

## Newsletter 03 21/09/2018

Dear Parents,

Our new Reception classes have settled into school life brilliantly and completed their first full week at Southfield Park. Mrs Greenacre and Miss Egan have been so impressed with how the children have adapted to routines and they are clearly enjoying all the exciting activities and learning areas inside the classroom and the outdoor areas. I am sure there will be some very tired faces at the end of today though!

This week the children in the Juniors have elected the House Captains for the coming year. The competition for the positions has as always been intense and the votes very close, following some stirring speeches from the Year 6 children. I am delighted to announce that the following children have been chosen to represent their Houses for 2018/19 and congratulate them all:

Court House - Charlie Vella and Olivia Buller, Stamford House - Casper Palfreyman and Alisha Dowlut, Town House - Sam Taylor and Georgia Reis, Ruxley House - Lewis Miller and Rhea Calcutteea, Ewell House - Theo McKay and Lacie-Lou Blackman, Woodcote House — Alfie Threader and Sara Annuar

Year 5 had their Stunning Start to their topic this week with a drama workshop to perform Romeo and Juliet in a day. It was quite a challenge but after a very hectic day of rehearsals the children gave a great performance to their parents. Thank you to the Year 5 team for undertaking such an ambitious project as it has deepened all their children understanding of the play and of Shakespeare's work.

This year we are trying something new to get parents feedback. Instead of the Parent Focus Group (PFG), where one parents represents the whole class, we are introducing a 'Parent Pop in' session. This will be an informal opportunity for any parent who has feedback on things we could improve or general issues they would like to discuss to pop in and chat with myself, Mrs Crawford and some of the members of the Senior Leadership Team. As with PFG, this will not be a forum to discuss specific children or complaints etc., as issues like these should be addressed directly with specific members of staff. It will be an informal session and we will provide tea, coffee and biscuits. The first 'Parent Pop In' is scheduled for **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November from 2.00 to 3.00pm**, which is some way ahead but we wanted to give everyone some advance warning and also explain what it was as it was on the dates list that came out at the beginning of term. We will remind everyone nearer the time.

The school is full of budding artists today as we are holding an art day across the school to link with the Epsom and Ewell Art Festival and celebrate the artistic talents of all the children. We began the day with a whole school assembly to launch the event and the children have worked in their classrooms to create finished pieces. The children were given a wide range of artistic media to choose from and have created individual pictures linked to their topic and year group curriculum. The range of styles and content has been huge, with the children looking at the work of different artists to inspire them. Each class has selected a 'winner' from the artwork produced and from these we will then select a piece from each year group to be displayed in Bourne Hall as part of the Art Festival. The remaining 'winning' pieces will be displayed in school.

Please check Fronter for the Autumn year group curriculum information booklets, home learning ideas and spelling lists which have now been

uploaded to the parent page. This can be accessed on https://fronter.com/surreymle with the username: southfieldparent and password: password.



The Year 4 children are all very excited about their trip to Sayers Croft next week. Can I remind the Year 4 parents that we will be uploading photos to Twitter rather than sending newsletters whilst the children are away and so if you want to have a glimpse into what is going on and all the children's adventures you will need to follow us on @Southfield Park (you can also see the Twitter feed on our school website!)

Two quick reminders for next week; we have our Phonic Workshops on Tuesday, aimed at Reception and those Year 1 parents who couldn't make it last year, and the MacMillan Coffee morning on Friday. The Phonics meeting will run twice, firstly at 2.30pm in the school hall and then repeated at 6.30 pm. We look forward to seeing the parents then. As usual, we are supporting the MacMillan Coffee morning this year and would like to invite parents to join us in the school hall from 9.00 to 9.45am to support this worthwhile charity. The Friends are organising tea and coffee but we would really welcome donations of cakes and biscuits for the event and if you could help out in this way please drop them at school on Thursday (or Friday – but please let us know if you are bring in on Friday so we know how many to expect). Any cakes not eaten at the coffee morning will be sold at the end of the day with the money raised also donated to MacMillan.

Have a relaxing weekend,

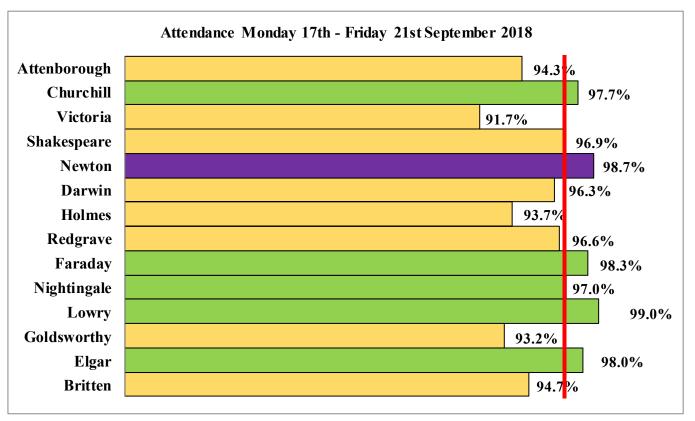
Kind regards,

Kate Gee.

## Attendance this week



Sparky says "well done!" to Newton Class, who had the best attendance this week with 98.7%, and to Elgar, Lowry, Faraday, Nightingale, Victoria and Churchill Classes, who also had high attendance this week!



# A splash of colour from Art Day

Today has been an exciting day with all year groups taking part in our Art Day. The theme for this was Art Across the Curriculum and each year group explored art based on their current topics and learning. In Reception, the children created patterns with car tires dipped in paint. Year 1 produced cherry blossom trees linked to Seasons and the Weather. Year 2 have created fruit bowls linked to 'Staying Alive' and their artist for the term Arcimboldo. Year 3 have made Stonehenge silhouettes and Year 4 produced Volcanos. Year 5 splat paint and used chalk pastels to create space pictures with planets. Linked to WW2, Year 6 have created evacuation art based on Picasso's Guernica paintng.

The teachers in each class have chosen a winning piece of artwork, which will either be put on display in our school hall or at Bourne Hall for the art festival. The Epsom and Ewell Art Festival is taking place at Bourne Hall and is open to visit from 5:30pm on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September to Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 12pm. It will be a lovely event and a great opportunity for the children to show off their talents.

It has been a fantastic and creative day and we are very proud of all of the children's achievements.





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#### **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. The booking form is now available, tickets cost £5.50 each, this is usually a really popular event so book early to avoid disappointment.

Look out for our new online payment/booking system being introduced soon!

#### **Macmillan Coffee Morning**

Our Macmillan Coffee morning is on the morning of Friday, 28th September from 9am 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.

#### **Key Dates for the year**

Following our meeting with Mrs Gee and Mrs Crawford we have set same dates out for our PTA events for the coming year, so get them in your diary and keep up your great support. We can't do this without you.

#### **Dates for Your Diaries**

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 Quiz Night & AGM - 7.30-11p.m. in school.

Fri, 19th October Bags 4 School - to be collected Monday, 29th October. Details to follow.

Fri, 19th October Hallowe'en Discos - Infants 5.00 - 6.30 p.m., Juniors 6.45 - 8.15 p.m.

Fri, 9th November Infant Cushion Club - 4.45 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.

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

Fri, 25th January Junior Cushion Club - 4.45 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.

Fri, 1st February Break the Rules Day - more details to follow.

Fri, 1st March Family Barn Dance & BBQ - details to follow.

Fri, 29th March Easter Discos - Infants 5.00 - 6.30 p.m., Juniors 6.45 - 8.15 p.m.

Sat, 15th June Summer Fair - "15 Year Anniversary" - 12 midday to 3.00 p.m.

#### The Giving Machine

Thoughts turning to Christmas? Maybe some early present shopping, or booking a winter break? Sign up to The Giving Machine and then the likes of Amazon, John Lewis, Thomson, Expedia and many more top retailers 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 <a href="http://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/">http://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/</a> 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!

## Glyn School Open Mornings for September 2019 Year 7 intake

It would be very much appreciated if you could advise your Year 6 students, Parents and Carers that Glyn School warmly invite them to one of our Open Mornings on Tuesday 9, Wednesday 10 or Thursday 11 October, from 9.30am – 11am.

Entrance will be via the main school and Sainsburys gate entrances from 9.15am; there will be a tour of the school followed by a short talk from our Headteacher. There will also be an opportunity to meet the SEND and Admissions teams.

Further details regarding parking can be found on the Glyn School homepage.

Due to our Open Evening in July falling on the same day as the England World Cup Semi Final football game we would like to ensure all Year 6 families have an opportunity to view our school prior to their admissions application submission.





#### Reminders for Next Week

Monday 12th	
Tuesday 13th	EYFS Phonics meeting, 2.30pm and 6.30pm
Wednesday 14th	Y4 to Sayers Croft
Thursday 15th	
Friday 16th	Coffee Morning to support Macmillan Cancer Support, 9-9.45am



# Southfield Park Primary School App

Why not download the SPPS App, for quick access to:

- Newsletters
- Calendar of school events
- Term dates

Look on Google Play or the App Store, download and install the School Jotter App, and then open and find Southfield Park Primary School.

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# **Bright Sparks**

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Goldsworthy Cooper Florence Lowry Harriet Rix

Well done to our Bright Sparks this week:

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Faraday Ella Nicholls Nightingale Leo Howell

Redgrave Emily Troescher Holmes Eva Lawson

Darwin Jack Vincent Newton Merryn Hughes

Victoria Forrest Williams Shakespeare Charlotte Barratt

Churchill Theo McKay Attenborough Charlie Smith

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Polly Sawyer After school club: 07921 147335



# Quiz Night & AGM

# Friday, 12th October 2018 7.30 p.m. till 11pm

Prize for the winning team! Raffle on the night and lots of fun guaranteed! Bring your own drinks & nibbles. £5.50 entry per person. Teams of 6 or less.

Sorry NO Smart Phones



Please return slip below with payment to the Friend's Postbox by the school office.

Name	-
Child's Class	
I would like tickets at £5.50 per ticket.	
Please make cheaues payable to "Friends of Southfield Park Primary".	

Don't have a printer?

Just write out the information on a piece of paper and put it with the money in an envelope, and pop it into the black Friends box by the Office.



## Part-Time/Term-time JOB VACANCY

### ICT Nursery Tutor (part-time/term-time)

This is an exciting opportunity for someone who has a passion about working with children!

We require an ICT Tutor to deliver computer lessons to pre-school children aged 2-5 in private nursery schools within the Epsom & Cheam local areas.

You will be required to travel to 4 or 5 different nurseries per week working Mon-Fri mornings *usually* between 9.30-11.30am. Some nurseries may require a PM session so candidate must be ready and available to work up to 2.30pm, however this is unusual. Hours are approx. 7-10 hours a week in total.

#### Education/Qualities required:

You should be well educated with at least Maths and English to GCSE 'C' grade standard or equivalent. You should have a passion for working with children, be IT literate and have the ability to work on your own initiative. Communication is key in this job and so you should be confident, outgoing and be a very good organiser. FULL TRAINING WILL BE GIVEN.

As this is a mobile job, you need to be a car driver.

For more details and a full job description, please email Lynn Howard at lynn@clickit-kids.co.uk