

Newsletter 40 21/07/2017

Dear Parents,

The end of term has finally arrived and school is out for the summer. We have had an exciting last few weeks but it will now be lovely for everyone to relax and enjoy a well-earned rest. Our Year 6 children have departed to start the next stage of their journey and we wish them all every success and are confident they will take a little of Southfield Park sparkle with them as they go.

There have been numerous Leaver's events over the half term, culminating in the disco on Wednesday evening. The children all turned out in their finery and had a marvellous time dancing all evening. A huge thank you to the Year 6 team for organising such a fabulous party for them, in particular Mrs Radcliffe, Mrs Glasspool and Mrs Drake who did most of the co-ordinating, assisted by Mrs Page and Miss Pugh. Thanks also to all those who helped on the night to make sure things went with a swing.

Just before the end of term we discovered that our netball team had won the Epsom and Ewell School Netball League, much to the delight of both the players and Mrs Yeates and Mrs Glasspool. This year we had a phenomenal team who were brilliantly coached by Mrs Glasspool and Mrs Yeates. Congratulations to them all on their success and I know Mrs Yeates is already planning next year's campaign!

Amongst all of the end of year excitement there is always a hint of sadness as colleagues and children move on to the next stage of their adventures. We wish all of the staff who are leaving us every success as they move to pastures new.



The place certainly won't be the same without Mr Dave Kirkland, who leaves us with some special memories, whether dressed as Robin Hood and refereeing a football match in his costume and tights, dressed as the Queen to open a fair or simply singing West End songs at the top of his voice! He has always given so much and I know it is a real wrench for him to leave, especially as he has been linked to Southfield Park from its very beginning. However it is an exciting time for him as he starts a new challenge in a secondary school in Cobham. Please don't

worry though as a Reception child said this week, "It is ok, I will still see Mr Kirkland as he is always in Tesco!"

Also moving on is Mrs Sophie Parry-Finneran who has been with us for the last five years. Everyone will miss her calm and kind manner and the way she is always on hand to support anyone who needs a helping hand. She's always there, never making a fuss but quietly and efficiently keeping things going. I know she will be great success at her new school and we all wish her well.

Stephanie Page who joined us in Year 4 this year is also taking up a new role. She is relocating and has secured a job closer to her new home. She has only been with us a short time but has embraced Southfield Park life and I know is very excited about her new role. Dawn Pugh is the last member of our team who is moving on after a long association with the school first as a nanny to two boys who came here, and for the last few years as a Teaching Assistant one day a week. I know she will miss Southfield Park and will keep in touch as we are all keen to see her wedding photos when she gets married.



At the end of another year I want to say a big thank you to everyone who has helped, or supported our school in any way. We are very fortunate, as a school, to have so many people helping out in a voluntary capacity. So whether you are a Reading Ranger, a Parent Focus Group Representative, helped in classrooms, supported with swimming in Year 3, volunteers who have accompanied children on school trips, a governor or helped in any other way - thank you,

your support is greatly appreciated.

A special mention however must go to our AMAZING Friends of Southfield Park who have raised a spectacular amount this year which has made such a HUGE difference to our school community, especially where we have so many financial concerns. This dedicated group led by the spectacular duo Emma Kirk and Angela Howarth. They have excelled themselves this year with so many fun and creative events which have not only brought the community together but also helped to raise those much needed funds. We are so lucky to have such a passionate and supportive group who will always go the extra mile to make our school as successful as possible. The refurbishment of our library is their most ambitious project to date and it looks stunning. I know the children are going to enjoy every minute and be encouraged to develop a lifelong love of reading. There will be a grand opening in the Autumn Term and we will keep you updated with photos as all the final touches are added. Thank you to all the members of the Friends and to anyone who has supported any of their events.

If you haven't yet had the opportunity to complete the parent questionnaires please take a minute or two to complete them online. The can be accessed through the links below and are a really valuable tool for the school to judge how well we are doing and meet the needs of our community. [Parent Survey 2017](https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/YHKCZ56) or type in <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/YHKCZ56> All it leaves me to say is have a wonderful summer break and we look forward to welcoming you all back on Tuesday 5th September at 8:45am.

Kind Regards

Kate Gee

Attendance this week



Sparky says "well done!" to **Lowry Class**, who had the best attendance this week with **99.7%**, and to **Britten, Goldsworthy, Faraday, Nightingale, Darwin, Newton, Shakespeare and Churchill Classes**, who also had high attendance this week!

Attendance for Monday 17th - Friday 21st July



From September, children in Juniors (Y3-6) need to bring in the following equipment

EQUIPMENT NEEDED FOR JUNIORS

Please ensure that everything is named and replenished each term



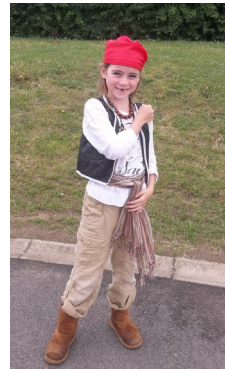
HIGH 5 SUCCESS

You may recall numerous High Five netball reports during the winter months ... well, we were recently informed that we had WON our local schools league! We announced this fantastic news during Bright Sparks Assembly last week to some very excited children. The entire Southfield Park 16/17 Squad was proudly presented with the schools trophy, which will go on display in the atrium, and each player received their own medal to keep to mark the occasion. This is a tremendous achievement, gained outright through number of matches won, and we are so proud of our players. They worked and played extremely hard and we could clearly see their skills developing as the season progressed ... perhaps more so than in any previous year. Equally as important, they were a real delight to teach and demonstrated exemplary teamwork.

We hope our win will now inspire some potential new squad members to come and try out the game in September! Our High 5 Netball Club will run for Years 5 and 6 on Wednesday afternoons, from 3.20 p.m. to 4.15 p.m.. The sessions are great fun and the children get lots of exercise! In addition, match play and knowledge of netball is fabulous preparation for a sports career at secondary school. Look out for the Club lists, get signed up and we will look forward to welcoming some new faces next term.



Yo, Ho, Ho, it's a pirate's life in Y2



Dancing the Night Away at the Year 6 Leavers' Event



Living the Life of a Doctor

Last Friday, Year 6 was very fortunate to have another lovely parent come in and talk about their career. Dr Katmawi-Sabbagh (Farah's father) came in and spoke to us all about the medical profession. We learnt what qualifications you need to become a doctor and how to become a specialist in a particular area, all about the urinary system and the kidneys and some of us were even given the chance to dress up like surgeons. We would like to say a huge thank you to Farah's dad for giving up his time to come in AND for answering sooooo many of our questions. We found your talk very informative and found out lots of new information. Thank you!



Bright Sparks

Well done to our Bright Sparks this week:

Britten Joshua Trujillo

Elgar

Zachary Brown and
Aarush Prasad

Goldsworthy Riley Dowson

Lowry

Tallulah Cartwright
and Biram Roberts

Faraday Frankie Cornell

Nightingale

Rami Katmai-Sabbagh

Redgrave Eddie Lauder

Holmes

Despoina Leventaki

Darwin Lily Hunter

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Victoria Freddie Cartwright

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