2 - Years Two and Three led by Mrs Sarah Carpenter sarah.carpenter@southfield-park.surrey.sch.uk

Phase 3 - Years Four, Five and Six led by Miss Sophie David sophie.david@southfield-park.surrey.sch.uk
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Mrs Crawford and Mrs Gee complete the leadership team.

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If you have any concerns regarding your child, your first port of call should be speaking to the class teacher; if it is a phase issue please contact the appropriate Phase Leader. If your child has any special educational need, and you have any concerns or questions, please speak to or email Mrs Vicky Walker who is our Special Needs Co-ordinator (SENCo). Her email address is senco@southfield-park.surrey.sch.uk. If you feel your concerns or questions have not been resolved then please speak to Mrs Smith as Assistant Head, Mrs Crawford or Mrs Gee who will be very happy to help.

Attendance

The Education Welfare Officer met with me this week to look at our attendance data for last year and we are very pleased with our overall figure as there is such an improvement, especially with unauthorised absences. I would like to thank everyone for their support, it is greatly appreciated.

Thank you!

At this time of year, with so many new parents joining the school community, I just wanted to take the opportunity to remind everyone that our Attendance Policy clearly states that holidays during term time will not be authorised unless in truly exceptional circumstances. Our full Attendance Policy is available both online on the website and also as a paper copy in the office.

The Education Welfare Service, acting on behalf of Surrey County Council may issue a Penalty Notice as an alternative to the prosecution of a parent/carer for their child's unauthorised absence from school and requires the recipient to pay a fixed amount.

The amount payable on issue of a Penalty Notice is £60 per child, per parent, if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice, rising to £120 if paid after 21 days but within 28 days.

If the Penalty Notice is not paid within 28 days, the Local Authority must prosecute the parent/carer for failing to ensure regular school attendance under Section 444 Education Act 1996.

Circumstances when a Penalty Notice may be issued to parents/carers

- Where parents/carers are failing to secure their child's regular school attendance and are failing to engage with supportive measures to improve attendance proposed by the school or Education Welfare Officer a penalty notice may be issued.
- Where a child is taken out of school for an unauthorised leave of absence during term time for 5 days or more without the authority of the head teacher, **each** parent/carer is liable to receive a penalty notice for **each** child. In these circumstances, a warning will not be given where it can be shown that parents/carers had previously been warned that such absences would not be authorised.
- Where children are identified by Police and Education Welfare Officers engaged on Truancy Patrols and who have previously incurred unauthorised absences.
- Where attendance has fallen below 90% and there are no less than 7 unauthorised sessions during the preceding six school weeks. The parent/carer failure to engage with supportive measures proposed by the school or Education Welfare will be a factor when considering the issue of a Penalty Notice. Unauthorised absence will include late arrival after the close of registration without good reason.



Overarching Priorities 2018-2019

To maximise the role of Middle Leaders in the strategic development of the wider curriculum so that there is robust progression of distinct subject skills.

Improve achievement in writing for all groups.

To implement a school wellbeing action plan so that everyone is aware of their own, and others', wellbeing, and it is valued and prioritised.

To achieve the Gold standard of the Surrey Anti Bullying Chartermark accreditation.

To enhance the provision for communication and language in EYFS so that there is an increase in the number of disadvantaged children meeting or being close to, the expected standard in the Listening and Attention, Understanding and Speaking Strands.

We want the best for you and from you so that you can...

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We hope you're all back into the swing of school life. Welcome to our new little ones!

Open Meeting

We are holding our first open meeting at The Cricketers, Stamford Green, on Wednesday, 19th September. You are welcome to join us - whether you fancy becoming involved as a Committee member or just as a friend of Friends who can help out here and there. Come along and find out more about us. We'd love to see you.

Library Volunteers

Don't forget if you fancy being a library volunteer to get in touch. We particularly need help with getting some groups of junior school children along to the library to help them make use of this great resource. Do get in touch with Monika and Emma.

Quiz and Nibbles Night

We are having our annual AGM followed by our Quiz and Nibbles Night on Friday, 12th October. A great opportunity to have a post Summer catch up and get that grey matter churning. The Quiz will be hosted by 3 lovely dads who have kindly volunteered, Mark Hinton-Jones, James Crouch and Spencer McCarthy. You can bring your own nibbles and drinks along.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Our Macmillan Coffee morning is on the morning of Friday, 28th September from 9 am to 9.45 am. It would be great if you come along for a cuppa and a natter and enjoy a piece of cake whilst raising money for a worthwhile cause that is close to many people hearts. Any left over cakes will be sold in the infant playground after school.

We are also looking for cakes or shop bought donations, please, to be brought into school on the morning.

Second Hand Uniform Sales

Just to let you know that when there are Open Classrooms, we will be selling a variety of second hand uniform in the Infant Gazebo on those days .

Dates for Your Diaries

Wed, 19th September **PTA Open Meeting 8 p.m. @ The Cricketers** - anyone welcome to come along!

Fri, 28th September **Macmillan Coffee Morning** - after morning drop off in school hall.

Wed, 10th October **Second Hand Uniform Sale** - in the infant gazebo.

Fri, 12th October **Parent Social & AGM** - Quiz & Nibbles Night - 7.30 p.m. in school.

Sat, 1st December **Christmas Fair** - 11.30 a.m. to 2.00 p.m.

The Giving Machine

Booking that last minute holiday or Summer activities online? Treating your garden to a makeover? Sign up to The Giving Machine and then the likes of Thomson, Eurocamp, Expedia, B&Q, John Lewis and many more will give a small percentage back to the school at no extra cost to you! It's a great way to raise some really valuable funds for very little effort!

Go to <http://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/> to sign up, but remember to select "Southfield Park Primary School" as your cause, otherwise you'll be donating to the cause of the week! You can also install a small Shop&Give add-in for PCs, Macs, iOS and Android that will remind you when you're shopping online on a site that supports us!

Stamptastic

If you're thinking about name labels for all the new school uniform you'll be getting over the Summer, then take a look at Stamptastic. They will give cashback to the school for purchases made using the following link:

<http://bit.ly/SPStamp>

Pictures from the Week



Reminders for Next Week

Monday 17th	Y4 bring in Sayers Croft forms if not already handed in, with medicine (if applicable) and £5 in coins in a named purse Y5 to bring in permission slip and pay for Romeo & Juliet workshops Reception children in all day
Tuesday 18th	
Wednesday 19th	Y5 Romeo & Juliet workshops, parents can come and watch a performance at 2.45pm
Thursday 20th	
Friday 21st	Whole school art day

Needed in the Classrooms....

Do you have any small cars that your children no longer play with? The Reception classes would love to give them a new home, so if you have any in reasonable condition, please bring them either to the Office or give them to the Reception teachers.

Thank you!



Bright Sparks

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★ Well done to our Bright Sparks this week:

Goldsworthy	Amelia Tucker	Lowry	Shayden Mcdonnell-Cathcart
Faraday	Tegan Sweeney	Nightingale	Dylan Grimley
Redgrave	Conner Henlan	Holmes	Chloe Barratt
Darwin	Nefeli Trivyza	Newton	Cameron Atkins
Victoria	Abigail Saunders	Shakespeare	Guy Ferguson
Churchill	Imogen Nash	Attenborough	Lily Hunter

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Events to Commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the end of World War 1



Above is Driver Martin, Epsom's most decorated soldier of World War 1. Martin is pictured after he came home safely to his wife and children... including the son that was born while he was away and saw for the first time on his return. Read Martin's story on the back page.

Tin Hats and Trench Feet

Saturday 13 October 1pm to 2.30pm

Would you like to sit for hours in a muddy funk hole? Learn who or what was a Moaning Minnie or a Jack Johnson.

What did it mean if you were chatting, and where was Blighty?

Discover the answers to all of these questions and more, when we are visited by a British Army Officer

Who will try and get you to join

the army! Learn about trench warfare on the Western Front and how tough

daily life was for the troops. See and have the opportunity to handle objects and weapons from the War to end all Wars. Try to understand the soldier's experiences and how life in the trenches evolved through the duration of the war.



£3 per child one adult free

Further information is available from David Brooks, Bourne Hall Museum, Spring Street, Ewell, Surrey, KT17 1UF. Tel 020 8394 1734. Email dbrooks@epsom-ewell.gov.uk

<http://www.epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/BourneHallMuseumClub.html>



EVENT TO COMMEMORATE THE END OF THE FIRST WORLD WAR

SUNDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER, 10AM-6PM



A day in Bourne Hall Park in gratitude for those who fought in the First World War

In the morning Bourne Hall Museum will be using re-enactors to give some idea of what life was like for the men at the front including a cook with his working stove, Padre, officer and troops with a Vickers Machine Gun! There will be displays and talks on feeding the troops, gas training, infantry weapons and machine-gunning. There will also be a field hospital manned by four nurse's. FREE. The displays will remain while the concert is on.

From 2pm to 6pm a Thank You Concert and Picnic organised by the Royal British Legion, with performers including Outlands Pipe Band, Ewell Castle School Choir, Epsom Male Voice Choir and the singer Sandra Gayer. The concert will climax in a sing-song of the greatest hits of the time.

Bring your picnic and join in with a big thank-you to the men and women who served in the Great War. There will be a stalls selling refreshments.

Entrance £2 donation includes programme and flag.

Further information available from David Brooks,
Bourne Hall Museum, Spring Street, Ewell, Surrey, KT17 1UF.
Tel 020 8394 1734. Email dbrooks@epsom-ewell.gov.uk

Do you have relations who lived in Epsom and Ewell and served in the Great War?
We would like to hear from you – your family stories could form part of the day.

Terrific Tanks

Saturday 10 November

11am to 12.30pm

and 1pm to 2.30pm



In Great Britain, an initial vehicle, nicknamed Little Willie was constructed during 1915 the prototype of what became the Mark 1 Tank Although initially termed "Landships" they were named "tanks", to preserve secrecy. Learn about the tank and as part of our special WW1 session Try make your own moving tank!

Cost £8 per child. Two identical sessions will be run, please book to reserve your place; maximum 15 Children.

Contact: David Brooks, Bourne Hall Museum, Spring Street, Ewell, Surrey, KT17 1UF. Tel 020 8394 1734.

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Opening of the Garden of Remembrance

by local school children and the Mayor
5 November at 11am



The Mayor will join local schoolchildren as they open the annual Garden of Remembrance within Bourne Hall Park

In this year of the 100th anniversary of the end of World War 1, join us in remembering the 455 local men who died, over 130 of them at the Battle of the Somme alone.

Local schools are invited to take part in remembering those who died in all wars. Schools may also be able to preform a short song or poem.

Children will be given poppy crosses to plant. Parents are welcome.

Please contact David Brooks if you would like your school to attend - dbrooks@epsom-ewell.gov.uk

Epsom's Last Fallen

7 November, 11am

A small commemoration in Epsom Market Place to mark the death of 32-year-old Trooper Frederick Watkins who was killed in action on 7 November 1918 at Avesnes Le-Sec, the last of the 455 borough residents who were killed during WW1.

Public and schools are welcome.

Please contact David Brooks if you would like your school to attend - dbrooks@epsom-ewell.gov.uk



Wellington Cemetery Rieux-en-Cambresis,
the last resting place of Frederick Watkin

Light of Peace and Hope

From 6pm on Sunday 11 November at Bourne Hall Park

The Borough will take part as a national chain of beacons is lit.

On the 3 August 1914, Britain's Foreign Minister, Sir Edward Grey, was looking out of his office window. It was dusk, and as the gas lights were being lit, he remarked to a colleague "the lamps are going out all over Europe; we shall not see them lit again in our lifetime". Europe was about to be plunged into the darkness of the WW1, and it would be four long years before it would again experience the light of peace.

The end of the war, and the many millions who were killed or came home dreadfully wounded, will be nationally observed by a chain of beacons that will be lit at 7pm on the 11 November. The event will also commemorate the huge multitude of men and women on the home front who underpinned the war effort.

The playing of the Last Post will be followed by singing from Epsom Male Voice Choir.

The beacons will symbolise the light of hope that emerged from the darkness of war, and we hope that you can join us in this important national commemoration.



Driver Martin's story

September 1914 and the British were forcing a crossing of the river Aisne in northern France. The battle was a series of attacks and counter-attacks which went on without stop, day and night, for two whole weeks. Over 13,000 men were reported killed, wounded or missing.

Driver Martin found himself under terrific bombardment. A nearby gun battery had taken a hit leaving two French wounded soldiers.

The injured men were coming under heavy shelling. The soldiers could hardly move but it would have been certain death for them to remain under the bombardment.

With an officer and an orderly, Martin went to rescue them. They got to the wounded men but found that they could not be moved until their wounds were dressed.

As the shells continued to fall, the rescue team dressed the men's wounds. Martin then got everyone to safety.

A few days later, Driver Martin was decorated on the battlefield by King George V.

When the King pinned on the medal he said: 'That will do nicely'.

Martin was too tired to reply.

