

Newsletter 19 01/03/2019

Dear Parents,

Welcome back after the half term break. It has only been a short week, as we had an INSET day on Monday. Nevertheless, there has been lots going on as usual and at the beginning of the week, we were bathed in glorious sunshine.

One of the highlights of Year 1 for the children is always the amazing Circus Skills workshop and the children in Lowry and Goldsworthy certainly enjoyed learning plenty of tricks on Tuesday. There was juggling, plate spinning, walking on stilts and even tightrope walking skills on display! Everyone had a fantastic time and the children will use their new found skills and experiences for some fantastic writing inspiration as their topic progresses.



Wednesday saw our netball teams compete in their first matches of the season with both the league and friendly teams in action with matches against Wallace Fields Junior School and St Martins Primary School. The league team secured a victory against Wallace Fields but lost against St Josephs in an exciting match. There were also great results for the non-league team who won against Wallace Fields and drew in a tight match against St



Josephs. As usual, all the children were marvellous ambassadors for the school and played brilliantly, making everyone proud. Thank you to Mrs Yeates and Mrs Glasspool for all their hard work coaching the team and organising the matches. We are all very grateful.

Also on Wednesday, two teams from Southfield Park took part in the area heat of the 2019 Quiz Club competition. The children all performed exceptionally well as the questions were exceptionally tricky, with one of our teams actually winning the event and they will be moving forwards to the semi final taking place in London on the 27th March. Watch out for a report on the event from Alex, one of the Year 6 team captains, later in the report.



This week we introduced our School Fund. This was a difficult decision for the Governing Body and School Senior Leadership Team but as we explained in the letter sent out earlier this week, the budgetary position the school finds itself in following changes to school funding is really challenging. Despite prudent financial planning and close scrutiny of all expenditure by our highly skilled School Business Manager and Governors, we are in a situation where a School Fund is necessary. Contributions are entirely on a voluntary basis and there is no obligation for any family to make donations. On a positive note the recent UK Government and Parliament Petition – *Increase funding for schools* <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/232220> - received over 100,000 signatures meaning Parliament will debate this petition on 4th March 2019. We are extremely hopeful that at the next Spending Review there will be a significant increase in funding for the education sector.

Finally, everyone is excited about Writing Week, which is next week and based on different books written by one of the very best children's authors, Michael Morpurgo. You will have received a letter from Mrs Del Medico our English Subject Leader, about the exciting things planned. Each class is already thinking about how they will decorate their classroom doors to capture themes in the book they are studying. The ever popular reading with Family and Friends event is taking place either at 9.00am-9:45am or 2.15-3:00pm on Friday. We look forward to seeing many of you there, please remember to only sign up for one of the slots not both. If you are coming and have not already confirmed, please do as soon as possible so we know how many people to expect either by returning the slip or by email to Mrs Hutton (sarah.hutton@southfield-park.surrey.sch.uk), it would be greatly appreciated. You can also email her if you would like to attend the KS1 Reading Comprehension Workshop on Tuesday 5th, 6.30-7.30pm. While the workshop is aimed at parents with children in Reception and Years 1 & 2, parents of children in Juniors are also welcome to attend if they weren't able to make the workshop for them which was held earlier this term. The feedback received from the parents who attended the KS2 Reading Comprehension Workshop was overwhelmingly positive and I know that the KS1 workshop will be equally informative so please do take the time to attend as Mrs Del Medico and Mrs Hall have spent a lot of time planning it and preparing resources.

Have a great weekend,
Kind Regards
Kate Gee.

Tweet of the Week

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Supporting as they learn

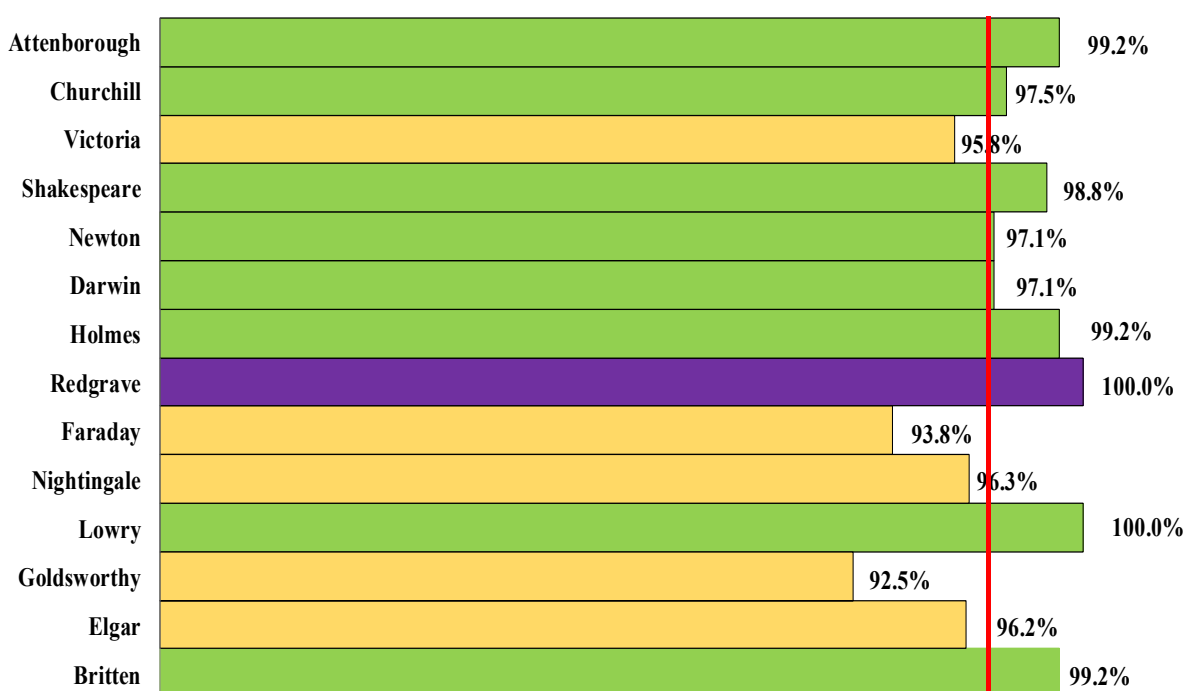


Attendance this week



Sparky says "well done!" to **Redgrave Class**, who had the best attendance this week with **100%**, and to **Britten, Lowry, Holmes, Darwin, Newton, Shakespeare, Churchill and Attenborough Classes**, who also had high attendance this week!

Attendance 26th February - 1st March 2019



Roll Up!! Roll Up!! The Circus is in Town

On Tuesday Year One were lucky enough to take part in a circus workshop! Sam the circus man started off our exciting day by performing his fantastic circus skills. We were amazed at his juggling, balancing and plate spinning! We then had the opportunity to learn how to perform some circus skills. We juggled with scarfs, balanced peacock feathers and even had a chance to walk along the tightrope. It was such a fun experience and we all learnt some new skills! We may be off to join the circus soon!

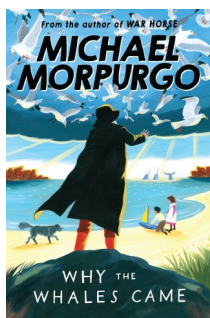
“It was the best day!” Harry

“I really liked walking on the tightrope! It was so fun!” Samarth

“I loved walking on the big stilts and the tight rope” Erasmia

“I liked when we were spinning the plates!” Khushi





Books galore in English Week

As you know, every year we hold a week to celebrate reading and writing. This year, our English week will be held from **Monday 4th through until Friday 8th March**. The week will begin with a launch assembly introducing our theme of 'Michael Morpurgo', the award winning children's author. Each year group will be choosing their own Michael Morpurgo book to read, explore and base their learning on for the week. The teachers are already very excited and are in the process of planning lots of exciting learning opportunities for the children.



Book Trail

During the week, each class will have the opportunity to take part in a book trail in and around our school library. Each Phase will have a different set of picture clues taken from a variety of well-known children's books to find and their knowledge will be put to the test identifying characters, authors, book titles and lots more! Events like these take a lot of time to organise and I would like to thank our library team in advance for volunteering to come in during the week to help run the book trail.

Decorating Our Classroom Doors

Each class will be using their creativity to transform their classroom door by decorating it to represent their chosen Michael Morpurgo book. Look out for pictures in the newsletter!

Class Teacher Story Swap

On the Thursday afternoon, the teachers will be swapping classes to read a story to a different class. This is a great opportunity for the children to experience hearing stories read by different adults and it is something which both the teachers and children always look forward to.

Key Stage 1 Reading Comprehension Workshop Tuesday 5th March 6.30 p.m.-7.30 p.m.

Following on from the success of our Key Stage 2 Reading Comprehension workshop last half-term, we will be holding a similar workshop for our Key Stage 1 parents. During the workshop, we will share different strategies that we are using in school to develop children's comprehension skills enabling them to become 'active' readers. The workshop will include a video showing you how you can best use these approaches to support your child with reading at home. If you are a Key Stage 2 parent and missed out on the workshop last half-term, you are very welcome to come along and join us. Please return the attached form to the office as soon as possible so we know how many resources to prepare.

Reading with Family and Friends Friday 8th March 9-9:45am and 2:15-3pm

This is a well-loved event where we ask for family members or a close family friend to come into school and read a story or play spelling/word games with a small group of children. It would be wonderful to repeat the success of previous years with as many relatives or close friends as possible. There will be two allocated times, 9-9:45 am and 2:15-3pm. Please fill in the attached form and return it to the office with your **ONE** preferred time slot as unfortunately we cannot accommodate you to come to both.

We hope this will be a very exciting, creative week for the children; both the children and staff are already looking forward to it.

Many thanks for your support

Karen Del Medico
English Subject Leader

Please let us know if you can come to the reading comprehension workshop and / or to Reading with Friends & Family.

The reply slips are on the next page, or simply email sarah.hutton@southfield-park.surrey.sch.uk

KS1 Reading Comprehension Workshop
Tuesday 5th March 6.30 - 7.30pm

Please let us know if you can come to this session:

Your name:.....

Child's name: Class:

If you would prefer to email this information, please email the same information to:

sarah.hutton@southfield-park.surrey.sch.uk

Reading with Family and Friends
Friday 8th March 9-9:45am and 2:15-3pm

Please let us know if you can come to one of the sessions:

Your name:.....

Child's name: Class:

I would like to join you at

9 - 9.45am []

2.15 - 3pm []

These sessions are very popular, so please only one person per family, coming to one session.

The Year 4 classes have Bikeability during the morning of Friday 8th March, and as we don't yet know which times they will be going out, Y4 parents might like to come to the afternoon session.

If you would prefer to email this information, please send the same information to:

sarah.hutton@southfield-park.surrey.sch.uk

Please send replies back by midday on Thursday 7th March, so we can plan sufficient resources.

High 5 Netball season is here!

17 High 5 Netballers raced out of school on Wednesday afternoon to play fixtures against Wallace Fields and St. Joseph's Schools, away at Wallace Fields. The sun was shining and spirits were high for our first matches of the season. Many players had not yet experienced competitive play, but everyone settled into their matches quickly and impressed us with some fantastic performances.

We played four matches, each consisting of four quarters of six minutes. The children did us proud and some excellent goals were scored. The final score lines were:

League Team vs Wallace Fields WIN! 8:2

Players: *George Anderson-Smith, Sara Annuar, Katherine Chambers, Hannah Coen, Freddie Garrod, Lewis Miller, Amelie Paul*

Non-League Team vs Wallace Fields WIN! 5:1

Players: *Poppy Chan, Oscar Chapman, Joe McDonald, Ruby Middlebrook, Georgia Reis, Holly Smalley, Maddy Theobald*

League Team vs St. Joseph's LOSS! 6:10

Players: *George Anderson-Smith, Sara Annuar, Katherine Chambers, Hannah Coen, Freddie Garrod, Lewis Miller, Amelie Paul*

Non-League Team vs St Joseph's DRAW! 5:5

Players: *Oscar Chapman, Hattie Mannering, Mae-Ling McCarthy, Joe McDonald, Caitlin Moore, Georgia Reis, Holly Smalley*

What the children had to say:

Hattie: "It was such a fun experience and I liked chatting to the friendly players on the other team."

Hannah: "The other teams were really supportive!"

Sara: "I think we need to work on varying our passes."

Joe: "It was brilliant! When's the next match?"

... next Wednesday, against Stamford Green!

Thank you to all of our supporters ... especially for getting the children to Wallace Fields in record time!

Non-league team players this week



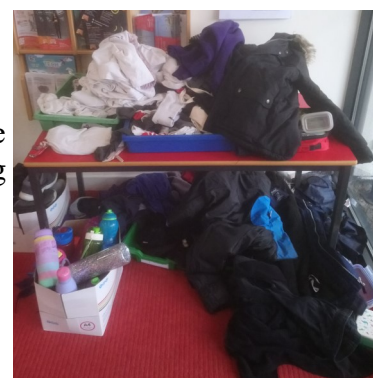
Ms Yeates and Mrs Glasspool

This week's league team players



Lost Property

The rest of the lost property, which hasn't found an owner, is going to be dealt with on Monday after drop off, so if you haven't looked yet for missing items, please do so before then.





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

Friend's News

Apologies once again for cancelling our film night. Unfortunately, due to low ticket sales, it wasn't viable to run it. Do please get in touch with us if you have any ideas that you think could raise valuable funds for our school.

Easter Discos

The children were really keen to have another disco and so, by popular demand, we are having another Easter Disco this year on Friday, 29th March. The Infants will be from 5 pm to 6.30 pm, the Juniors following on from 6.45 pm to 8.15pm.

Tickets will shortly be available to buy online (<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofsouthfieldpark/>) and it will be on a first come first served basis.

Easter Bake Off

We will be having an Easter Cake Sale after school on Thursday, 4th April. We are looking for those bakers amongst you to bring in cakes to the school reception area please, on the morning of the cake sale. Shop brought goodies are also welcome as we know time is precious!

Pond Redevelopment

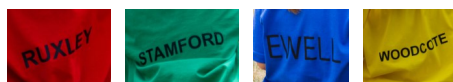
The Friends have been funding the redevelopment of the school pond and we pleased to report that Stage 1 has been completed. Stage 2 is due to start shortly, ready for the children to start using it in the Summer term with a special treat to start them off.

Writing Week Next Week

The Friends have bought books by Sir Michael Morpurgo for each class and the friends of Friends are running a book trail throughout the week for all children. We will also be helping to present the children's work from the week.

House T-Shirts for Sports Day

Sports Day is 24th May



We introduced House T-shirts a few years ago. The T-shirts are available in the children's House colours with their House names on the back. They really add to the fun and atmosphere on Sports' Day and the children can also get to wear them for other House events.

A percentage of your purchase goes straight to the Friends to help the school. Please see the order forms attached - we need these back by **Friday, 5th April** (the Friday before Easter) so that we have the T-shirts ready before Sports' Day on **Friday, 24th May**.

Dates for Your Diaries

Fri, 29th March	Easter Discos - Infants 5.00 - 6.30 p.m., Juniors 6.45 - 8.15 p.m.
Thur, 4th April	Easter Cake Sale - after school. More details closer to the time.
Fri, 17th May	Family Barn Dance - time tbc.
Sat, 15th June	Summer Fair - "15 Year Anniversary" - 12 midday to 3.00 p.m.

Year Three Geography Lesson

On the Wednesday 27th February 2019 both classes in Year Three (Redgrave and Holmes) were trying to use primary and secondary sources to find out some geographical data. Primary and secondary sources are complicated ways of splitting up the word 'sources'. When the word source is said, most of us will think of computers and books but would we think of a primary and secondary sources?

Primary sources are, if we take the example of history, *real* things. Such examples could be artefacts or older generation. You could also have personal accounts from people written down. The internet and history books or even books in general are classed as secondary sources since these are not the first time the information ever has been represented. In geography though, there are not much primary sources; it is amazing that Year Three are learning both when this has normally reached its zenith during secondary school or later during primary.

The data which the children were finding out had a wide variety of answers. They could include simple questions like "what is the capital of Spain" and "where is Hollywood" to quite complicated ones which even I had to scratch my head to think about like "what is the average temperature in Africa and how will you find it?" Also, there were a thousand different ways to find it. I have already mentioned the secondary and primary sources but would it be more efficient to use the internet or an atlas. Many would use the newly-acquired (and quicker) chromebooks for the sake of using them but Year Three managed to think before reaching toward the computer tray whether it would be easier to have a quick check in the Europe section of the map to see how many countries border France than clicking on a hundred unreliable sites. Then was the hard part - writing! Each child had to write about their findings and also explain where they found them.

At the end of this lesson I think that all the Year Threes will be experts on geography and which sources to use and when!

- Pratyush Joshi, Geography Prefect Year 6

Quiz Club Champions

On Wednesday 27th February, two teams departed for the Area Heats of Quiz Club! It was held at St Dunstan's C of E School in Cheam and the drive was short and soon, the quiz commenced. Our two teams consisted of: Emily, Harry, James and I (in Southfield Park 1) and Lewis, Daisy, Cathan and William (in Southfield Park 2). The quiz questions were varied and all provided a great insight into their subject. At first Cheam Fields were in the lead, with us at their heels, and we attempted to overtake them however Cheam Fields continued in 1st place as the gap stayed even. Eventually, we overtook them however after a few questions, Cheam Fields retook first place. Luckily, we overtook them and desperately strengthened our lead. At the end, we came first and Southfield Park 2 did very well.

The event was extremely tense and, as well as knowing what the answer is, we needed to think tactically so that (if we did not know the answer) we could effectively divide our score to ensure that we could get the vital points. We also needed to think about whether we would take a risk if we needed the points yet we were not sure of the answer. Taking that risk can be effective if you are second or if you are close behind another team. As well as this, we had to consider the other teams' scores in case you could overtake someone ahead of you or if another team is close to overtaking you. The tactics are a vital part of the quiz and if you were not aware of other teams' scores, you could easily fall behind. These elements made the quiz extremely tense and made it extremely fun. Despite the tenseness, the end was extremely rewarding.

By Alexander Hughes

Reminders for Next Week

Monday 4th	Writing Week Y2 Pedals Training (Faraday)
Tuesday 5th	Y2 Pedals Training (Nightingale) KS1 Reading Comprehension Workshop for parents, 6.30-7.30pm (KS2 parents also welcome)
Wednesday 6th	Y6 Junior Citizenship event at Epsom Downs Y5 Easter Experience at Christ Church (am)
Thursday 7th	Y4 Bikeability Level 1 (Darwin)
Friday 8th	Y4 Bikeability Level 1 (Newton) Reading with Friends & Family, 9-9.45am or 2.15-3pm

Knitting Needles Needed

Year 1 have thoroughly enjoyed their Circus Skills workshops this week, and the children would love to keep on practicing their new skills!

We have the plates for plate spinning, but need some more needles to balance them on. If you have any size 6 (or slightly larger) needles which you no longer need and could donate to the class, we would really appreciate it!

Thank you



Bright Sparks

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Britten	Amaya Patel	Elgar	Ramita Arumugam
Goldsworthy	Ayla Katmawi-Sabbagh	Lowry	Logan O’Farrell
Faraday	Scarlett Ivens	Nightingale	George Yeld
Redgrave	Ollie Booth and Chloe Thomas	Holmes	Ciana Troyana
Darwin	Robert Long	Newton	Ethan Grimley
Victoria	Kitty Yeld	Shakespeare	Kira Newbould
Churchill	Rylea Coggins	Attenborough	George Anderson-Smith

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Polly Sawyer After school club: 07921 147335



**IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR PARENTS/CARERS OF YEAR 5 CHILDREN
TRANSFER TO SECONDARY SCHOOL - SEPTEMBER 2020**

These are the key dates for Year 7 September 2020 entry process for the six schools listed above who work together to conduct a joint **Selective Eligibility Test**.

REGISTRATION DATES	
1 May 2019 (Wednesday)	Online Registration System OPENS . Visit the website of any of the schools to access the system.
28 June 2019 (Friday)	Deadline for requests for special adjustments for candidates with SEN, and for supporting evidence (see further guidance online).
16 August 2019 (at midnight) (Friday)	Deadline for Registrations – the online system CLOSES . No late registrations will be accepted under any circumstances.
OPEN EVENING DATES	
26 September 2019 (Thursday)	Greenshaw High School - 5.30pm to 8.30pm (last entry 8.00pm)
11 July 2019 (Thursday)	Nonsuch High School for Girls - 4.00pm-8.30pm
25 September 2019 (Wednesday)	Sutton Grammar School - 4.00pm-9.00pm
4 July 2019 (Thursday)	Wallington County Grammar School - 3.30pm-8.00pm (last entry 7.30pm)
4 July 2019 (Thursday)	Wallington High School for Girls - 4.00pm-8.30pm (last entry 8.00pm)
27 June 2019 (Thursday)	Wilson's School - 3.30pm-8.30pm (last entry 8.00pm)
TEST DATES	
17 September 2019 (Tuesday)	Selective Eligibility Test
For the participating schools that have second stage tests, all boys/girls who reach the required standard in the Selective Eligibility Test will be invited to sit second stage Entrance Examinations on the following dates:	
28 September 2019 (Saturday)	Joint Second Stage Test for Nonsuch High School for Girls and Wallington High School for Girls
5 October 2019 (Saturday)	Shared Second State Entrance Examination for Sutton Grammar School and Wilson's School

Further information about the tests and admissions process and each School's admission criteria, please visit the participating schools' websites or contact the schools' admissions offices.

CONTACT DETAILS			
SCHOOL	WEB ADDRESS	TEL NO	EMAIL
Greenshaw High School	www.greenshaw.co.uk	020 8715 1001	admissions@greenshaw.co.uk
Nonsuch High School for Girls	www.nonsuchschool.org	020 8394 3400	admissions@girlslearningtrust.org
Sutton Grammar School	www.suttongrammar.sutton.sch.uk	020 8642 3821	admissions@suttongrammar.sutton.sch.uk
Wallington County Grammar School	www.wcgs-sutton.org.uk	020 8647 2235	admissions@wcgs.org.uk
Wallington High School for Girls	www.wallingtongirls.org.uk	020 8394 3400	admissions@girlslearningtrust.org
Wilson's School	www.wilsons.school	020 8773 2931	admissions@wilsonsschool.sutton.sch.uk

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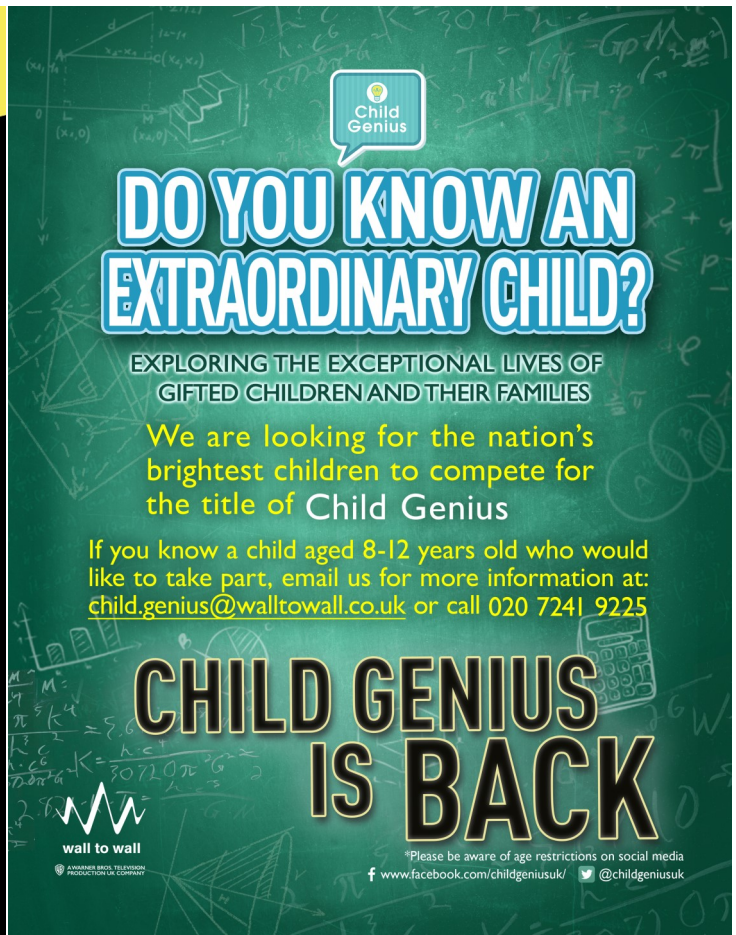
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Please feel free to take a look at our website here: www.southsidetheatre.com and let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you very much and I look forward to hearing back from you.

Kind regards,

Toby Ward-Smith

Youth Director

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Southfield Park House T-shirt Order Form

T-Shirts are £5 each. Please enclose cash or cheque made payable to “Friends of Southfield Park” and return orders by **Friday, 5th April 2018**.

Child's Name: _____

Child's Class: _____

House – Ruxley – COLOUR RED

SIZE	Quantity	Total £
3 - 4 yr		
5 - 6 yr		
7 - 8 yr		
9 - 11 yr		

House – Stamford – COLOUR GREEN

SIZE	Quantity	Total £
3 - 4 yr		
5 - 6 yr		
7 - 8 yr		
9 - 11 yr		

House – Court – COLOUR ORANGE

SIZE	Quantity	Total £
3 - 4 yr		
5 - 6 yr		
7 - 8 yr		
9 - 11 yr		

House – Woodcote – COLOUR YELLOW

SIZE	Quantity	Total £
3 - 4 yr		
5 - 6 yr		
7 - 8 yr		
9 - 11 yr		

House – Town – COLOUR PURPLE

SIZE	Quantity	Total £
3 - 4 yr		
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House – Ewell – COLOUR BLUE

SIZE	Quantity	Total £
3 - 4 yr		
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