

Newsletter 25 10/05/2019

Dear Parents,

The summer term is well underway and the school is a hive of activity despite it being a short week. Last Friday, we had a visit from representatives from Transport for London, as part of their STEM (Science

Technology Engineering and Maths) outreach work with schools. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 had a fantastic time learning about different style of bridges, finding out how they are constructed to be strong structures and having a go at making their own too. It was clear from the children's responses and engagement that we have some budding engineers of the future. As the term progresses, the children in the Juniors will also have some STEM activities which I know they will really enjoy.



The Year 5 and 6 football teams played their final matches of the season this week on Tuesday after school against Stamford Green. Both the league and friendly teams secured convincing wins and both teams played magnificently. A special mention goes to Mia Ring, who captained the non-league team and also scored 6 goals during the match. What an achievement! We are also grateful to Mr Ring who stepped in to referee one of the matches; it was greatly appreciated.

The Southfield Park Singers represented the school at a musical concert held at Dorking Halls on Wednesday evening, alongside almost 200 children from local schools. It was a real treat to hear so many children's voices together and quite a feat for the children as they had to learn almost 20 different songs which they sang together with children from other schools, with whom they had never sung before. We are so lucky to have the support of Mrs Miniuks and Mrs Jansen who run the Singers and give up their time to teach the children the songs and accompany them to the concert. It was certainly a very long day for them, and obviously the children, too, as the concert didn't finish until 8.30pm! It was lovely to see so many parents attending and I know they were so impressed by the quality of the singing and appreciative of the marvellous opportunity the children were given.



Those of you who have been part of the school community for a while will be well aware that in 2016/17 we had a huge focus on attendance, as the number of families taking holidays during term time was a massive concern. As a school, we worked hard to make parents aware of the implications of taking unauthorised holidays on a child's progress, also explaining how the absences could result in the issue of Penalty Charge Notices to parents. Last academic

year we saw a significant reduction in the number of term time holidays taken and appreciated the support from the whole school community in achieving this. However, sadly, scrutiny of our attendance records for this academic year shows that we have already had 70 children take unauthorised term time holidays in 2018/19, missing 531 registered sessions (half days) or 265.5 days so far. When you think that an academic year is 190 days this is a very high figure, and this is before we enter the 'holiday season'. Can I please therefore advise parents to think twice before booking term time holidays and remind you that unauthorised absences may be liable for a penalty charge, which is issued by Surrey County Council.

Tonight, the Friends of Southfield Park are hosting a Barn Dance, a new addition to their fundraising events to which both children and adults are invited. It is sure to be great fun with lots of opportunities to show off 'Dosey doe-ing' skills. These events take time and effort to organise so a big thank you goes to them for their hard work and commitment and I know they are already busy masterminding the Summer Fair.

Sports Day is fast approaching so can I please remind parents that all children need the correct kit for PE lessons. In the summer term, this is a pair of navy shorts, white school T Shirt or coloured house T shirt and plimsolls or trainers. A number of children, especially in the Juniors, are wearing tracksuit bottoms or coloured gym leggings etc., which are not part of PE kit and unsuitable for school use.

Can I remind all the parents that the school will be closed for the MEP elections on Thursday 23rd May as we have received formal confirmation of this closure from the Council this week. We appreciate this is frustrating and inconvenient for everyone but we have no choice in the matter and as this is an 'unplanned' election we could not schedule to make it an INSET day as we did with the local elections earlier this month. The staff will be in school that day working on our School Development Plan for 2019/20.

Finally, a reminder to Year 6 parents that we will be hosting a 'Breakfast Club' for the children in that year group next week as it is 'SATs Week', and the children should come into school for 8.15am.

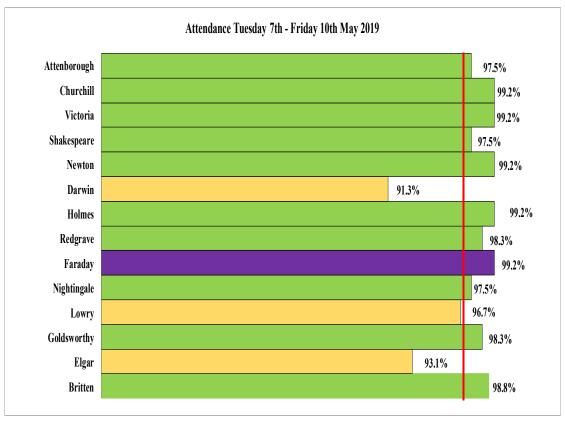
Kind regards,

Kate Gee.

Attendance this week



Sparky says "well done!" to Faraday Class, who had the best attendance this week with 99.2%, and to Britten, Goldsworthy, Faraday, Nightingale, Redgrave, Holmes, Newton, Shakespeare, Victoria, Churchill and Attenborough Classes, who also had high attendance this week!



Celebrating 100 Years of Women in the Met Police

On Thursday 25th April I went to my daddy's work in London, near the Tower of London. My Dad is a police man but is a firearms officer. He drives around London and helps people who need police officers with guns.

This day was to celebrate 100 years of women working in the Met police. Lots of other daughters went on the same day. We did lots of activities and had lots of fun. We got to look around the special police cars and hold all the tools they use. Some of it was very heavy and I couldn't lift it up. We then got to shoot guns at a big screen, it was like a computer game, it was to test our reactions. Then we went to a special room where we had to put on funny glasses and ear muffs and some of daddy's friends shot their guns at balloons, melons and pineapples and dog shaped balloons. Then we got to do some abseiling, although it was a bit too high for me and I chose not to do it.

There were 50 girls that went to the same day as me; I was one of the youngest, although I made a few friends whilst I was there. I learnt a lot about what my daddy does for a job, I even found out that they get to use an IPad to find their way to places. When we finished our day, I met a lady Chief Superintendent who is one of my daddy's bosses. She gave me an Easter egg and a certificate because I took part in such an important day.

I'm really proud I got invited to take part and celebrate this.

Girl Power!

By Olivia Tuck, Redgrave











Woodcote Green Nursery 'Green Fingered Kids' scheme is back

Although a bit of a distance from here, Woodcote Green Nursery is a lovely garden centre and well worth a visit. For the next few months, for every £10 you spend, they will give you a voucher worth 25p to give to school. Last year we received £15 worth of vouchers which have just been spent on plants to brighten up the hanging pots by the school entrance—thank you to Mrs Neary, mum to Patrick and Elizabeth, who potted them up! - so they make a big difference. If you, or your friends, neighbours or relatives, take a trip over there, remember to ask for the vouchers and bring them into school. Thank you!







Friends of Southfield Park Primary School

(Registered Charity No. 1110233)

Follow us on Facebook: Friends of Southfield Park Primary
Follow us on Twitter: <u>@FoSPPEpsom</u>
Email us: friends@southfield-park.surrey.sch.uk

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

News

We are really looking forward to hosting our first Family Barn Dance tonight. Doors open at 6.15pm and dancing starts from 6.30pm, We have a professional caller coming along and with our Bar and BBQ it's sure to be a fun night. For those that have been too busy to get your tickets on line we have a few spaces left so you can pay on the door. £5 for an adult and £2.50 for a child.

We hope to see you there!

Also we will be running Infant and Junior Playball nights again this year, please see dates for your diaries below.



Our inaugural School Lottery draw took place last Saturday, with Martyn Howarth winning our own £20 prize! There is also a national prize of £25,000 every week. Tickets are just £1 and you can pay by card or setup a direct debit. For full details and to sign up, please visit https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk and search for "Southfield Park"

The more tickets we sell, the bigger the local prize is and the more money it raises for the school! So feel free to invite family and friends to sign up too!

Dates for Your Diaries

Thu, 16th May 2nd Hand Uniform Sale - after school in Infant Gazebo.

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

Fri, 5th July Junior Playball - 4.30 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.

Fri, 12th July Infant Playball - 4.30 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.

Reminders for Next Week

| Monday 13th | Y6 SATs all week, including Breakfast Club from 8.15am |
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| Tuesday 14th | |
| Wednesday 15th | |
| Thursday 16th | Y5 trip to Morden Mosque, everyone to bring packed lunch |
| | Open Classrooms, 3.10/3.20pm until 5pm |
| Friday 17th | |

Lost Nomination Bracelet

Mrs Hutton, in the School Office, has lost a Nomination bracelet, most likely around school. Similar to the one in the picture below the bracelet is made up of links, some which say Nomination, some which will have other words or pictures on them. It is full of sentimental value and history, and she will be very happy to have it back if anyone finds it!

Thank you!



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*********** ★ Well done to our Bright Sparks this week: $\stackrel{\wedge}{\Rightarrow}$ Amna Ahmad and Anna Britten Sam Mercer and Elgar Willoughby Ray Tarabrina $\stackrel{\wedge}{\Rightarrow}$ $\stackrel{\wedge}{\Rightarrow}$ Goldsworthy Harry Heslop and Samarth Lowry Mahid Khan and Sienna ☆ Simpson-Applewhaite Nanda Andras Nemeth and Aydan Hanks and Harry Nightingale Faraday Moss Anae Tebay Chloe Lebas and Tommy Emma English and Redgrave Holmes Laura Troescher McIntosh Darwin Loui Todd and Marley Newton Sofia Annuar and Isabelle Lawson Williams Victoria Genevieve Biggs and Emma Drake and Shakespeare Adam Toth Johann Joseph Churchill Evie Grant and Declan Sara Annuar and Sam Attenborough Holland Geeson

Polly Sawyer After school club: 07921 147335

ASD NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carer

Thank you to all of you who were able to attend the April group. It was really lovely to see so many of you and also many new parents. It was very helpful and interesting having Clare Truman join us. Those of you who were able to join us, we found the presentation on Siblings very interesting. Clare is always full of so much energy when presenting. She has a wealth knowledge regarding ASD and she is always willing to share this. We hope to have Clare back again.

Please note that our next session is on the 15th May 2019 which is a Wednesday. It is in our usual room.

We are looking forward to **Nicole Berry**, **Specialist Speech and Language Therapist** is joining us. The session will be informal with Nicole helping us to understand her role, her work with ASD children and strategies used.

All parents or carers of children on the Autism Spectrum or with traits are welcome. We usually have a speaker

every week, after which we chat, drink coffee and eat biscuits. I look forward to seeing you all, and also to welcome

new group members.

If you want to be able to contact or be contacted by other members of the group, Sara Lawler sara.lawler@outlook.com is in charge of the Parent Support Group contact list (separate from the CAMHS email list) and I am sure she would be happy to help.

Best wishes Pat Griffin and Nicky Radford

The ASD Parent Support Group Sessions are Wednesdays or Thursdays from 9.30am until 11.30am in Room 1-04, Gatton Place, St. Matthews Road, Redhill, RH1 1TA.

Next Date: 15th May 2019 at 9.30a.m. at Gatton Place, St Matthews Road, Redhill. RH1 1TA

KEY DATES

15th May 2019 - Nicole Berry (Speech & Language Therapist) 19th June 2019 - Sensory Awareness

17th July 2019 – Last session before the summer break. Coffee morning and discussion regarding presentations for the next 12 months

Hearing about your experiences of our services is really important to us and helps us know where we need to improve so we can provide better care and treatment on an on-going basis. You can tell us what you think about the service you are receiving by completing a short online survey www.sabp.nhs.uk/yourviewsmatter

Come and try being an Archaeologist

Saturday 25th May 11am to 4pm

Bourne Hall Park, Spring Street, Ewell, KT17 1UF





On **Saturday 25th May**, there will be an open day (11:00-16:00) at **Bourne Hall**, where the Surrey Archaeological Archaeological Society, Epsom and Ewell Historical and Archaeological Society and Bourne Hall Museum invite everyone of all ages to come and try live archaeology, including digging, sieving and helping to process the finds as part of a live dig. Test pits will be dug to discover what history is hidden deep below the surface of Bourne Hall Park. The day will include a host of activities meet Roman legionnaires, try some Roman cooking if you dare, and practice some Roman beauty tips. There will be sand trays for the very young archaeologists, a handling collection of finds, and an exhibition of what could be discoveries, so do come along and see what's going on! You can also bring along finds you have made in your garden and get them

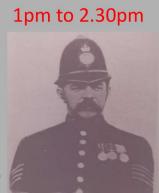






The 1919 Epsom riot, the attack on Epsom Police Station and the death of Sergeant Thomas Green.

Discover what happened in Saturday 11 May Epsom during WW1 with its crowded Military Hospitals, camps and large numbers of Canadian soldiers in Woodcote Camp waiting to go home. See how events boiled over out of hand during an incident in a local pub, which led to the infamous riot of 1919, the attack on Epsom Police Station and the death of Sergeant Thomas Green.



Cost £5 per child 1 adult free per child Further information is available from David Brooks, Bourne Hall Museum, Spring Street, KT17 1UF. Tel 0208 394 1734, Ewell. Surrey, Email dbrooks@epsom-ewell_gov_uk



JUMBLE SAI

Epsom Methodist Church, Ashley Road

Doors Open at 1.30pm for Public: 50p entry 10.30 – 11.30am Early Birds: £5 entry

Donations: please leave at Epsom Methodist Church on: Friday 10th May from 6.30 -8.30pm or Saturday



9 to 10.30am. Thank you!

If you have any items which you would like collected, please call the volunteer collector.

NO FURNITURE OR LARGE ELECTRICAL GOODS, PLEASE. LIMITED PARKING ON SITE

Enquiries: 07736 771864





ADVANTAGE

STREET DANCE & GYMNASTICS

Wednesday 29th May, Thursday 30th May, Friday 31st May

Glyn Hall, (opposite Sainsbury's Local), 3a Cheam Road, Ewell, Surrey, KT17 1SP

From 9.00am - 1.00pm



Activities include Routines, Coordination Skills and Fun Games

To book your place, please see details overleaf.

STREET DANCE & GYMNASTICS

Should you wish for any further information about the Dynamic Day then please feel free to contact Naz (Head Coach) on **07793 815 752** or by e-mail at info@ca-sportscoaching.co.uk

or check out our website at www.ca-sportscoaching.co.uk

Your child should arrive with: appropriate clothing to enable movement and flexibility, appropriate footwear, snacks and a drink (non fizzy)

To book a place, please email info@ca-sportscoaching.co.uk confirming the following details:

- 1. Childs Name
- 2. Current School Year
- 3. Emergency Contact Number
- 4. Medical Requirements (if any)
- 5. Days You Would Like To Book

Once we receive your booking request we will contact you to explain how to make payment.

COMMUNITY ADVANTAGES

Supporting Your Child with KS1 Maths

Supporting your Child with Key Stage 1 Maths (free course)

This free 2 week course, taught by a primary school teacher, looks at strategies to support the development of Key Stage 1 maths (KS1 covers children aged 5-7) years old in school years 1 & 2)

Topics include:

- An overview of the skills children need to develop at Key Stage 1.
- · Practical & fun strategies to encourage children to develop key maths skills
- Ideas to encourage maths development during the summer holidays
- · Support to brush up your own basic maths

The course is suitable for any adult involved in supporting children to learn (e.g. grandparents, carers, parents and educators.)

For more information and to book a place visit www.wea.org.uk or phone 0300 303

Course reference: C3744646

Start Date: Friday 21st and 28th June Time: 10.30AM- 12.30PM

Venue: The Focus Youth Centre, Depot Road, Epsom, KT17 4RJ (ground floor) (Pay & Display parking available at Depot Road Car Park)

Facilitator: Diana Barnsley





Supporting your Child with Key Stage 2 Maths (free course)

This free 2 week course, taught by a primary school teacher, looks at strategies to support the development of Key Stage 2 maths (KS2 covers children aged 7-11 years old in school years 3-6)

Topics include:

- An overview of the skills children need to develop at Key Stage 2.
- Practical & fun strategies to encourage children to develop key maths skills
- Ideas to encourage maths development during the summer holidays
- Support to brush up your own basic maths

The course is suitable for any adult involved in supporting children to learn (e.g. grandparents, carers, parents and educators.)

To Book:

For more information and to book a place visit www.wea.org.uk or phone 0300 303 3464

Course reference: C3744645

Start Date: Friday 7TH & 14TH June Time: 10.30AM- 12.30PM Venue: The Focus Youth Centre, Depot Road, Epsom, KT17 4RJ (ground floor) (Pay & Display parking available at Depot Road Car Park)

Facilitator: Diana Barnsley







Introduction to Working as a **Teaching Assistant (free course)**

Are you considering a career as a Teaching Assistant? Would you like to find out more about what is

This free 2 hour workshop taught by a primary school teacher, looks at what is required to be a Teaching Assistant

Topics include:

- Recognising the skills and qualities needed
- Next Steps to becoming a

Requirements of schools

<u>To Book:</u> For more information and to book a place visit www.wea.org.uk or phone 0300 303

Course reference: C3744647

Start Date: Friday 5th July 2019 Time: 10.30AM- 12.30PM

Venue: The Focus Youth Centre, Depot Road, Epsom, KT17 4RJ (ground floor) (Pay & Display parking available at Depot Road Car Park)

Facilitator: Diana Barnsley



Assistant Introduction to Working as a Teaching



