



Newsletter 8 - 25/10/13

Dear Parents,

I hope you managed to attend one of our Harvest Events this week. We were so proud of all of our infants who took part in a wonderful Harvest Assembly on Thursday and today; they sang so beautifully and performed their storytelling so confidently. A special mention must go to our Reception children who were so confident in front of such a big audience when they have only been in school for a few weeks. Thank you for all the lovely harvest gifts that you donated to Age Concern; these have already been collected and will be made up into hampers which the elderly folk of Epsom and Ewell will enjoy at Christmas time. If any infant parents missed the assembly, it has been filmed and will be uploaded to Fronter shortly.

To find the film please log into fronter and look in the Video Archive Room.

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Our Junior children have also worked hard preparing foods and crafts to sell at our first ever Harvest Fair. Each class made harvest-themed items including candles, bird biscuits, mini apple crumbles, breads and drinks to help raise money for our current charity - Epsom and Ewell Foodbank. The Harvest Fair was held



yesterday and children from the whole school came along with their change. The Fair was a huge success as nearly everything sold out and we raised £154.42; thank you for your generosity in supporting this very worthwhile charity. My thanks to all the staff for their hard work in supporting and preparing the children for the different events this week.

Writing Week took place this week and there are reports later in the newsletter so please look out for them. There was certainly a real 'buzz' around the school as the children were mixed up, working with different groups of children and teachers. The standard of writing produced has been very high and Mrs Crawford and I have been very impressed with the results that we have seen.

It was great to see some of our Reception parents on Wednesday at the Early Years Foundation Stage Meeting; we really hope you found the information useful. For those parents who were unable to attend we have sent packs home for you to read. Please remember that there is a Reception Reading Meeting taking place on Wednesday 6th November, running at 2:30pm to 3:00pm and 6:30pm to 7:00pm. The meeting is exactly the same we are just holding it twice so that as many people as possible can attend.

The photographer has been in this week taking individual pictures and family groups. We would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Chapman who kindly volunteered to organise and tick off the children as the photographs were taken; we certainly appreciated her support.

Finally, it has been an extremely long half term - a full eight weeks! Children and staff alike have worked incredibly hard and everyone is looking forward to a well-deserved break. We look forward to welcoming you back to school on Tuesday 5th November; please remember Monday 4th November is an INSET day.

Have a lovely half term and I hope it isn't too windy!

Kind regards
Kate Gee

Goodbye

Sadly, we have to say goodbye to one of our Special Needs Assistants today, Mrs Nicki Atkinson, who has been with us for the last eighteen months. Mrs Atkinson is changing jobs for family reasons and we would like to thank her for all her hard work and wish her all the best for the future.



Y5 Isle of Wight trip

The second instalment of £145.00 or the monthly instalment of £50 is now due. If you have not made this payment yet please do so either online or in cash or cheque after half term. Online payments can be made using Tucasi, our online payment provider:

<https://www.scopay.com/login.html>



Parents Focus Group Rep

We are delighted to announce that all classes are now represented for the Parent Focus Group Meetings and would like to thank those parents for their time and support so that the meetings are possible.

The reps are as follows:

Britten	Diana Giddens
Elgar	Sinead Smalley and Taryn Williams
Goldsworthy	Sam Lynch
Lowry	Emma Miller
Faraday	Hayley Moore
Nightingale	Rachel Trew
Redgrave	Viran Wiltshire
Holmes	Jane Winder and Nadya Yung
Newton	Emily Chapman
Darwin	Louise Sullivan
Shakespeare	Charlotte Morgan
Churchill	Elizabeth Tennant

The first meeting will taking place on 21st November at 2pm, and your rep/s will contact you at the beginning of next half term after an email has been sent out by the school, asking for any ideas or suggestions that could improve the school. These will be added to our agenda, but to avoid the agenda being too long only two items will be added from each class. Please remember that the purpose of the group is not to discuss individual teachers of children. The meeting will be summarised in a letter which will then be distributed to all parents.

Writing week Juniors

The Junior children have been busy developing their literary skills this week as part of Writing Week. The week started with teachers presenting their own comical radio report about dragons eating Reception children (sorry Reception but it had to be someone) and ended with children creating their own reports about various e-safety issues.

Pupils worked with children from other classes to bring together different areas of e-safety and each group then chose an 'anchor man (or woman)' to introduce the report and link the sections together.

'It was fun working with children in the younger years.' Molly.

'I think Writing Week has been remarkable as we have been learning about different things' Sophie.

The week helped develop children's writing as well as raising the issue of e-safety. Below are some examples of children's work from the week.

Cyberbullying
Cyberbullying is when people who you don't know, or maybe even who you do know are sending you hurtful or insulting messages. Here is a top tip on how to avoid being cyberbullied: NEVER! Give anyone who you don't know or don't trust your phone number, after all you don't do not know where it might end up! Sarah, a specialist of cyberbullying. Quoted: "Never reply to harmful texts or emails, keep them as evidence though and show an adult as soon as possible." If you have an app like Instagram, Facebook or Snapchat it can sharing pictures be great just but you have to be carefull of viruses and people who might try and get your phone number.

Devika's section about Cyberbullying

Reuben's work on gaming



Children reciting their work.

Mr Light

I am go
In online gaming there are a lot of good points. You can have fun with others, you can talk to people far away, and it can improve physical skills. However, there are a lot of dangerous things can help appear. Strangers can try and get to know you, without you knowing who they are, how old they are and where they are. A solution for this is to tell your parents, or ignore them. Also, a major problem is personal information. People can try to get information from you, such as where you live and your telephone number. The obvious resolution is to tell your parents, who will do something about it. "It is terrible", claimed Tom Lees, a victim of online gaming abuse. Finally, another massive problem is appearing: rude and abusive messages. These messages can include swearing, or even offending the way you look. In my opinion the most intelligent solution has been invented. Now, you can take

Writing Week Infants

Pitter patter, drip drop!



Writing week has taken the infants by storm - it's a good job we had lots of umbrellas! All week our learning has been based around 'The Umbrellas' painting by Pierre-Auguste Renoir. As a sensational start to the week, each year group 'jumped into' the painting to explore the colours, people, sounds and much more!



Reception began by writing their own wonderful stories about the painting, then explored floating and sinking before creating their own rain and using adjectives to describe what they heard. They have even choreographed their own umbrella dances - maybe that is why the rain is back today!

Year 1 have travelled back in time to explore the games that may have been played by children around the time that 'The Umbrellas' was painted. As poets this week, the children collected ambitious rain vocabulary to bring their poems to life! They have even made their own umbrella collages, picking out the different colours and shades used by the artist.



Year 2 have been experimenting with smudging and shading to re-create Renoir's work in teams using sketching pencils. After jumping into the picture they collected adjectives, nouns and powerful verbs to use in their own umbrella and raindrop shape poems.

As a fantastic finish for our writing week Year 1 and 2 have joined together for a Science competition! They were set a mission to investigate which materials will make the best umbrella and keep our teddy dry - we wonder whose will be the most waterproof!

Miss Coopey

Operation Christmas Child

As in previous years the school is involved with Operation Christmas Child, the world's largest children's Christmas project which has been bringing joy into the lives of underprivileged children since 1990. Last year, nearly 1.2million shoeboxes were packed with gifts and goodies and sent from the UK to children who need them, most of whom live in some of the toughest parts of the world, including Haiti. On the last page of the newsletter is the leaflet with information on what put in the box. Last year we had 60 boxes to be collected so it would be wonderful if we would collect more than this this year. Shoeboxes need to be brought into school after half term for a collection on 11th November.



FRIENDS OF SOUTHFIELD PARK NEWS

Welcome to all new parents!

If your child has joined the school this term, whether in Reception or in other years, the Friends of Southfield Park would like to welcome you. The Friends are a parent body that supports the school and are a small but friendly group which is very open to new members. We are planning a social occasion for new parents in early December, but in the mean time would welcome hearing from anyone who is keen to know more about the PTA—please email us on friends@southfield-park.surrey.sch.uk

Last Friday's Halloween Discos were a big (and very loud!) success, and the children all had a great time dancing and playing games! A big thank you to Matt Taylor and Milan Calcutteea for all their DJing and MCing skills, and to all the parents who stayed to help. A HUGE thank you also goes to Lesley Paul who had the unenviable task of collating all 250 reply slips.

Bags2school

We are pleased to announce that we have organised another textile collection with Bag2School in order to continue to raise funds for our school. The last collection raised £170! By getting involved in our [Bag2School](#) collection, you can 'off load' loads of material items, which you no longer need. We will receive **£500 per tonne or £0.50/kg** which will be a great boost for our fundraising.

Donation bags will be sent home in book bags after half term, and a further note to explain what you can and cannot donate.

You can bring bags in from Tuesday 5th November, until 9AM on Monday 11th November, when the collection will be made. Please bring your bag (or bags!) to the lobby area at the school front entrance and help us have a really good collection.

XMAS FAIR: FRIDAY 30TH NOVEMBER, 1pm-4pm

There are less than 4 weeks after half term until the Christmas Fair (gulp!) and so its all hands on deck to get everything organised in time. The usual sign up sheets for volunteers will be circulated by the Class Reps after half term. If you are able to attend the Christmas Fair on Saturday 30th November, and can spare just half an hour of your time to help run a stall, we would be very grateful. Don't worry if you have your children with you - they can help too (after all, it's their school too!). Your help and support really does make all the difference.

For this year's raffle the classes are again making their own hampers made up of festive foods and wine, crackers and napkins etc. Attached to the newsletter this week is an information sheet about the hampers and also donations towards the tombolas.

Finally, this year, Santa is again paying a visit to our Christmas Fair! Visits to Santa's Grotto will cost £1.50 per child, including a present, and Booking Forms will be sent out via the book-bags after half term (which work in the same way as the parents evening booking forms where you choose your preferred timeslot). We will then notify you in writing of your visit time. As we only have 3 hours to fit in as many children as we can, visits will be strictly by appointment only and will be offered on a first come first served basis. So, get your forms (together with payment) in quickly to avoid disappointment - last year we sold out!

Thank you for your continued support, have a great half term!

The Friends of Southfield Park



HO! HO! HO! The Friends of Southfield Park need your help!!!

Over the next few weeks, we are going to be busy preparing for the Christmas Fair that we are holding on 30th November, 1pm-4pm, and we need your help!

In order to prepare for some of our stalls we would ask you to have a bit of a rummage at home and bring in some items for our Tombolas. This is the plan!:

From Tuesday 11th November until Monday 25th November

"Christmas Hamper"

Please bring in a donation into class for the class hamper. The hampers will be decorated by the class and will form the raffle prizes at the Fair. Suggestions for donations include Christmas napkins, crackers, chocolates, Christmas pudding, Yule log, candles, tree decorations, wine/drink, cheese biscuits, sweets, mince pies, cranberry sauce, table confetti. Maybe a couple of parents from each class could get together to coordinate the donations so that your hamper is varied and fabulous! You never know - you might even win it! The class with the best hamper will win a Scholastic book token plus a treat of their choice!

Friday 22nd November Bottle Tombola

Please could you bring in bottles for our bottle tombola. These could be any kind of bottles from wine and spirits, soft drinks to bubble bath - anything that comes in a bottle (*that is unopened and in date of course!*)

Friday 29th November "Jolly Jar Tombola"

Please could you bring in a lidded glass jar filled with sweets (wrapped, no nuts and no chocolate please), stickers or pencils or anything else you can stuff into a jar. Feel free to decorate the jars - the more colourful the better! Obviously the contents need to be child safe and unisex! The children all love the Jolly Jar Tombola, so if you get a bit carried away and make more than one - that's fine with us!

As a thank you to the children for their help in making Jolly Jars, Mrs Gee has very kindly said that they may come to school in mufti on Friday 29th November - hurrah!!

We thank you in advance for your help in making this event a fun-filled day for all the family. We are very excited and hope that as many of you as possible will come and join in the festivities, and help us raise lots of money for the school.

Also, if anyone works for a company that offers a match giving scheme (where companies match the funds raised on a particular stall), please get in touch. This is an easy way to double funds that we raise for the school.

Reminders for next week (4th November)

Monday	Inset day—school closed to pupils
Tuesday	Y2 drama workshop; Amy Kainth selling new school uniform after school
Wednesday	EYFS parents meeting at 2.30pm and repeated at 6.30pm
Thursday	Y3 to British Museum—children need to be in school at 8.30am and all will need a packed lunch.
Friday	

Car Parking

We have been asked to remind parents again about parking with consideration for others. On the Open Classrooms evening this week a white Skoda (reg DE62 RYY) was parked in such a way that it blocked a number of parents in, one of whom had to get to another school for a pickup. Please can you park carefully and safely, in parking bays and not on yellow lines. We are very lucky with the amount of parking by the school both in the car park and on the surrounding streets; please think about how your parking impacts on other people.

Bright Sparks & Sparky

Well done to our Bright Sparks this week.

Britten	Lola Ball and Millie Greenaway-Sleeman
Elgar	Luke Arnold-Stedman and Despoina Leventaki
Goldsworthy	Isabelle Tucker and Charlie Vella
Lowry	Rhea Calcutteea and Stuart Coleman
Faraday	Dasha Botha and Sophia Vinci
Nightingale	Briar Dixon and Harrison Elliot
Holmes	Joshua Ball and Christopher Katsikaris
Redgrave	Tilly Anderson-Smith and Jessica Honour
Darwin	Josh Cox and Sophia Katsikaris
Newton	Carmelo Vinci and Edie Wozencroft
Shakespeare	Bailey Dixon and Jonathan Miniuks
Churchill	Devika Dasan and Ben Glasspool



Sparky says
well done to
Holmes—100%

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Diary Dates

Half term: Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November

End of term: Friday 20th December 1:30pm

Date	Time	Event
Monday 4 th November		Inset day - No children in school
Monday 5 th November - Friday 15 th November		Assessment week
Tuesday 5 th November	8:45am	Back to school for the children Year 2 drama workshop
Wednesday 6 th November	2:30pm and 6:30pm	EYFS parent reading meeting
Thursday 7 th November		Y3 to British Museum
Monday 11 th November		Items for the Christmas hampers can be brought into school from this date
Friday 15 th November		Children in Need House Event
Monday 18 th November - Friday 22 nd November	All week	Anti Bullying Week
Wednesday 20 th November	12:00	Britten parents invited to join children for a school dinner
Thursday 21 st November	2:00pm	Parents Focus Group
Friday 22 nd November		Bottles to be brought in for Christmas fair
Friday 22 nd November	12:00	Elgar parents invited to join children for a school dinner
Monday 25 th November		All clubs finish this week
Tuesday 26 th November	4:00 - 6:00pm	Parents Evening
Thursday 28 th November	4:30 - 6:00pm 6:30 - 8:00pm	Parents Evening
Friday 29 th November		Jolly Jar Tombola donations - children can wear own clothes for a jar
Saturday 30 th November		PTFA Christmas Fair
Friday 6 th December	Morning	Christmas Decoration DT day
Monday 9 th December	Morning	Reception classes to Christchurch
Tuesday 10 th December	9am	Y2 - Y3 play Nightingale and Holmes parents to watch
Wednesday 11 th December	9am	Y2 - Y3 play - Faraday and Redgrave parents to watch
Thursday 12 th December	9:15am	EYFS & Y1 Play - Britten and Lowry parents to watch
Friday 13 th December	9:15am	EYFS & Y1 Play - Elgar and Goldsworthy
Tuesday 17 th December	10:00am	Y4, Y5 & Y6 Carol Concert at Christchurch parents to attend
Wednesday 18 th December		Christmas Lunch
Thursday 19 th December		Party Lunch - Children wear own clothes
Friday 20 th December	1:30pm	Break up

Where appropriate, with each shoebox, our church partners may offer a little booklet of Bible stories. They may also invite children receiving shoeboxes to join a discipleship course called The Greatest Journey. This is a 'no strings attached' programme and participation is with the consent of their parent or guardian.

- A cuddly toy • A toothbrush, toothpaste, bar of wrapped soap & flannel ✓
- Note pad, drawing paper, picture and comic books ✓
- Pencils, pens and pencil sharpener • A set of crayons or felt pens ✓
- A hat, cap, gloves or scarf • A small ball or tennis ball ✓
- A puzzle (small jigsaw) ✓
- For boys: a toy car, truck, passenger plane or similar and football cards ✓
- For girls: small jewellery set, doll or skipping rope or hair accessories ✓
- A greetings card and / or a photo of yourself ✓
- Wrapped sweets (sell by date must be at least March of the following year) ✓

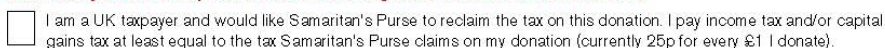
- Chocolate or other edible items e.g. crisps, biscuits, tinned food, etc. (due to Customs in receiving countries) ❌
- War related items, e.g. Toy guns, play soldiers or knives ❌
- Clothing (other than as listed above) • Glass containers, mirrors or fragile items ❌
- Liquids of any type, e.g. Blow bubbles, shower gel, shampoos, toiletry sets ❌
- Marbles or sharp objects • Anything of a political, racial or religious nature ❌
- Medicines • Books with many words • Hand made or knitted stuffed toys ❌



CAN YOU DONATE ONLINE? IT WILL MAKE YOUR DONATION GO FURTHER AND WE'LL TELL YOU WHERE YOUR SHOEBOX WENT. GO TO WWW.OPERATIONCHRISTMASCHILD.ORG.UK TO DONATE NOW.
IF YOU CAN'T THEN PLEASE COMPLETE YOUR DETAILS BELOW AND ENCLOSE THIS ENVELOPE IN YOUR SHOEBOX

Cheques should be made payable to Samaritan's Purse and include your name and address on the reverse. One cheque can cover multiple shoebox donations.

Make every £1 worth 25p more with Gift Aid (e.g. A £3 donation becomes £3.75)



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