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Dear Parents,

The summer term is building to its finale and as usual it is all systems go at Southfield Park. We had the first of our end of year celebrations this week with Phase 1 taking us on a 'This is Your Life' assembly, where the children in Year 1 and Reception treated us to a wonderful tour of all their exciting learning experiences and memories over the last year. It was such a proud moment for us all to see our youngest children so poised and confident on the stage and a special mention must go to our very own 'Trevor McDonald', aka Arthur from Year 1, who was a magnificent compère throughout. Well done to all the children, who were simply brilliant and made us all so very proud.



Our Year 5 children have been in the Isle of Wight this week on their residential and from looking at the pictures on Fronter, and from speaking to staff, the children have had an absolute blast - even though there was a lot of rain at times! The children were fantastic as they threw themselves into a wide range of activities whilst behaving beautifully, making them such great ambassadors for our school. Thank you to all of the children for making us so proud but a HUGE thank you must go to all the staff who accompanied the children; it

never ceases to amaze me about how dedicated the staff are Southfield Park are, and indeed their families, as without their support we simply wouldn't be able to participate in such an exciting trip. My thanks to Mrs Crawford who organised and led the trip, Miss David, Mr Batty, Miss Smith, Miss Yates and finally a special thank you to Ms Buchan (our School Business Manager) who only works part time but agreed to go!

On Wednesday the field events for the KS2 District Sports were held at Stamford Green and as usual there were some great performances from our children — Thursday morning I saw lots of medals being worn with pride, even a couple of gold ones. This morning, fifty children are at the David Weir athletic track and we will update you on their performances next week. As ever, though whilst performing well and demonstrating great sportsmanship, the children were also extremely



well behaved which is so appreciated as it is incredibly busy at these events. Thank you as well to the staff who have accompanied the children this week and to the parents who go to support them, ensuring as many children as possible can take part.

Our youngest children in Reception had their annual trip to Ladyland Farm this week, a trip which is always a highlight for the children and indeed the staff! Ladyland Farm is a teaching farm which educates children on how to care for farm animals. Only one school is allowed to attend each day so it provides so many opportunities for the children to have a "hands on" opportunity to hold the animals and to get up close, which the children absolutely loved. Thank you to the staff for organising such an enjoyable learning experience and to the parents who accompanied the children, your support as ever is much appreciated.



You may have seen in the local press this week that a local community group have been awarded a Heritage Lottery Fund grant of £300,000 to turn Horton Chapel into a non-profit arts and heritage centre. A high number of this community group are parents of children and our school and have been working so hard over the last couple of years in the hope that they can make a real difference to the cultural life of the local community. I have agreed that the school hall can be used sometime in October/November for a community engagement evening and I hope as many of you as possible will support this as it could make such a fantastic difference to our local community as well as our school community. Their press release is later on in the newsletter and I hope you take the time to read it.

As I am sure you are all aware from the press, recruitment for teachers is incredibly challenging for all schools, however I am delighted to say that we have made some excellent new appointments for next academic year. First of all, many of you may remember Miss Emily Hylands as she was teaching Holmes Class at the beginning of this academic year (whilst Mrs Parry-Finneran was on maternity leave) before she left to go travelling in March. I am delighted to say she will be returning to the Southfield Park team next year, as a permanent member of staff, something that I know that everyone will be happy about. Miss Christine Jones will also be joining our team; she is an experienced teacher who has been working for the last few years in a London school, and has recently relocated to Epsom. I am looking forward to welcoming both of these teachers to our team and I am sure you are too.



Next week, as you know, is our 'Moving Up' morning on Tuesday 4th July, and the children are all excited to find out who their new teacher will be. I am extremely proud to lead such a professional and dedicated team of teachers, Teaching Assistants and Special Needs Assistants, and I can confidently say that whichever class your child will be in next year they will be in great hands.

Finally, there are lots of events taking place next week, including Parent Consultations on Tuesday and Wednesday after school and of course Sports Day on Thursday at the Harrier Centre - fingers crossed that the weather stays dry! Please look out for a letter linked to Sports Day which will be sent home on Monday so you have all the up to date details.

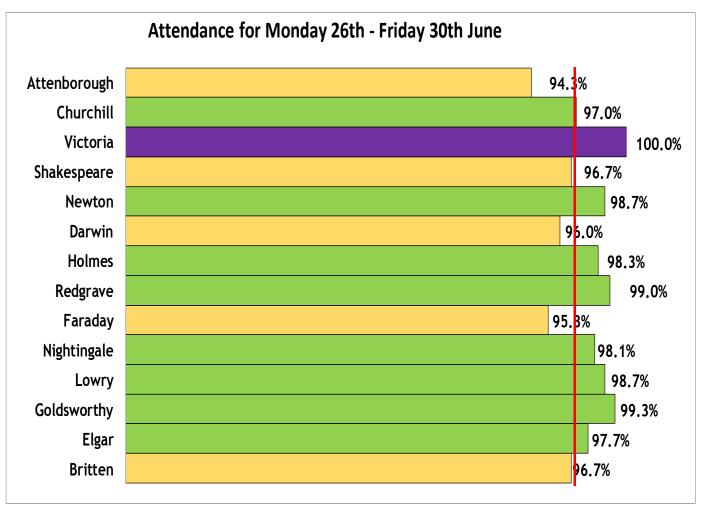
Have a wonderful weekend

Kate Gee

Attendance this week



Sparky says "well done!" to Victoria Class, who had the best attendance this week with 100%, and to Elgar, Goldsworthy, Lowry, Nightingale, Redgrave, Holmes, Newton and Churchill Classes, who also had high attendance this week!



Spectacular Scientists

A big well done to everyone who took part in the competition and carried out a science investigation at home. We were overwhelmed by the quality and quantity of the experiments we received and it was very difficult to choose our winners. You really have shown that you are spectacular scientists!

Mrs Greenacre and Mrs Parry-Finneran

Winners

Phase 1 - Olivia Tuck



Phase 3 - James Tucker



Phase 2 - Harry Kirk



Highly commended - Lokesh Dasan



District Sports

Wow, what an incredibly exciting week for sport, with many of our children (from across the Juniors) taking part in the annual Epsom and Ewell District Sports event. Wednesday's participants whizzed off for an afternoon of field events at Stamford Green School, which included the tennis ball throw, triple jump and standing long jump. Whilst our track participants; took part in the long distance, sprints and relays at the David Weir Centre today.

Throughout the competition, I was absolutely blown away by the amount of effort each and every child put into their event, not to mention the outstanding behavior and sportsmanship they showed. It was an absolute pleasure to accompany the children to these events and they should all be extremely proud of what they achieved in. I must also take this opportunity to say a <a href="https://www.nuse.com/huge.c

Miss Savill

Piloting the new Children's Trail at Christ Church



Eight of our School Councillors walked to Christ Church in the sunshine on Monday to test out a brand new children's trail being developed for the church by our local Fine Arts Society (part of The National Association of Decorative and Fine Arts Societies). The children explored many of the church's treasures and were amazed by some of the things they found. Questions were mostly related to Art and History and the children enthusiastically and intelligently bolted around the church to find all of the answers. Their feedback informed the trail designers where questions might be tweaked for clarity and the children had LOTS

of fun busily completing their answer sheets.

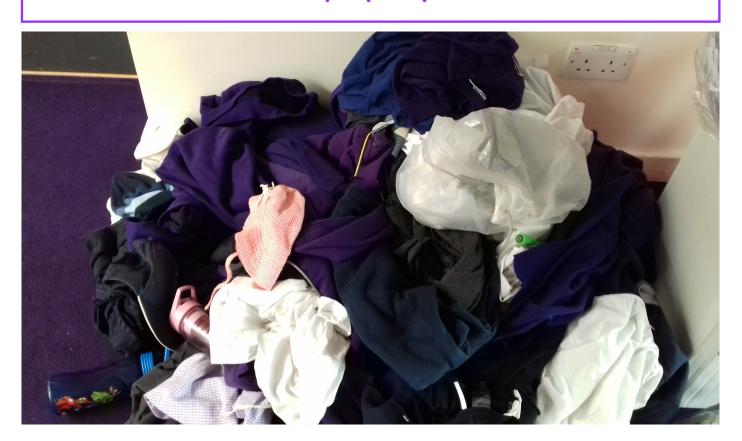
Reverend Rosemary was very appreciative of their input and will let us know once the trail is officially launched. Our School Councillors were keen to have another go, taking family and friends with them next time! This is what they said:

Daisy: I really liked it there ... you spotted things you had never seen before! Lana: I couldn't believe how many organ pipes there were! We thought there

were 640 but there were actually MORE than 1,400!

Jack: I really liked it because there was so much history.

Please come and rescue some of our lost property....



Staffing for the next academic year

| | Classes 2 | 2017-2018 | | |
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| Class | Teacher | TA/SNA | Class 16-17 | |
| Britten | Miss Nicola Brown | Mrs Jackie Oakley | | |
| Elgar | Miss Katherine Egan | Mrs Mandie Golder | | |
| Goldsworthy | Mrs Emily Greenacre | Mrs Lynne Halsberry Elgar Cla | | |
| Lowry | Miss Ellie Barrett | Mrs Mel Taylor | Britten Class | |
| Faraday | Miss Hollie Gilbody | Miss Helen McDonald | Lowry Class | |
| Nightingale | Mrs Sarah Pratelli | Ms Jacquie Votier | Goldsworthy Class | |
| Redgrave | Miss Lauren Gilby | Ms Nisa Parry | Mixed up | |
| Holmes | Miss Emily Hylands | Miss Claire Cobban | Mixed up | |
| Darwin | Miss Gemma Savill | Mrs Elizabeth Williams | Holmes Class | |
| Newton | Miss Christine Jones | Mrs Clare Rolton | Redgrave Class | |
| Shakespeare | Mr Andrew Batty | Ms Shelley Anderson / Newton Clas Mrs Seaward (SNA) | | |
| Victoria | Miss Georgia Smith | Mrs Sara Newbould/ Miss Yates (SNA) | Darwin Class | |
| Churchill | Miss Sophie David | Mrs Gill Glasspool | Victoria Class | |
| Attenborough | Mrs Sally Smith (3 days)/ Mrs Karen Del Medico (2 days) | Mrs Jane Radcliffe/ Shakespeare Cla Mrs Pam Drake (SNA) | | |

Our trip to Ladyland farm

On Tuesday the children from Elgar and Britten Class became little farmers for the day! When we arrived, Farmer Nicky and Farmer Annemarie asked us if we could help them with all the jobs that needed doing on the farm which included feeding and looking after all of the animals!

We saw some little chicks; we fed six hungry calves and some very greedy sheep! We stroked tiny rabbits, held a kid and even sang with the geese!

Just before lunch we all climbed on Farmer Phillips tractor and had a ride around his field!

Favourite quotes:

Harris 'I loved feeding the sheep!'

Noah 'I liked feeding the cows! They were snatching the milk from us!'

Harley 'I loved it when the little goats ate from our hands!'

Hanna 'I liked learning about the horses!'

Alisia 'I loved everything!'

A huge thank you to all the adults who came on the trip with us, we simply couldn't have done it without you! The EYFS team









Funding raised by The National Lottery



and awarded by the Heritage Lottery Fund

Our plan to rescue Epsom's Horton Chapel and turn it into a thriving arts hub has taken a huge stride forward thanks to a major grant made possible by National Lottery players.

The Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) has awarded us development funding of £300,000 to progress our plans to transform the vacant historic building. Thanks to National Lottery players, the grant takes us significantly closer to restoring the empty Grade II listed building and running it as a not-for-profit arts and heritage centre.

The award is an acknowledgement of the HLF's confidence in The Horton Chapel Project and an indication of its commitment to help make our vision a reality. It will pay for important structural and environmental surveys, architectural services to obtain planning and listed building consent, and pave the way for a final-round bid to unlock the significant capital investment that will be needed to refurbish the building, which has stood empty since the mid 1990s.

lan Reeves, Horton Chapel Arts & Heritage Society chairman, said: "The announcement of this Heritage Lottery Fund grant takes our vision to a whole new level. We're thrilled that the HLF has given us the green light, and these funds will allow us to start turning those plans into reality. We really believe that this is a project that can transform Epsom's cultural life."

Stuart McLeod, Head of HLF South East, said: "We're delighted that National Lottery players are able to support this fascinating project to breathe new life into this beautiful chapel. The project offers a great opportunity to combine restoration with a creative artistic vision, and we look forward to seeing the final, detailed proposals in due course".

Epsom & Ewell Borough Council has owned the building since 2004, and has committed to release up to £1.45 million in ring-fenced funding towards the Horton Chapel Project. The council awarded charity Horton Chapel Arts & Heritage Society 'preferred bidder' status in September 2016, following a pitching process for community-based proposals. These funds will be unlocked following a successful second round application to the HLF.

Councillor Barry Nash, Chairman of Epsom & Ewell Borough Council's Community & Wellbeing Committee, added: "This is a huge step forward for the Horton Chapel project and we congratulate the team involved for producing such an exciting and innovative scheme, but also for convincing the Heritage Lottery Fund to grant them financial backing.

"The £1.45million we have allocated to support the refurbishment of the Chapel comes from a range of sources, some of which is ring-fenced to the Chapel and some of which is part of the Council's capital reserves. These reserves have been ear-marked for use on the Chapel in the hope that a valuable facility for the community can be created, managed by the community and financially independent from the Council.

"Council officers will be working with the Horton Chapel Arts & Heritage Society to take the project forward to the next stage. We wish the team all the very best with their plans."

Reminders for Next Week

| Monday 3rd | |
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| Tuesday 4th | Moving up morning |
| | Year 6 children at their new secondary school |
| | Parents Evenings 4pm-6pm |
| Wednesday 5th | Attenborough class to Pizza Express, am |
| | Children bring PE kit home |
| | Parents Evenings 4.30pm-6pm & 6.30pm-8pm |
| Thursday 6th | Children come to school in PE kit |
| | Sports day at the Harrier Centre, Poole Road, Ewell; Infant children finish at lunchtime, Junior children must be collected from the Harrier Centre at 3pm |
| Friday 7th | |

Bright Sparks

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| | Darwin | Benny Duffus and Ruby Middlebrook | Newton | Imogen Nash | ^ \ |
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Following on from the success of our last 'Taster in Embroidery Family Day', the Royal School of Needlework is delighted to inform you that we will be holding our next Family Day on Wednesday 9 August, here at Hampton Court Palace, Surrey.

Held during our extended <u>'Stories in Stitch'</u> exhibition, this is an ideal opportunity to introduce children or grandchildren to the art of hand embroidery with a visit to the exhibition and a 'Taster' embroidery session, stitching this cute Fox design. The exhibition is full of characters that both children and adults will recognise, including Mary Poppins, Superman, Alice in Wonderland and Little Red Riding Hood.

The Family Tour starts at 11am, lasts 1.5 hours and is £25, which includes one adult and up to two children (recommended for children over the age of 5).

The RSN is very keen to teach children the art of hand embroidery from an early age, to inspire and excite them, and we hope that some of your parents and school children will be enthusiastic to visit us on our 145th anniversary too!

It's easy to book online or contact Natalie.Thew@royal-needlework.org.uk.

We look forward to welcoming you here soon and kind regards Bryna Black

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News



Library Update

There is an exciting buzz around the school this week as our artist has started making our new library come alive with the children's wonderful ideas. We'll keep you posted.

Bags to school

Bags to school are due back this Monday so a good chance to have a clear out whilst raising funds for our school. Please leave all your bags outside reception on Monday morning before 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.



Families are warmly invited to Glyn School

Open Evening

5.00pm - 8.30pm Thursday 6 July 2017



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Headteacher's talks:

5.15pm, 6.00pm and 6.45pm



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