Newsletter 10—15/11/2013

Dear Parents,

What a fun afternoon we've had in our Houses, raising money for Children In Need. We raised £330 for this very worthwhile cause and we really appreciate your generosity. We have seen some really fun outfits from the child and the staff entered into the spirit of the event as well.

This week a group of children from Years 5 and 6 took part in the Indoor Athletics Competition at Rosebery, competing against other local schools. The team came third overall, which is a great achievement. Thank you to Mr Light and Mrs Glasspool for accompanying the children to this event and to the parents who transported the children there and supported them at the event so well.

On Tuesday a group of children from KS2 participated in the interschool cross country event on a cold and windy afternoon. The children all ran really well, showing great determination despite the cold. Thank you to Mr Vowles and to the parents for accompanying and supporting the children.

Next week is National Anti-Bullying Week and as always we will be supporting this event to raise awareness of what bullying is and how it can be dealt with effectively. We will be holding different assemblies throughout the week lead by members of staff as well as by outside speakers. There will also be specific lessons in classes so that the children understand what bullying is and what steps they can take to 'STAMP' it out. We will be giving the message to the children that bullying is different to quarrelling with friends and the serious impact it has on other people. We will remind the children that bullying is when somebody does or says something that is deliberately unkind, repeatedly on several occasions. One of the activities that we are going to do is to create a 'circle of friendship against bullying'. Look out for a report and some photos in the newsletter next week as the School Councillors will be co-ordinating this.

Thank you to those people who donated gift boxes for the charity 'Operation Christmas Child'; it has been really lovely to see the pile grow over the last couple of weeks. Thank you also for the contributions to the Christmas Hampers that each class is making for the Christmas Fair raffle. Please continue to send things in because every little item makes a difference and they are brilliant prizes at the Christmas Fair.

Finally, please ensure you have signed up for a Parent Consultation Meeting appointment on either Tuesday 26th November or Thursday 28th November. These are really important for you to attend to find out how your child is progressing. If you have any problems logging into the system please speak to Mrs Allen or Mrs Hutton in the office.

Have a lovely weekend.
Kate Gee

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On Thursday, the sounds of sirens were blasting through the car park towards the Reception outdoor area! Out jumped Fireman Sam who let us explore his exciting fire engine, and explained what all his gadgets were for. We even got to clamber up high into the drivers seats at the front of the big red engine and have a go using the hoses at the back. The water sprayed everywhere, it was so much fun!!!

'I loved going in the fire engine, it was so exciting!' Ruby

'The hose was fun, we squirted everyone!' Samuel

After that we all sat down inside and learnt lots of important information about safety. The children now know what number to ring if there is an emergency, and how to be safe around fires and fireworks. This has supported all our learning on festivals such as fireworks night and Divali.

Miss Robertson & Mrs Moody

Cross Country Event

On Tuesday this week the boys and girls from Years 5 and 6 took part in a Cross Country race against 90 pupils from other schools. It was really hard!

Boys' Race

All of the boys got ready to race against the other school who were taking part. With the blow of the whistle they were off! There were many hills to climb, including the hardest one of all, which was within 20m of the start line. You had to get up that hill quickly to get a good position for the race. We all did well but Ben Cunningham, who came 10th, and Benjamin Craig, who came 9th, deserve a special mention. Overall our boys team came 3rd out of 11 schools which was a huge achievement.

Girls' Race

The girls set off on the same course, racing up the hill as fast as they could. Nell Summers immediately took up an amazing second position. Nell stuck to the front at all times but did get overtaken at the very end. All of our girls showed great effort and spirit. Nell eventually came 5th.

Everyone enjoyed the event. Thanks to Mr Vowles for taking us and cheering us on.

CHRISTMAS REMINDERS

This year's fair will be raising money to help support the school's development of the new playground areas, so every penny raised will benefit ALL the children. We need your help if we are to make it a big success! We really appreciate your continued support, every bit helps, however small. Here are a few reminders and dates!

Santa's Grotto: Tickets are selling fast! Please fill in the booking form (attached to the newsletter or paper copies are in the lobby area) and post into the black PTA post-box by the School Office, together with payment.

Friday 22nd November Bottle Tombola
Please could you bring in bottles for our bottle tombola **NEXT FRIDAY**. 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.

Please remember to bring in your donation for the class "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 decorated hamper will win a treat!

Calling all first aiders! Are you able to spare half an hour of your time to help man the first aid post at the Xmas Fair? If so, please contact the office, many thanks.

Don't forget: When you do your Christmas shopping online, you could be raising money for the school at the same time. It costs you nothing! All you have to do is register with The Giving Machine and every time you shop, go through their website. Amazon, Argos, Ebay, Sainsburys ,Tescos, John Lewis are just some of the retailers you can shop from. It's such an easy way to raise money for nothing! Simply register at..
http://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/go_shopping.php

Many thanks!
The Friends

Christmas DT Morning Friday 6th December

Plans are well underway for our Christmas DT Day on Friday 6th December. To make this day work we need as many parents (CRB checked with the school) as possible to help for the morning only. You don't need to have any special skills to help, just enthusiasm and be able to work well with children!

If you are available, please let Mrs Allen know in the school office. Thanks!

We are collecting empty loo rolls for this event, so please send any you have into the school office. Thanks.

Guitar lessons

Neil Davey our guitar teacher has spaces for new children to start in September learning the classical guitar. Guitar is best taught to junior children as they find it easier to pick up the instrument.

If you would like to discuss your child's requirement with Neil Davey then please contact him direct on 0208 393 0667

20 minute lessons are given weekly, during the school day. They are organized in blocks of 10 per term at a cost of £10 per lesson, (£100 per term).

Requests

Please can you send in any corks (from wine bottles) you may have for an activity the Gardening Club is doing—thank you!

Reminders for next week

Monday	
Tuesday	Amy Kainth selling new school uniform after school
Wednesday	
Thursday	Parent Focus Group meeting 2pm, only class reps attend
Friday	

Phone: 01372 743104 Fax: 01372 729436 Absence Line 01372 847965
After school clubs staff: 07824988216 E-mail: info@southfield-park.surrey.sch.uk
Polly Sawyer After school club; 07921 147335

Christ Church, Epsom Common & Christ Church on the Wells

A special invitation for children aged 3-13 to 3 exciting Advent/ Christmas events

Advent Workshop

Saturday 7th December 9:30am-1:30pm

Christ Church Parish Hall

Worship, Story, Games, Craft and Music

Cost £3 lunch included (to pre book place call Pippa at Parish Office 01372 743133)

Christingle Service

Sunday 8th December 4pm

Spalding Hall Wells Social Centre, Spa Drive

All age worship to celebrate the season with refreshments and Fair-trade stall

Children's Nativity

Sunday 15th December

Christ Church 10am

EPSOM & EWELL BOROUGH COUNCIL

Bourne Hall Museum Kids Club
bringing history alive

Victorian Christmas

Saturday 14 December 1pm - 2.30pm

Go back to a time before Father Christmas wore red and celebrate Christmas with Queen Victoria and her family.

Discover which traditions were brought to England by Prince Albert and are now firmly part of our modern-day festivities.

Find out if Victoria sent any Christmas cards or enjoyed eating roast turkey on Christmas day.

Decide if you think if Queen Victoria was amused by all the pine needles dropping from the Christmas tree onto the carpet.

Cost £4 per child

Further information is available from David Brooks, Bourne Hall Museum, Spring Street, Ewell, Surrey, KT17 1UF. Tel 020 8393 1734
Email dbrooks@epsom-ewell.gov.uk

http://www.epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/BourneHallMuseumClub.html

WE LOVE Kids in Museums

Santa's Grotto Booking Form
Southfield Park Christmas Fair
Saturday 30th November, 1 – 4pm

If you would like to make an appointment for your child to visit Santa's Grotto at the Christmas Fair, please indicate on the form below your preferred time and return it to the PTFA Black Post Box, together with £1.50 per child. Appointments will be allocated in the order the forms are received. You will then be given a confirmed appointment time via your child's book bag. We will do our best to offer you an appointment within the time slot that you have indicated but may not always be able to do so. Apologies in advance if this is the case! Appointments are limited and last year we sold out!

Tickets cost £1.50 per child and include 10 minute group visit and a present.

Pre-schoolers/Friends are of course very welcome – please ensure you purchase tickets for each child visiting Santa

Please tick your preferred time slot.

Between 1.10pm and 1.40pm

Between 1.40pm and 2.10pm

Break for Santa between 2.10pm and 2.20pm

Between 2.20pm and 2.50pm

Between 2.50pm and 3.10pm

Break for Santa between 3.10pm and 3.20pm

Between 3.20pm and 3.50pm

Eldest Child's Name: …… **Class** …….

Siblings Names: ……

Number of Tickets Required: …….**@ £1.50 each**

Amount Enclosed £ ……