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Dear Parents,

Another week has flown by and we are all enjoying the lovely sunshine, long may it continue.



I am very proud to let you all know that last Friday, our KS2 Quiz Team consisting of Niamh Hasselwander in Year 3, Lucas Gabb in Year 4, Louis Vincent in Year 5 and Thomas Chapman in Year 6 took part in the area heats of the National Quiz Competition. The competition was fierce and it was incredibly tense going into the final round as, although they were ahead by twenty points, with each question being worth a hundred points they could have easily lost their lead. However the team were incredibly poised and went on to win the competition which is a fantastic achievement. We are

incredibly proud of the children as they participated so well and were such amazing ambassadors for the school. They are all swotting up for the semi final which will take place soon and we will let you know how they get on. Thank you to all the children, their parents for transporting and supporting them, Mrs Glasspool who accompanied the children and to Mr Light who organised and entered the team.

It has been Global Awareness Week at Southfield Park this week which we use to develop a greater awareness and depth of understanding about our role within the global community, and appreciate the rich, diverse and variety of cultures and traditions within our local, national and global communities. There has been a real 'buzz' around school all week with children engaged in learning about their different countries. I have heard so many positive comments from the children about their learning and also how they have supported each other especially when making the different food dishes! It culminated yesterday with our traditional



'International Food Tasting Event', which was simply fantastic. It was a real pleasure to see how excited the children (and staff) were, as they went around all the different stalls trying some different dishes. Events like these are always so popular with the children as it really brings a sense of community as all stakeholders are involved.

All the staff have worked tirelessly to plan and organise the different events this week so a big thank you to them as it is very much appreciated. A MASSIVE thank you to Miss Panter who masterminded the whole week, she has put in many extra hours to ensure everyone had what they needed to make it successful. Finally, thank you to all of the parents who gave up their time to provide such lovely food to share with all the children, we simply couldn't do these events without your support.

The summer term Curriculum Booklets, Home Learning Suggestions and spellings for each year group have been added to the parent page on Fronter; my thanks to Mr Light for organising and uploading them all. If you do not have access to the internet and would like paper copies please speak to Mrs Pereira or Mrs Hutton in the office. To view these online please login to www.surreymle.org

Username: Southfieldparent Password: password

Then go to the Curriculum Information Room.

Sporting events have been taking place this week with a netball match on Monday for our High 5 squads playing St Clement's Primary School. Both teams played incredibly well, team A won 9:4 and team B led all the way through and then narrowly lost 4:3 in the final quarter. Well done to all the children who played and to our wonderful coaches Mrs Yeates and Mrs Glasspool for their excellent training and support. The football team has also competed in two matches, one against St Clements last week and then against Epsom Primary last night in the park. The boys played incredibly well in both matches and they won both which was brilliant. Well done to all the boys who played and thank you to Mr Kirkland who was an incredibly proud coach at the end of both matches.

Please remember the parent workshops on Wednesday 6th May from 6:30 to 8:30pm, these will be informative and also a bit of fun. We really hope you will attend so that you can see how we teach grammar and maths at Southfield Park and how you can support your child at home. Please return your slips to the office so that we know how much wine and cheese to buy!

Finally next Thursday is the year 2 assembly starting at 9am in the hall so please ensure you have that date in the diary if you are a Year 2 parent.

Have a wonderful weekend and fingers crossed that the sunshine continues. Kind regards Kate Gee

High 5 matches vs. St. Clement's Primary School

Our High 5 squads were back on court on Monday, playing in glorious sunshine against St. Clement's Primary School.

Both matches were thrillers, with the A Squad robbing St. Clement's of their 4:3 lead at the end of the third quarter to win 9:4! Ben Cunningham and Ella Yeomans proved to be a fabulous combination in attack, scoring six goals in the last 5 minutes! They were backed up by excellent possessive play right down the court. Congratulations to Catarina Coelho, Thomas Crawford, Izzy Crawford, Ben Cunningham, Tom Gillespie, Grace Jansen and Ella Yeomans.

The B Squad stormed in to lead their match all the way to the final quarter, with some fabulous passing and determined play. Disappointingly, in a reversal of fortunes to the A Squad, St. Clement's finally edged ahead by one goal, winning 4:3. Resilient to the end, our players went home happy to have played a good game. Well done to Abigail Adejokun, Anna Broadley, Jasmine Chaffer, Madison Colliss, Ceoilte Dunne, Ocean Garman and Skye Wong.

Mrs Yeates and Mrs Glasspool

Attendance

I wanted to take the opportunity now 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 as well as Fronter.

Please be aware that The Education (Pupil Registration) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013, which became law on 1st September 2013 state that Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. The Headteacher should determine the number of school days a child can be away from school if leave is granted.

In accordance with the above Regulations, requests for leave of absence are treated sympathetically, but only in exceptional circumstances can they be approved. The policy of Surrey County Council, to which this school has agreed, states that parents who take their child out of school for five days or more during term time, without the authority of the Headteacher, will each be liable to receive a penalty notice. Penalty Notices will be issued by the Local Authority.

The penalty is £60 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice, rising to £120 if paid after 21 days but within 28 days of receipt of the notice. If the penalty is not paid in full by the end of the 28-day period the Local Authority must prosecute the recipient for failing to ensure regular school attendance under section 444 Education Act 1996.

Please be aware that each parent is liable to receive a Penalty Notice for each child who incurs unauthorised absences. If, for example, there are two parents and one child, each parent will receive one Penalty Notice.

If there are two parents and two children incurring unauthorised absences, each parent will receive two Penalty Notices, which in this case would amount to £120 each if paid within 21days.

Sainsbury's Active Kids 2015

Don't forget that we are collecting Active Kids vouchers, and will be able to order sports and activity equipment free of charge using them, so the more you bring in, the more we can get! Ask for them every time you shop for food or petrol etc and bring them into the School Office.



Thank you!

Fingers on buzzers! ... Quiz Club success

What is the name of the tower that houses Big Ben? In which year was the signing of the Declaration of Independence of America? Approximately how many tonnes of food waste was produced by British households in 2012? ... These are just three of the 40 questions which the Southfield Park Quiz Team had to tackle at last Friday's Quiz Club Area heats, held at The Vale Primary School.

Per Quiz Club rules, our team included a representative from each Year Group in the Juniors. Our players were:

- Year 3: Niamh Hasselwander Year 4: Lucas Gabb Year 5: Louis Vincent
- Year 6: Thomas Chapman



Through excellent teamwork (<u>listening</u> skills were crucial), careful pre-buzzer analysis of each question and its four multiple choice answers, and working against the clock, Southfield Park made steady progress from the start of the competition. Pitting their wits against five excellent teams from local schools, our team was 20 points ahead when entering the final round; but with answers earning up to 100 points there was still work to do. To the relief of nervous supporters, Niamh, Lucas, Louis and Thomas held their cool and went on to win the competition! They will now represent Southfield Park in the semi-finals - a fantastic achievement!

Here's what they had to say about the event:

Niamh: "It was very exciting!"

Lucas: "It was a fantastic experience and really improved my General Knowledge."

Thomas: "It was nice, near the end, knowing that we had a guaranteed win!"

Louis: "We are all looking forward to going to the semi-finals ..."

Answers to the questions above:

The tower that houses Big Ben is the Elizabeth Tower (previously nameless, it was given this name in 2012, Diamond Jubilee Year).
The Declaration of Independence was signed in 1776.
400,000 tonnes of waste was produced!

... how did you do?!

PE Kit

A lot of children have been borrowing PE kit this week, and we don't have much of it:

- Please ensure that your child has their shorts, t-shirt and plimsolls/trainers in school everyday;
- If you have any old PE kit (shorts and t-shirts in particular, not plimsolls) which you don't need any more, please send it into the School Office, all sizes needed, but especially those suitable for years 2-6.

Thank you!

"I enjoyed drawing what our playground might look like in 100 years"



Global Awareness Week

"We made oatmeal cookies they were yummy!"



"I loved looking at an atlas to find all the countries and continents"

This week we have been celebrating Global Awareness Week. Children have been looking at local communities and learning about their part in the whole world. Each class has focused on one particular country to help them understand what it is like in other parts of the world.





"We made collages of ice and fire in art for Iceland"













"I loved looking at an atlas to find all the countries and continents"



On Thursday we celebrated our annual food tasting fair which was a great success. Children enjoyed using their passports to travel around the world tasting and learning about different foods. Thank you to everyone who contributed food and came in to help educate and share their foods with the children. Your help and support is always greatly appreciated!





"I enjoyed learning about the history of North and South Korea and what they are like now"





"We have made our own websites about Mexico"





"We have written traditional Pakistani stories in literacy this week"

Friends News

Infant Cushion club was the best behaved event yet, well done to all of the children who came along, it was a pleasure to have you. Cushion club will be back again in the autumn as the evenings are a bit to bright to hold it over the summer months.

House T-shirts!

Please find attached an order forms for house T-shirts. These are not uniform and therefore are not compulsory, but many parents have told us how tricky it can be to find certain colour T -shirts for house events. The T-shirts are from Fruits of the Loom, and will have the House name printed on the centre back. As well as solving where to buy them, at only £5 each they will raise a little profit towards our playground renovation.

All orders must be placed no later than <u>Thursday 21st May</u> and we will place new orders once a year.

Look out for **Bags2school collection bags** which will be sent out next week. They will take donations of clothing, soft toys, paired shoes, handbags and belts (no bedding, towels or branded uniform) and it all makes money for our school at no cost to yourself.

They will be collecting on Thursday 7th May by 9am.

Would you like to have a stall at our Summer Fair on Saturday 4th July?

Stalls are £25 each and we like to give first offer to parents at the school.

We are also looking for raffle prize donations big and small!

And this year instead of a brochure we are offering the opportunity to leaflet in our goodie bags which will be handed out to the first 100 people through the gates.

If you are interested in any of the above please e-mail us on <u>friends@southfield-park.surrey.sch.uk</u>, contact us on our Facebook page or drop a note into the black box near the school office.

Finally don't forget if you are shopping on line, please do it through the *Giving Machine* <u>www.thegivingmachine.co.uk</u> and choose us as your beneficiary. Most big retailers are on there and again you will be donating money to our school at no extra cost to yourself.

We have many other events in the pipeline and hope you will be able to support us in raising as much money as we can to improve the junior playground.

All of our events will be announced on Newsletters and on our Facebook page <u>https://www.facebook.com/FriendsOfSouthfieldParkPrimary</u>

Once again thank you so much for your support, we hope to have a fun-filled fundraising term ahead of us!

Friends of Southfield Park

Can you help the Gardening Club....

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We are going to be replanting the wellies at the front of the school this term. Some of them have deteriorated over the winter so if anyone has any old pairs that they could donate, we will make good use of them - large or small (inc. adult sizes).

We are planning to make school-themed bunting to decorate the school on fair days etc so if anyone has any old summer dresses that are too tatty or marked to be worn we would like them. Also any other scraps of purple material or old clothing.



If anyone has any large plant pots / containers (Approx. 30cm diameter or larger) no longer required at home, we would love to have them to plant up in the playground.



If any parents, grandparents or carers would like to help with the gardening club or on a one-off / occasional basis with gardening projects or maintenance, please get in touch. We have lots of great ideas of things to do around the school and the more volunteers we have the more we can do. No experience necessary!

Many thanks, Mrs Wozencroft

Payments due in.....

Is your child going on a trip? If you haven't already, please ensure that final payments have been made, or come and talk to Mrs Pereira in the School Office.

Reception Years—Ladyland Farm, 15th June Year 5—Isle of Wight, 22nd June Year 4—Sayers Croft, 30th September

New intake September 2015

We are already very excited about the new Reception classes starting in September 2015! Don't forget to accept the place; even though you have a child already here, you still need to say yes. And please return the sheet to the School Office to say which of the intake events your child can come to.

Thank you!

Reminders for Next Week

Monday 27th April	
Tuesday 28th April	
Wednesday 29th April	
Thursday 30th April	Year 2 assembly, 9am
Friday 1st May	Class photos, please ensure your child is in full, correct school uniform with tidy hair etc



STONELEIGH ATHLETIC FC

Stoneleigh Athletic FC U11 are looking for players to join their U12 team for September 2015. We play in the Epsom & Ewell Youth League on Sunday's (currently in the Premier Division). Trials will be held at Court Recreation Ground, Pound Lane, Epsom KT19 8SB on Saturday 9th May 2015 at 10.00am.

For more information please call Steve on 07984 017804.

Or contact via email on stoneleighathleticfc@yahoo.co.uk





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Girls Cricket Super Camp May 2015

Surrey Cricket

Tuesday, 26 May 2015 at 08:30 - Wednesday, 27 May 2015 at 16:00 (BST) <u>Purley, United Kingdom</u>

As part of Surrey Cricket's Girl's Programme we would like to invite you to participate in the Girls Cricket super Camp being held at Purley Sports Club on the 26th and 27th May 2015 The camp is open to girls aged 8 to 14 years and of all levels of ability. This years camp will be structured slightly differently based on feedback from participants last year. The coaching team will all hold ECB qualifications and an enhanced CRB check. There will be a qualified first aider on site at all times and the camp leader will hold contact details in the event of an emergency.

Daily Programme:

- Arrival & Registration 9.30am
- Skills, Drills & Competition 10.00am -3.00pm
- Depart 3.20pm

Total cost of the 2 day camp is £30. Early Bird registration/activities will be available from 8.45am (£3.00 per day)

To find out more about the course please contact vhoward@surreycricket.com

What to bring

- A packed lunch and plenty to drink throughout the day
- Sports kit
- Appropriate footwear (Trainers etc)
- Sun hat and sun cream may be required depending on the weather

Do you have questions about Girls Cricket Super Camp May 2015? <u>Contact Surrey</u> <u>Cricket</u>

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/girls-cricket-super-camp-may-2015-tickets-