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Dear Parents,

This week has been simply jam-packed with events and despite the scorching heat we have crammed so much into 5 action filled days that this is a bumper edition newsletter!

Science Week is always a hugely popular event across the whole school, and this year has been no exception. Mrs Greenacre and Mrs Parry-Finneran, our Science subject leaders, have spent hours masterminding a week full of scientific discoveries for the children, culminating in today's Science Fair in the school hall where each class designed two science activities for the rest of the school to enjoy. There were whoops of delight and amazement from the children as they explored and enhanced their scientific learning. A big thank you goes to them both for organising such a thrilling and engaging week, which also included a session for every class with the outreach team from the Science Museum who visited us on Wednesday. The Science Museum workshops were absolutely amazing and the children simply loved them. We are so grateful to the Friends of Southfield Park for paying for these superb workshops from their fundraising efforts which really impacted positively on every child's learning experiences. We are so lucky!

Those families who attended the Epsom and Ewell School's Dance Festival at The Playhouse this week will, I am sure, agree with me what a fantastic event it was. The theme was 'Around the World' and each school took a different approach to their dance with a variety of dance styles represented and a wide range of musical choices. Our entry was based on a Japanese theme, and choreographed by Mrs Glasspool to tell the story of a couple growing old together. It was such a privilege to see the children enjoying their opportunity to appear on stage and we were all very proud of them. Thank you to Mrs Glasspool, Mrs Walker and Miss Smith who helped with all the preparations and rehearsals but a special thanks must go to our very own Southfield Park hero, Mrs Glasspool, who not only attended the dress rehearsal all day on Monday with Mrs Walker, but came straight to the Playhouse from the Year 6 trip to Chessington World of Adventures on Tuesday with her trusty suitcase of props and costumes. She then followed Wednesday evening's performance with a field trip to the River Mole all day on Thursday. And all of this with a great big smile on her face. We don't know how you do it Mrs Glasspool, but we are so grateful for everything you do!



Year 6 have been out and about this week with their long awaited trip to Chessington and the postponed trip to the River Mole. Tuesday was extremely hot but that didn't stop the children making the most of every second at the theme park and going on as many rides as they could fit in. Not a second was wasted! They all had a brilliant time, and so did the staff, and it was so lovely to see them able to 'let their hair down' and have fun after working so hard all year. Luckily, Thursday was a bit cooler and we managed to dodge the wet weather to have a great day down by the river learning about river features as part of their geography topic. Thank you to all the adults that attended the trips to make them truly memorable for the children.

Our Parent focus Group met on Wednesday afternoon for the final meeting of the year and we had a very productive meeting. Minutes of the discussions will be circulated soon. I would like to say a huge thank you to the fantastic groups of class reps for all their support this year, in attending the meetings and liaising with the other parents about items to be raised for discussion. We really do value parents' ideas and suggestions and the reps really help in ensuring we know 'the word on the playground' and take parents viewpoints and suggestions for improvement into account.

Schools are always subject to scrutiny and external validation, and this week our teacher assessments for the Key Stage 1 SATs were moderated by Surrey. Two moderators spent the morning with Miss Gilby and Miss Gilbody and were highly complimentary about both the quality of work produced by the children and the teacher's knowledge of the children, as well as praising the accuracy of the judgements. All of our assessment judgements were confirmed by the moderators and the practice of the Year 2 teachers was described as exemplary. We know what a brilliant Year 2 team we have, and what amazing teachers they are, so we are very proud to have it confirmed by independent parties.

Development of our coaching ethos throughout the school has been a key feature over the past couple of years, permeating all aspects of school life, and those of you who attended our parent coaching workshop a few weeks ago will be able to vouch for this. The introduction and development of coaching as a tool for self-improvement throughout the school has been led and driven by Mrs Smith, our Teaching and Learning coach as well as Assistant Head, who is a passionate advocate for the coaching approach. She recently led on an application for 'Coachmark' which is a national accreditation for excellence in coaching, and I am delighted to say that we heard at the end of last week that we have been awarded the Gold standard for this award, reflecting our excellent practice. In her report, the assessor commented, 'The coaching approach is now woven into the fabric of Southfield Park Primary and is integral I think to your SHINE mission statement.' I would like to thank Mrs Smith for leading the implementation of coaching and supporting colleagues to develop their skills as well as securing this prestigious achievement for the school.

It is at this time of year that we begin to welcome into our school community the children and families who will be joining us in September 2017. On Wednesday evening we held our information meeting for parents of children joining us in September and we look forward to them all becoming part of the 'Southfield Park family'. We also held a Reception to Year 1 transition meeting for parents of our current Reception classes on Wednesday explaining what we are doing to prepare the children for a smooth transition into Key Stage 1 and what they can expect as they continue their journey through the school and the exciting opportunities ahead. Thank you to all the members of staff who came along and spoke at these meetings, I know it was greatly appreciated by all who attended. If there is anyone who couldn't come along to the meetings we will upload the slides to Fronter so you can see the points covered.

The library refurbishment, which is being funded and organised by the Friends, is now moving at a fast pace and is very close to completion. The furniture was delivered and installed earlier this week and the artist they have commissioned to do the artwork has now started work, so we are all very excited. Watch this space for more updates! It really is going to look wonderful and the children will all benefit from the project and I am sure will spend many happy hours there and be inspired to read even more!

Finally, can I wish the year 5 children who are travelling to the Isle of Wight for their residential trip at PGL next week a fantastic time and remind parents of children in Phase 1 that next week we have the Phase 1 Summer Celebration Performances so please don't miss them.

Have a lovely weekend,

Kind regards

Kate Gee

CELEBRATION OF DANCE 2017

EPSOM AND EWELL SCHOOLS DANCE FESTIVAL

Twelve pupils from Year 4 represented Southfield Park Primary in the annual schools Dance Festival at The Epsom Playhouse this week. Weeks of practice culminated in a day-long rehearsal on Monday and performances on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. The theme for the show this year was 'Around the World' and our dancers, prompted by holiday snaps in a photo album, took us to the U.S.A. (surfin'!), to Japan in cherry blossom season and to a sunny beach.

It's quite a privilege to dance at the Playhouse and the children thoroughly enjoyed the experience - green room (hot!!), waiting in the wings, stage-lights and a very enthusiastic audience. This was a dance premier for many of our dancers and they certainly did us proud! Congratulations and a big thank you for performing so beautifully to: George Anderson-Smith, Lacie-Lou Blackman, Rylea Coggins, Tilly Coggins, Jack Jewiss, Joe McDonald, Theo McKay, Adam Nemeth, Amelie Paul, Georgia Reis, Holly Smalley and Isabelle Tucker. The children's behaviour was impeccable, despite excitement levels running very high!

This group have been working so hard on the dance, squeezing in additional rehearsals when possible. Some of the dance moves were quite tricky but the children persevered until they could perform them well.

Thank you to the parents who managed to deliver and collect our stars right on cue. No small feat! That was very much appreciated. We were also delighted to have the additional backstage support of Mrs Gee and Miss Savill on Tuesday and Wednesday nights respectively.

Here's what the children had to say!

Tilly: *I loved getting our make-up and hair done. It was fun because in the dressing rooms we got to do lots of things like taking photos and playing games. The dancing was exciting because the dance moves we did were good and watching the other types of dance was interesting.*

Theo: *Our dance had three parts - the first part was a lovely USA dance; the second part was based on a graceful wedding engagement in Japan and the third one was a sunny time where everybody had fun! Whilst we weren't performing to the parents we were backstage making friends with children from other schools and playing fun games.*

Miss Smith, Mrs Walker, Mrs Glasspool





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BLINGO *Bingo*

Tickets are selling fast for our Blingo night on Friday, 30th June, but you've still got time to grab yours! They're just £8 each and include Pizza Express pizzas and dough balls - all you need to bring along are your drinks for the evening! Please find the booking form later in the Newsletter, or catch the Friends selling tickets in the infant playground after school next week.

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The Friends are busy behind the scenes planning for the night; we will have a professional photographer taking snaps and there will be cash prizes for the bingo, so bring some change to buy your cards. Our celebrity bingo caller is none other than Mr K, sure to add to the fun of the night! Most of you will know that Mr K is leaving for pastures new at the end of this term; he has been a great support to the Friends over many years and we are sad to see him go, so help us to give him a great send off!

Library Update



The new library furniture arrived earlier this week and it looks fab! We also met with our artist yesterday and looked at all the designs the children have been drawing in class. She starts next week and we are really excited about how the library is going to look!

It's thanks to all your support that we are able to make great things like this happen in our school!

Micro-Scooter Cashback for Schools

If you happen to be looking for a new scooter for your children, you might like to look at the Micro Scooter website (<http://www.micro-scooters.co.uk>) who are offering 10% cash back to registered schools. We are registered, so if you enter the school code - 133721 - at the checkout, we'll get the cashback!

Dates for Your Diary

Fri, 30th June

Friends' AGM & Parent Social Event (Blingo). 7.30 p.m. onwards.

Mon, 3rd July

Bags 2 School. Bags to be returned to school.

Attendance this week

Attendance is important:

- Statistics show a direct link between under-achievement and poor attendance;
- Pupils with regular attendance make better progress, both socially and academically;
- Pupils with regular attendance find school routines and school work easier to cope with;
- Pupils with regular attendance have an easier transfer to secondary school, having developed positive habits in attending school every day.



Sparky says “well done!” to **Goldsworthy Class**, who had the best attendance this week with **100%**, and to **Britten, Goldsworthy, Lowry, Redgrave, Darwin, Newton, Churchill and Attenborough Classes**, who also had high attendance this week!

Attendance for Monday 19th - Friday 23rd June



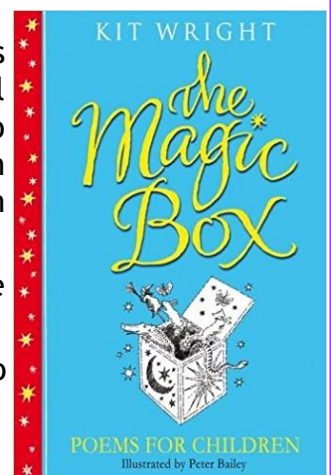
Y3 to make Magic Boxes

We are starting a new English learning journey about poetry. Our focus is a beautiful poem called ‘The Magic Box’ by Kit Wright. We would like all children in Redgrave and Holmes to create their own ‘magic boxes’ to share with the class from next Tuesday. The box should be no bigger than a shoe box and should contain objects that represent memories from Year 3, such as a pencil to show the all of our writing this year.

It could also be more symbolic e.g a picture of a mountain to show the Year 3 journey.

Please can children bring in their boxes on **Tuesday 27th June** ready to share.

Thank you,



Science Extravaganza

This week there has been a real buzz around the school with Science week. The children have had some excellent opportunities to carry out various investigations in their classes. On Wednesday we were very fortunate to have the Science Museum come into our School to show the children different workshops about 'Materials', 'Bubbles' and 'Blood'. The children really enjoyed getting involved in the activities and we are very grateful to the Friends for giving the children this great experience. Today Year 6 and all of our lovely teaching assistants have been showcasing the week's learning with a Science fair. The children have had the chance to take part in a range of Science investigations including launching rockets as high as they could and making bubbles inside bubbles. We are also very grateful to Blenheim School for lending us some of their Science equipment including a working planetarium which the children were fascinated by. We are overwhelmed with the incredible Science projects that we have received from home and are really looking forward to announcing our phase winners next week. Thank you to everyone who has helped to make this such a great success!

Mrs Greenacre and Mrs Parry-Finneran
Science co-ordinators

'I loved all of it but especially the blow torch experiment'

'I loved the 'through the heart valve' activity and learnt that the red blood vessel has to travel through a lot of stations'

'I liked how involved everyone was'

'I never knew you could die from cutting your leg'

'I loved the creative way they presented the experiments to teach us about blood'

'I loved seeing Miss Gilby inside a bubble, it was totally awesome.'

'We loved it when we learnt how to waft the bubbles to make them stay afloat.'

'I liked it when we got to stand inside a bubble.'

'I liked it when you squished the bottle and the cone whizzed up into the air.'

'I managed to get 5 bubbles inside a bubble.'



Reminders for Next Week

Monday 26th	Year 5 to Isle of Wight for week
Tuesday 27th	Reception to Ladyland Farm
Wednesday 28th	
Thursday 29th	Phase 1 (Reception & Yr 1) Summer Celebration—Britten and Lowry parents to watch, 9am New Reception intake story time, 2-2.30pm
Friday 30th	Phase 1 (Reception & Yr 1) Summer Celebration—Elgar and Goldsworthy parents to watch, 9am

Success in Surrey Youth Games

Congratulations to Daniel Grant, Holmes class, who won bronze last weekend at the Surrey Youth Games.

Well done, Daniel, we are proud of you!



Parents Evening Appointments

Don't forget to book your appointment to see your child's teachers on either Tuesday 4th July or Wednesday 5th July, by logging into your account on www.scopay.com. If you have difficulty, please contact the school office and we can book an appointment for you.

Vouchers for Sainsburys and Woodcote Green Garden Centre

Don't forget to bring these in as soon as possible, so we can register the points—thank you!

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BLINGO *Bingo*

The Friends of Southfield Park would like to invite you to join them at a Blingo evening!

Friday, 30th June 2017

Southfield Park School Hall

7.30 pm - late!

£8 per ticket

(includes Pizza Express pizzas and dough balls, just BYO drinks!)

Blingo is a chance for you to “shine” as you put on your bling and join us for a glittering night of bingo, with your special guest bingo caller, Mr K! There will be some great prizes, including ESPA skincare products, and lots of fun!

Please return this slip with payment (£8 per ticket, cash or cheques payable to Friends of Southfield Park) to the Friends’ Post Box in school reception.

Name:

Number of tickets required:

Tickets will be sent home in book bags, so please give the name and class of your child/one of your children:

Childs’ Name:

Class:

Please indicate any special dietary requirements for your party:

Vegetarian: (number).

Vegan: (number).

Gluten Free: (number).

Any other requirements?