

## Newsletter 15 18/01/2019

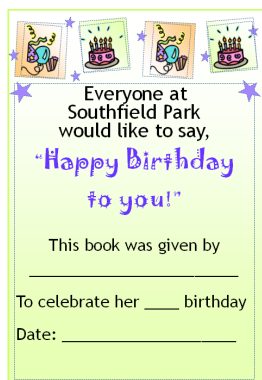
Dear Parents,



This week we have been up to our eyes in all things mathematical as it has been Maths Week. The focus, across the school, has been on problem solving and in particular developing reasoning skills so children can select and use and apply a range of skills when facing maths problems and make decisions and choices to solve tricky questions. All the classes have been busy with a different activities that involve picking out clues from questions and puzzles to help them get started, finding all the different combinations of answers there might be and using key vocabulary to explain how they know. Make sure you look in your child's book for the maths week activities at the Open Classroom event next week to see just what has been happening. Thank you to Mrs Williams, our Maths subject leader, for coordinating such a great event.

On Monday I held an assembly for the children in Years 1-6, to explain a new system that we have introduced to record **Achievement Points** and **Behaviour Points**. Achievement Points will be a replacement for House Points and teachers will keep an electronic record of how many

each child receives and what the points are awarded for. If they achieve 25 points, they will receive a Bronze certificate, with a Silver certificate for 50 and a Gold certificate for 100. I also spoke to them about how if they receive a yellow or red card for behaviour this would be recorded too, with 1 behaviour point for a yellow card and 5 for a red but reassured them that this was not something to worry about. We focused on the positives of receiving an achievement point, and how recording them will help us celebrate, and keep a record of, the great things they all do. At the end of each term we will announce which House has the most achievement points that term and the winning house will receive a special treat.



We seem to have had a lot of birthdays recently and a number of children have asked if they can hand out treats to their class to celebrate. Whilst not wanting to be 'killjoys', this isn't something we would want to encourage with all the concerns about children's sugar intake and also as we are a 'Healthy School'. We are always happy to celebrate a child's special day and would like to remind parents of the Birthday Book system that we have had running since the school opened. If they would like to, on their birthday, a child can donate a book to the class Book Corner to share with their friends and we will stick a special bookplate into the book to commemorate their special day.

It is always tricky on the dark mornings in January to climb out of bed but since we have returned after the Christmas break we have noticed an increasing number of children coming in through the front entrance as the gates have been closed. It is

important that the children learn the importance of punctuality as it is a life skill for them. We would therefore ask for your support in making sure the children arrive promptly at 8.45am, the official school start time, and come through the classroom door with the rest of the class, as this makes sure they have a settled start to the day and are ready to begin their learning.



Finally, can I remind parents of children in KS2 about the Reading Workshop being held on 5<sup>th</sup> February at 6.30pm for parents of children in Years 3 to 6. There is further information about this later in the newsletter, but please do 'save the date' as it will be really useful in helping parents support their child's reading skills and is something that a number of parents have requested. Mrs Del Medico, our English leader, and Mrs Hall, our Reading Recovery teacher, have some excellent ideas to share and have worked very hard on planning a really interesting session. Please send in the attached slip or email Mrs Pereira on [info@southfield-park.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@southfield-park.surrey.sch.uk) so we know how many people to accommodate. There will be a workshop for KS1 parents later in the term.

Kind regards

Kate Gee.

## Tweet of the Week

Follow us on  
@Southfield\_Park  
Lunch date with dad!

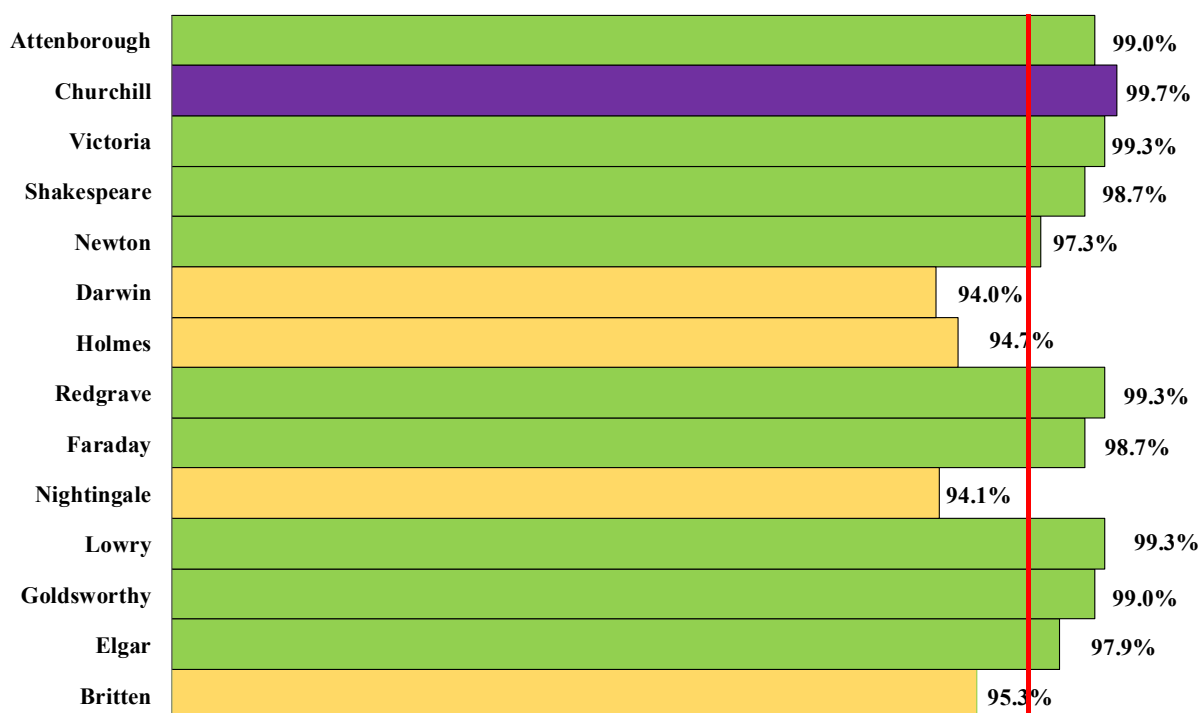


## Attendance this week



Sparky says "well done!" to **Churchill Class**, who had the best attendance this week with **99.7%**, and to **Elgar, Goldsworthy, Lowry, Faraday, Redgrave, Newton, Shakespeare, Victoria and Attenborough Classes**, who also had high attendance this week!

Attendance Monday 14th - Friday 18th January 2019



# Attendance

I 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.

**EVERY** day  
counts  
attendance matters

## Reading Comprehension Workshop

On Tuesday 5th February, at 6.30p.m, we will be holding a Reading Comprehension workshop for key stage 2 (Years 3-6) parents.

During the workshop, we will share with you some of the different strategies that we are using in school to develop the children's comprehension skills, enabling them to become 'active' readers. Developing these comprehension skills not only increases the pleasure and effectiveness of reading but also helps in many other subjects across the curriculum such as reasoning and problem solving in Maths.

All the practical approaches that we will share with you can be used to support your child at home.

We do hope that you will be able to join us—please complete and return the slip below so we know how many people to expect.

Karen Del Medico and Fay Hall

### Reading Comprehension Workshop For parents of pupils in Y3-6 Tuesday 5th February 6.30-7.30pm

Please let us know as soon as possible if you are coming by returning this slip or by emailing Mrs Pereira (info@southfield-park.surrey.sch.uk), as we may not be able to run it if there aren't sufficient people attending.

Your name: .....

Child's name:..... Class: .....

PLEASE NOTE: we are not able to provide a crèche, and children of any age cannot accompanying adults to the workshop.

### Power Thoughts Workshop For parents Tuesday 29th January 5.30-6.30pm

This workshop is linked to the Power Thoughts workshops the children will be taking part in, looking at :

Managing my Big Emotions   Mistakes are Cool   Confident Me

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## Maths is fun!



Britten and Elgar classes have been learning about capacity, while Faraday and Nightingale have been investigating heights of chairs in different parts of the school and thinking logically about where the tallest chairs were and why!



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## Fishy Friday Flies off the plates

The children in Britten class loved sharing lunchtime with their adults today, as mums, dads and other special people joined them in the dinner hall— we are really proud of their amazing behaviour!





## Friends of Southfield Park Primary School

(Registered Charity No. 1110233)

Follow us on Facebook: [Friends of Southfield Park Primary](#)

Follow us on Twitter: [@FoSPPEpsom](#)

Email us: [friends@southfield-park.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:friends@southfield-park.surrey.sch.uk)

or drop a note in the Friends' Postbox by the school office.

### News

#### Junior Cushion Club

**Friday, 25th January 2019 - 4.45 to 6.30 p.m.**

We still have some places left for the cushion club. The children have chosen "Harry Potter & The Philosopher's Stone" as the film. To book your place, please go to:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofsouthfieldpark/>

If you are unable to book via the website, the school office will be able to help you with a booking form.

#### Grown Up Cushion Club!

**Friday, 1st March 2019 - 7.30/8.00 to 10.30 p.m.**

In a bit of a break from the norm, we are going to hold a grown-up cushion club on Friday, 1st March. More details in the next few weeks and tickets will be made available via our PTA-Events website.

#### New Family Barn Dance Date

**Friday, 17th May 2019 - time tbc.**

The Barn Dance will now take place on 17th May. This will be an event for all the family and we'll bring you more details later in the term. For now, save the date in your diaries!

#### Second Hand Uniform Sale

**Tuesday, 22nd January - 2.50 to 3.45 p.m.**

The second hand uniform sale will be taking place at the same time as Open Classrooms. There are lots of items available, all for just 50p each. We could do with some extra help with the sale, so if you are able to lend a hand please let us know via the Friends email.

#### Reception Story Sacks

For those of you with older children in school, you'll be familiar with the fantastic Story Sacks, which Reception children take home to help develop their interest in stories and reading. These are quite costly resources and have been revamped this year, so the Friends are supporting the school by putting together a rota of DBS cleared parents/carers to help keep them in good order and ensure all the bits and pieces are kept together. If you are able to help, please contact Emma on 07958 729684. The more help we have, the less you'll have to do. The sacks can be checked anytime Monday to Thursday, morning or afternoon, and it usually takes around an hour.

## Dates for Your Diaries

<b>Fri, 25th January</b>	<b>Junior Cushion Club</b> - 4.45 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.
<b>Fri, 1st February</b>	<b>Break the Rules Day</b> - more details coming soon!
<b>Fri, 1st March</b>	<b>Grown Up Cushion Club</b> - film to be confirmed - no kids!
<b>Fri, 29th March</b>	<b>Easter Discos</b> - Infants 5.00 - 6.30 p.m., Juniors 6.45 - 8.15 p.m.
<b>Fri, 17th May</b>	<b>Family Barn Dance</b> - time tbc.
<b>Sat, 15th June</b>	<b>Summer Fair - "15 Year Anniversary"</b> - 12 midday to 3.00 p.m.

## The Giving Machine

Snapping up deals in the New Year sales, or thinking of Summer holidays? Sign up to The Giving Machine and then the likes of Thomson, Expedia, John Lewis, Currys 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!



### SNOW



As January and February are often snow months, we thought we would confirm the arrangements should we have a snowfall that was significant enough to have to close the school.

Please assume we are open unless you hear otherwise. **If we need to change our plans this be communicated via the school website, Parentmail and through our Twitter feed.** If we need to close the school we will make a decision by 8.00am.

The forecast can change by the hour and in the event that we are able to open in the morning as normal, but weather conditions then deteriorate during the day, we may need to close earlier. Please bear this in mind and make contingency plans to be able to collect your child from school before the usual pick up time should this become necessary.

As always, whether it is hot or cold, please ensure your child has suitable clothes and footwear appropriate for each day's weather conditions.

### LITTER

Some local residents have contacted us about parents and children dropping litter as they return to their cars following pick up at the end of the day, and we have noticed an increase in litter in the car park too. Many children have a snack from their parents after school but please ensure you take your rubbish home with you, or dispose of it in a bin to keep our environment clean and to instil into the children a sense of community. We would really appreciate your support with this.





## Reminders for Next Week

Monday 21st	
Tuesday 22nd	Open Classrooms, 3.20 / 3.20 until 5pm
Wednesday 23rd	
Thursday 44th	
Friday 25th	Elgar parents Come to Lunch

## Bright Sparks

Well done to our Bright Sparks this week:

Britten	Ayaana Tengur	Elgar	Elizabeth Neary
Goldsworthy	Ethan King	Lowry	Tyler Hedges
Faraday	Libby Price	Nightingale	Harry Hare
Redgrave	Arthur Killeen	Holmes	Panav Thakkar
Darwin	Max Dulake	Newton	Amelia Belton
Victoria	Cathan Price	Shakespeare	Edward Hare
Churchill	Adam Nemeth	Attenborough	Caitlin Moore

Phone: 01372 743104

Fax: 01372 729436

Absence Line: 01372 847965

After school clubs staff: 07824988216

E-mail: [info@southfield-park.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@southfield-park.surrey.sch.uk)

Polly Sawyer After school club: 07921 147335





★ Learn New Basketball Skills!  
★ Compete In Matches!  
★ Make New Friends  
★ Win Prizes!

## - Camp Information -

- ★ Camp runs from 9.30am - 3.30pm daily. Children can be dropped off at any time between 8.30am - 9.30am and collected at any time between 3.30pm - 4.30pm.
- ★ The cost is £32.00 per player per day with a 10% discount on all sibling bookings.
- ★ Our camps give children the opportunity to meet and play against other players from the local area. They are a great way to make new friends, learn new skills and build confidence, all within a positive and welcoming basketball environment!
- ★ All camps are packed with favourite shooting games such as explosion, knockout and hot spot!

## - How To Book -

- ★ All bookings are to be made online. To book your place or for more information please visit the website:  
**www.lovethislifebasketball.com > Sign Up**
- ★ All payments are to be made on the day by either Cash / Cheque / Card. (payable to 'Love This Life').
- ★ Cash payments in a sealed envelope with child's name on front and handed directly to the coach when signing in on arrival at camp.

## - What To Bring -

- ★ A Packed Lunch & Small Snacks (lunch will be supervised but food is not provided).
- ★ Indoor Playing Kit (t-shirt, shorts & trainers).
- ★ A Drink (please bring enough water to last you throughout the day).

☎ 01306 264007  
✉ [info@lovethislifebasketball.com](mailto:info@lovethislifebasketball.com)

★ Contact us using the information below if you have any questions



# EPSOM BOOK FAIR

21<sup>ST</sup> - 23<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY 2019

AT EPSOM METHODIST CHURCH,  
ASHLEY ROAD, EPSOM KT18 5AQ  
THURSDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> - FRIDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> - 10AM - 8PM  
SATURDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> - 10AM - 4PM  
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CHURCH (BETWEEN 9AM AND 8PM)  
FROM WEDNESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> TO  
SATURDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY.  
(PLEASE NOTE THIS IS  
THE FINAL DEADLINE).



**Eagle Radio Media Academy - a new media training course for young people - bookings now open**

An exciting and fun six-week media training course for young people ages 8-18, which takes place at our professional radio studios in Guildford.

Starting February 2019, Eagle Radio brings you the Eagle Radio Media Academy, training young people in all aspects of modern media in a professional work environment.

Led by Eagle presenter and tutor Jack Johnson, the programme consists of six sessions over the course of a school half term and covers radio presenting and production, video production, social media, YouTube, DJ and mixing skills, advertising and journalism.

Completing the course would be a great addition to a CV, whatever career path you're interested in.

You can choose to do the Thursday evening course or the Saturday morning course, and there are two age groups (8-12 and 13-18)

[Find out more information HERE](#) and express your interest, there are limited spaces!





Discover how to put out one of the fire bombs that were dropped in their tens of thousands on Epsom during the war. Try to play fag cards just like wartime children, discover the size of your sweet ration, and where to find bits of bomb after a raid.

## WW2 A Children's War

Thursday 21 February

1pm to 2.30pm

Be prepared with gas mask training and air raid drill, learn what happened after a bomb fell. Could you deliver messages in an air raid during the blackout?



Cost £5 per child. Contact: David Brooks, Bourne Hall Museum, Spring Street, Ewell, Surrey, KT17 1UF

Tel 020 8394 1734. Email [dbrooks@epsom-ewell.gov.uk](mailto:dbrooks@epsom-ewell.gov.uk)



## Nasty Normans

Saturday

9 February 2019

1pm to 2.30pm



Relive the Battle of Hastings and discover the Norman skill of castle building using props from the Tower of London. After the death of a childless King and a struggle between claimants to the throne in 1066, the year of the three battles, Duke William was the last man standing. Harold died with an arrow in his eye or did he? To control the country William and his Barons began building castles, first of earth and timber, and then stone. Built as fortresses, they became administration centres and symbols of power for the Nasty Normans.



Cost £5 per child

Further information is available from David Brooks, Bourne Hall Museum, Spring Street, Ewell, Surrey, KT17 1UF. Tel 0208 394 1734, Email [dbrooks@epsom-ewell.gov.uk](mailto:dbrooks@epsom-ewell.gov.uk)