

Newsletter 32 12/07/2019

Dear Parents,

Phew! What a busy past couple of weeks we have had as we countdown to the end of term and the finale to another great year at Southfield Park.

Last week the school was full of budding scientists as we held our annual Science Week in school. The teachers all planned exciting science activities in lessons to spark the children's curiosity as well as there being many other opportunities across the school to develop scientific thinking. One of the most popular events of the week was the Science Fair on Friday when each class set up a stall in the hall to share an exciting experiment they had conducted in the classroom. Each class had the chance to visit and try out something new and there were peals of laughter and many gasps of amazement as the children tried the experiments out. Thank you to Mrs Greenacre, who leads on science, who organised the whole week. Thank you too to all the children who entered the science competition by designing an experiment. The entries were simply amazing and the winners from each class were displayed at the Science Fair. It was so difficult to judge as all the entries were superb but the winners were: Arlo in Goldsworthy for Phase 1, Rory in Nightingale for Phase 2 and Merryn in Newton for Phase 3. Well done to them and everyone who entered.



The District Sports Athletics events were held last Thursday and Friday for years 3 to 6 and we were very pleased to have come in third place overall with some amazing performances from individual children as well as a fabulous overall team effort as every competitor in a race secures points for the school. What makes the result especially good is that for the field events on Thursday the year 5 children had to represent both Year 5 and Year 6, as Year 6 were out at their Chessington World of Adventures trip. Some of the Year 5 children even won against Year 6 counterparts! Thank you to all the members of staff who accompanied the children and all the parents who came along to support.

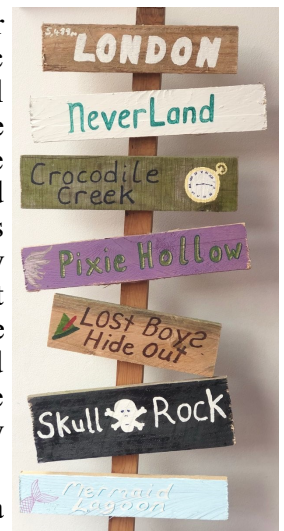
There have been lots of photos on Twitter of all these events, so why not have a look via our website on the home page if you don't have your own Twitter account, or follow us @Southfield_park if you do.

As always, it was a pleasure to see so many parents at our Parent Consultation Meetings last week and those parents of children in Year 6 who had to wait for their meetings until this week as we were awaiting the arrival of the Key Stage 2 SATs results. At the end of the school year, it is great to celebrate each child's individual successes with parents and I hope parents found them useful and informative. If you couldn't attend we have posted the sheets with your child's assessments to you. It is at this time of year that we ask parents for feedback on what is going well at school and where they think we could continue to improve. The parental survey is available online using the following link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/sppsparents2019>

If you haven't already done so please spare just 5 minutes to complete it as we really appreciate input from the whole school community.

Those of you that were lucky enough to come along to our Phase 3 production of Peter Pan on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings will I am sure agree with me what a terrific show it was. The children all did us really proud! There were some simply wonderful performances from the main cast members and it is always wonderful to see some unexpected stars rising through and showing us how much confidence they have developed since joining us. I must thank them all for learning their lines so well and having the bravery to stand up on stage and deliver them with so much poise. What is always so great about these performances, though, is how they include as many children as possible within the Phase, and it is contributions of every single child that come together to make the show so impressive, so whatever a child's role we are proud of them all. Thank you to all the staff who gave up their time for rehearsals and preparation of resources to make the show a success and to Miss David who was the mastermind behind the production. From past experience I am sure she is already thinking about next year's show!



As you know, anti-social behaviour in and around the park adjacent to the school is a concern for the whole school community, as is the parking at drop off and pick up times. Last week Mrs Crawford and I attended a Joint Action Group (JAG) meeting with members of staff from Epsom and Ewell Borough Council and the Police to discuss the issues we face and some potential solutions. They listened carefully to our concerns and have promised more frequent, unannounced parking attendant visits to try and stop the inconsiderate and dangerous parking that we regularly experience as well as increased police presence to discourage anti-social behaviour. We have been advised that there will be increased numbers of police officers available in Epsom and Ewell officers in the future. It was also confirmed that the park wardens, who are uniformed and wear body cameras, will be making more frequent visits to the park to try to limit the anti-social behaviour and casual drug use that parents report to us. What they have requested is that parents or other members of the local community report to the police every occurrence of anti-social behaviour they see as their resourcing is based upon numbers of reports and the more reports they get the greater priority will be applied to the area. Please can we therefore urge you to report anything you see using the link below. Although you may not receive any notification back, all of the reports add to the statistics

<https://www.surrey.police.uk/ro/report/asb/af/antisocial-behaviour/>

Next week it is Wellbeing Week at school where we will all be thinking about our wellbeing and emotions. There are many events planned during the course of the week, culminating with a 'Wellbeing Afternoon Mix Up' where children can select two workshop activities to attend that will make them feel happy and relaxed. This has taken a huge amount of organisation to ensure the children enjoy it so I must thank Mrs Walker who has led on our Well-being School Development Plan priority this year for all her hard work and the hours spent arranging it all. I am sure it will be great fun for everyone. To make the day special children can come in mufti for the day, although we will ask children in Phase 2 to come into school in their normal uniform, as it is their Summer Celebration performance first thing in the morning. They may of course bring their own mufti clothes with them to change into after the performance. Please can every child bring in £1 donation—all the money raised will be going to 52 Lives, who work with children in their School of Kindness.

Next week is our last full week of term and is sure to be busy so I hope everyone has a relaxing weekend in preparation.

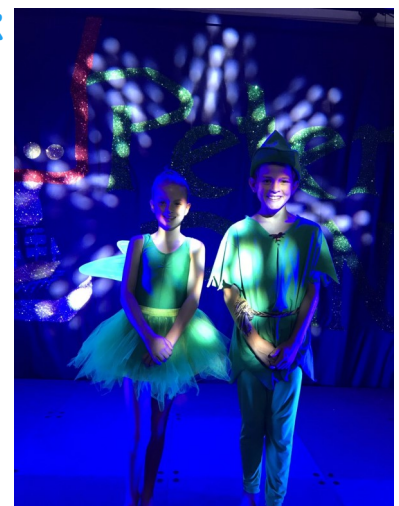
Kind regards,

Kate Gee

Tweet of the Week

Follow us on
@Southfield_Park

We do believe in fairies,
we do, we do



Attendance this week



Sparky says “well done!” to **Faraday Class**, who had the best attendance this week with **99.3%**, and to **Britten, Elgar, Nightingale, Redgrave, Darwin, Victoria, and Attenborough Classes**, who also had high attendance this week!

Attendance Monday 8th - Friday 12th July 2019



Please return all library books

From Monday, we will be asking children to **return** any library books that they have borrowed. Please can you have a good look at home for any of our books so that we can re-stock the library ready for the start of the autumn term. There are 100s currently not in their place on the shelves!

Library volunteer needed

In September, we will need a new library volunteer to join the team. If you could spare one afternoon a week and would like to help out in the school library, please contact Emma Kirk for more information (mobile no. 07958 729684). We are very grateful to all of our library volunteers; without their continued support the children would not be able to enjoy this wonderful resource.



Science Rocks!

Last Friday was the yearly science fair where each year group goes down to the hall to take part in some fun science experiments.

There were a variety of experiments such as balloon tricks (including three parts with the theme of positive and negative particles) and Marvellous Marbles, an activity where you roll a marble down a ramp and

then travels on different surfaces like grass, tin foil and carpet.

Jacob Coen in year 3 stated “My favourite experiment was the balloon trick, when I put a pin on the balloon it popped but when I put tape on the balloon and put the pin on the tape the balloon didn’t pop.”

Also, Millie Florence in year 4 said “My favourite activity was about bubbles where people lifted a hoop around me and made one giant bubble because the hoop was covered in a mix of fairy liquid and water.”

All in all, it has been an exciting day of scientific investigations!

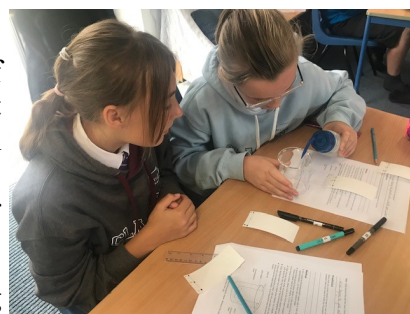
Rosebery School visited Year 6 this week to give Year 6 a glimpse of Secondary School Science. The girls from the Science Club told us about some of the projects that they have done this year, including an investigation into which metals are inside a mobile phone. It was interesting to look inside different types of phone and to chat to the Year 7s.

We then took part in a crime-busting investigation ourselves, using chromatography to work out which pen was used to forge a cheque!

At the end, we watched a demonstration of a chemical reaction to make elephant’s toothpaste. It was explosive!

Oscar Chapman

Science Prefect



Signs on Hook Rd say the work is due to start week commencing 22nd July

Notification of major gas works: Hook Road, Epsom

We are writing to make you aware of a forthcoming upgrade to our gas network on Hook Road, Epsom. Our project involves the essential replacement of old metal gas mains with new plastic pipe to ensure we continue to provide a safe and reliable gas supply to the local area. Our contractor KTL will undertake this work on our behalf.

In agreement with Surrey County Council, our project will start on **Thursday 25 July and last approximately six weeks.**

For everyone’s safety, we need to close Hook Road to motorists in both directions between its junctions with Chase Road and Woodstock Close. We have planned to carry out this work during the school summer holiday, when roads are typically quieter, to minimise disruption to the local community.

Signed diversion routes will be in place for northbound and southbound traffic. We will need to implement a one-way system along Hook Road, Chase Road, Temple Road and Pound Lane will be made one way. An alternative diversion route will be set-up for HGVs while the road is closed. HGVs should follow our signed diversions via Reigate Road, College Road, Alexandra Road, Upper High Street and Church Street.

Vehicles can continue to access the multi-storey car park opposite the Woodstock Close junction during our six-week project. Pedestrian access to properties and businesses along Hook Road will be maintained throughout.

We understand that roadworks can be frustrating. However, the new plastic pipe has a minimum lifespan of 80 years. This means that when the work is complete, Epsom residents will continue to enjoy the benefits of a safe and reliable gas supply for years to come.

Wellbeing Week

Next week is Southfield Park's **Wellbeing Week** so we have lots of exciting events planned which will encourage the children to think about their health and emotional wellbeing. We will also take the opportunity to explore the principles of CLANG:

C - connect

L - learn something new

A - keep active through sport and playing outside

N - notice your feelings and use the language of emotions

G - give your time to support and help other.

We have an action packed week planned with both outside organisations and teaching staff running a wide variety of events for the children. Here is the schedule:

Monday: Wellbeing Week launch

Tuesday: 52 lives - The school of Kindness are coming into school to work with all the children.

Wednesday: Chelsea Football Club, Stage Coach, Callum MaCarty tennis and our teachers are running workshops for the children.

Thursday: Teachers will be sharing Wellbeing stories and lessons with their classes

Friday: 'Mix it up Friday', children will be able to pick from a range of activities including cricket, cheerleading, creative writing, chess, pond dipping, karate and the very popular pamper parlour.

Friday is also a mufti day and children should wear comfy clothes ready for the afternoon workshops. In return, we are asking for a £1 donation which will be donated to the 52 lives project. This project works with thousands of children every year as part of their School of Kindness. Their workshops hope to empower children by helping them realise that the little choices they make every day can make a big difference to the world. Details can be found on their website: www.52-lives.org.

Children in Years 2 and 3 will need to come into school in their School Uniform and bring a change of clothes for after the Summer Celebration Performance.

Throughout the week our Wonderful Year 6 Wellbeing Ambassadors and friends will be manning the 'Appreciation Station' where children pick up a 'compliments card' and send it to a friend, sibling or teacher of their choice.

A big thank you to the following people and organisations who are running workshops for us and giving their time for free:

Stage Coach Epsom

Chelsea Football Club

Callum MaCarty Tennis Epsom

Jayne McGhee - for her cooking sessions

Moichido Martial Arts - Sensei Colin for the Karate Sessions

And all the members of the PFA and ex-pupils who have given their time this week.

Parents will need to sign permission slips for some of the workshops, so please look out for these next week in your child's book bag.

If you have any questions about Wellbeing Week then please feel free to contact me.
Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Walker

Parental supervision of pre-schoolers in the playground

It is embarrassing to mention this but we have received a few reports of preschool children using a potty in the playground and others urinating in the playground. We know it can be tricky when you are potty training, however we are sure everyone will agree that this presents a health risk and we must ask parents not allow their children to do this. We are very accommodating and if your child needs to use the toilet please ask and you will be free to use the facilities within school. We would appreciate your support with this.



What have the Reception Classes been up to today?



We've performed on stage, and taken a bow!



And swam with the fishes

Played follow the leader while balance on the stepping stones— it's sometimes hard even if you have superpowers!



I can do any job, no matter who I am



And we partied with the bugs!





Greece Is The Word...

Today, Year 3 found themselves in ancient Greece! We had a special Greek Day as a fantastic finish to our 'Ancient Greece' topic.

Throughout the day, the children took part in a range of Greek themed activities including a hands-on workshop by Matrix Theatre. The children learnt all about Athens and Sparta and the battles that they encountered. In the workshop, the children trained to fight, took part in battles, acted out Greek myths and visited the agora, the Greek marketplace where they

bought food and jewellery with Greek coins. The children loved the workshop and it was a brilliant way to round up all of our learning, in an exciting and practical way.

The children have also created some artwork using the Greek alphabet, crayons and watercolours and have even learnt a Greek dance!

This 'Greek Day' has really enriched the children's learning experience and extended their knowledge even further. We would like to say a HUGE thank you to all of the parents who have made contributions towards the theatre workshops, without these we simply could not have funded this memorable day.



Finally, we will leave you some quotes from the children about Greek Day.

"My favourite part was visiting the agora; I bought meat with my coins," Lola Middleton-Jones.

"I liked being a Persian soldier because I **destroyed** the Spartans!" Conner Henlan.

"We acted out a Greek myth called Odysseus and The Cyclops. It was funny when the soldiers hid underneath the sheep to escape the furious Cyclops!" Olivia Tuck.

"I had lots of fun learning a Greek dance!" Wilf Theobald.

"Everyone was dressed in great costumes!" Harrison Newbould.



Term Dates for Academic Year 2019/2020

Autumn Term 2019

Starts: Wednesday 4th September 2019 (children are in on this day)

Half Term: Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November 2019

Finishes: Friday 20th December 2019

Spring Term 2020

Starts: Monday 6th January 2020

Half Term: Monday 17th to Friday 21st February 2020

Children start on Tuesday 25th February 2020

Finishes: Friday 3rd April 2020

Summer Term 2020

Starts: Monday 20th April 2020

Half Term: Monday 25th to Friday 29th May 2020

Finishes: Friday 17th July 2020

INSET days 2019-2020: Monday 24th February 2020; Thursday 7th May 2020 (T.B.C.); Monday 20th July 2020; Tuesday 21st July 2020; Wednesday 22nd July 2020

Reminders for Next Week

Monday 15th	<p>Return clubs forms, let us know if meal patterns are changing for September 2019</p> <p>Return library books</p> <p>Last week of clubs, including StreetDance on Friday (Coding, Gym and StreetDance on Wednesday finished last week)</p> <p>Wellbeing Week</p>
Tuesday 16th	
Wednesday 17th	
Thursday 18th	Phase 2 Summer Celebration, 9am, Faraday and Redgrave parents to watch
Friday 19th	<p>Children can wear mufti for Wellbeing Day—please bring in £1 for ‘52 Lives’ (www.52-lives.org), Y2 and Y3 children should come in school uniform and bring clothes to change into.</p> <p>Phase 2 Summer Celebration, 9am, Nightingale and Holmes parents to watch</p> <p>Y6 Leavers Disco, 6.30pm—8.30pm, parents welcome to join us at 8pm</p>



Jayne McGhee, who has also been running the brilliant pond-dipping sessions, will be running cooking workshops as part of the Friday Wellbeing Day next week.

She will be selling copies of 'Grow Cook Enjoy' - a collection of recipes for children to Grow Cook and Enjoy, with top tips and interesting facts about bees and which ingredients are pollinated by bees! The book costs £7.50 and 50p of every sale will go to the Friends. There is a copy in the school office for parents to look at during the week.

Bright Sparks

Well done to our Bright Sparks this week:

Britten	Chloe Tregunno	Elgar	Edward Duval and Harry Oakley
Goldsworthy	Leo Smith	Lowry	Aarav Fowdur
Faraday	Hanna Aspeli	Nightingale	Joshua Trujillo
Redgrave	Amy Sell	Holmes	Amina Khennouchi
Darwin	Frankie Cornell	Newton	Kara Hill
Victoria	Kyen Ho	Shakespeare	Oscar Harrup
Churchill	Mary Luo	Attenborough	Lacie Blackman and Maddy Theobald

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Polly Sawyer After school club: 07921 147335

Book by
THOMAS MEEHAN

Music by
CHARLES STROUSE

Lyrics by
MARTIN CHARNIN

PERFORM A MUSICAL IN A WEEK THIS SUMMER

Annie Jr.

MON 29TH JULY - FRI 2ND AUGUST 2019
MON-THUR: 9AM-4:30PM
FRI 9AM-8PM (INCLUDING 7PM SHOW)

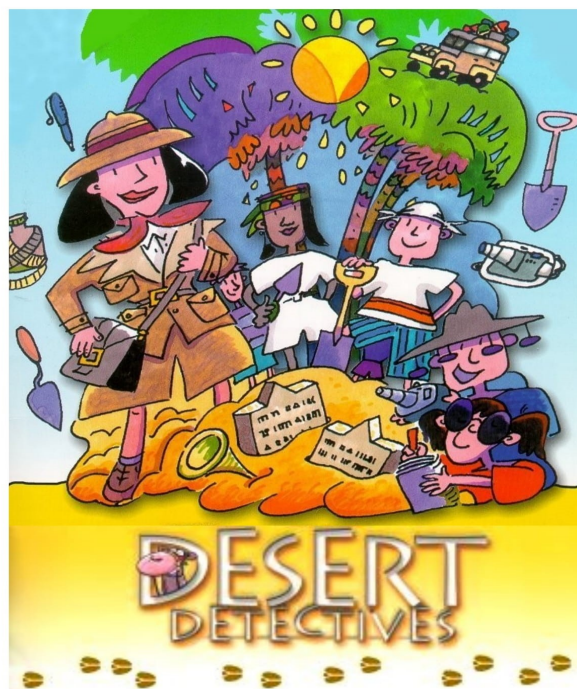
AGES 7-13

South Side
Theatre Academy

WWW.SOUTHSIDETHEATRE.COM
HOOK CHURCH, BROOK RD, SURBITON, KT6 5DB

Christ Church, Epsom Common and St Martin's, Epsom

Holiday Club 2019



Come and be a Desert Detective for a week!
Monday 12th August - Friday 16th August.
9:30am - 12:30pm each day @ Christ Church, Epsom Common.
A Bible based holiday club with craft, games, music and songs.
For children currently in Reception - Year 6.
Cost for the week including a t-shirt - £30
For more information and register a place, please email:
cc.stm.holidayclub@gmail.com
Limited places.

EPSOM EWELL
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Bourne Hall
Museum Hall

www.epsom-ewell.gov.uk

D DAY & OPERATION EPSOM

75 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

A free family event with re-enactors, weapon and vehicle displays, music, dancing and more!

Bourne Hall Park
Spring Street, Ewell.
13 July - 11am to 4.30pm

For further information contact David Brooks,
Bourne Hall Museum, Spring Street, Ewell, Surrey, KT17 1UF.
dbrooks@epsom-ewell.gov.uk, telephone 020 8394 1734

Epsom Baptist Church

Holiday Club

GODSUIT

Music, Drama, Games, Craft, Bible Stories

Mon 19th – Fri 23rd August 2019
10.00-12.00
For children aged 5-12

Contact: admin@epsomchurch.co.uk for a Registration Form
6, Church Street, Epsom KT17 4NY