
Newsletter 16 19/01/2018

Dear Parents,

The Spring term is now in full swing and we are all now back into our routines. There is a real buzz around the school with the children all starting their new topics and I have seen a lot of children this week with some excellent work, which is always a real treat.

This week has been Maths week and the children have enjoyed the challenge of fitting maths into as many different lessons as possible. Today the children have arrived in the Maths T Shirts and the range of different maths problems and questions has been amazing. Thank you to Miss David and Miss Gilbody for organising the week.

We had a Viking Invasion in school on Wednesday with the Year 4 children (and adults) arriving dressed as 'Vicious Vikings' ready for their fantastic drama workshop. Events like these really do inspire the children's learning and introduce them to new facts, ideas and vocabulary that they will develop over the term ahead. I know the Year 4 team have many exciting lessons planned that will really capture the children's interest over the weeks ahead.



The beginning of the year is a time when we all think about the year ahead and our resolutions of what we want to achieve in the year ahead. I know the mornings are dark and gloomy at the moment, but over the last week or so I have noticed that we have more children than normal arriving late or squeezing in the front door at the last minute. Arriving on time sets everyone up for a positive start to the day. Please make sure you arrive at school so the Infant children go into the classroom with the rest of their class and the Juniors go into the playground before 8:45am. It really helps the children if they arrive on time in a calm way without rushing, and have time to settle into the class along with their peers.



Today we welcomed Britten Class parents to our first 'Come to Lunch' event and it was lovely to see so many parents join us for a school lunch and see what lunchtimes are like in school. I hope you enjoyed the opportunity. Thank you, too, to the Kitchen staff for their hard work in catering for the extra lunches.

Our School Council will be busy this term on a campaign project regarding the car park outside the school. As you know, the issue of safe parking in the car park has been an ongoing problem for a number of years and until now there has been no real action on improving it by the local authority who own the land (despite all our efforts here at Southfield Park.) We now finally have proposals to rework the layout and flow of traffic, which was in the newsletter last term, and to capitalise this and drive it forward the School Council have decided they want to work with Neil Davies, our Vice Chair of Governors, on a campaign for action. Later in this week's newsletter you will see a letter from Jack Jansen and Esme Wright (our Head Boy and Head Girl) about their campaign. Watch this space for updates as the children are very passionate about the issue!

Please remember that next week we have Open Classroom on Thursday, from after School until 5:00 pm and on Friday 26th it is the chance for parents of children in Elgar class to 'Come to Lunch'. Those of you who have looked ahead in the diary will also know that on Friday 9th February we will be holding our 'Cooking for the Community' House event for the spring term where we bake items for groups in the local community. For this event to be the success it always is, we will need adults to volunteer to help with all the baking during the morning. Mrs Pratelli will be sending a letter out next week to explain it all and ask for volunteers so please keep the date free if you can – it is always good fun!

Have a lovely weekend,

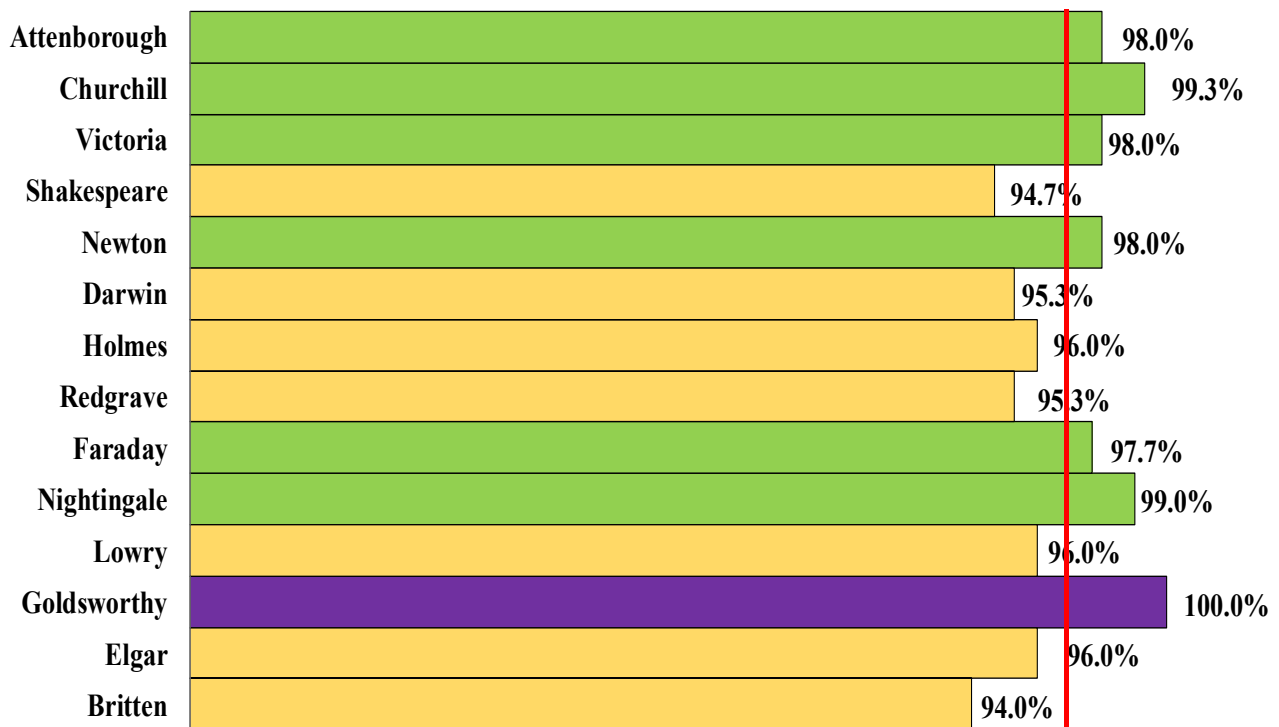
Kate Gee

Attendance this week



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

Attendance for Monday 15th - Friday 19th January



Needed in the Classrooms

Year 2 are making habitats and need shoe boxes. If you have any spare at home, please either give them to the Y2 teachers or leave them by the School Office.

Thank you!

Needed in the Playground

Mrs Halsberry would like to say a massive ‘**Thank you!**’ to everyone who brought in some super reading and colouring-in books for the Cosy Corner. They would like to be able to change the books over every couple of days, so if you still have some you no longer need, please bring them into school

Changes to School Meal Patterns after the half term break

Please come to the school office to fill in a form if your child is going to be on a **different** school meal pattern after the half term break (starting Monday 19th February). Thank you!

ATTENDANCE

Just to remind you that our Attendance Policy clearly states:

The Education Welfare Service, acting on behalf of Surrey County Council may issue a Penalty Notice as an alternative to the prosecution of a parent/carer for their child's unauthorised absence from school and requires the recipient to pay a fixed amount.

The amount payable on issue of a Penalty Notice is £60 per child, per parent, if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice, rising to £120 if paid after 21 days but within 28 days.

If the Penalty Notice is not paid within 28 days, the Local Authority must prosecute the parent/carer for failing to ensure regular school attendance under Section 444 Education Act 1996.

Circumstances when a Penalty Notice may be issued to parents/carers

- Where parents/carers are failing to secure their child's regular school attendance and are failing to engage with supportive measures to improve attendance proposed by the school or Education Welfare Officer a penalty notice may be issued.
- Where a child is taken out of school for an unauthorised leave of absence during term time for 5 consecutive days or more without the authority of the head teacher, each parent/carer is liable to receive a penalty notice for each child. In these circumstances, a warning will not be given where it can be shown that parents/carers had previously been warned that such absences would not be authorised.
- Where children are identified by Police and Education Welfare Officers engaged on Truancy Patrols and who have previously incurred unauthorised absences.
- Where attendance has fallen below 90% and there are no less than 7 unauthorised sessions during the preceding six school weeks. The parent/carer failure to engage with supportive measures proposed by the school or Education Welfare will be a factor when considering the issue of a Penalty Notice. Unauthorised absence will include late arrival after the close of registration without good reason.

With the exception of unauthorised leave of absence taken in term time, parents/carers will be sent a formal warning of their liability to receive such a notice before it is issued.

Vicious Vikings



On Tuesday 16th January, Year 4 went back in time! The children came to school dressed as Vikings (they all looked fantastic) and even got to meet a real Viking who spent the entire day teaching the children all about weapons and battles, food and drink, clothing and much more!

In the morning, the children were able to hold different weapons such as spears and axes, learn about the different helmets the Vikings wore, (did you know, Vikings never actually had helmets with horns on!) and try on heavy bits of chain-mail!

The afternoon had even more fun to offer! The children played exciting games to find out more about what foods and drinks the Vikings did and didn't use and about their lifestyles! After that, the children were able to take part in a whole group story-telling of the mythical story of how Thor got his hammer!

This fun and inspirational day was a super way to start our new topic on the Vicious Vikings and Smashing Saxons and we know the children are enthusiastic about what's to come!





Friends of Southfield Park Primary School

(Registered Charity No. 1110233)

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Email us: friends@southfield-park.surrey.sch.uk

or drop a note in the Friends' Postbox by the school office.

News

Although we don't have a major event in the Spring Term, the Friends are always active doing what we can to help support our school and community. Next week we have a couple of things on:

Second Hand Uniform Sale

After school on Thursday (25th January) we will be holding a selling second hand uniform in the infant playground. So if you're little ones seem to have shot up over the holidays and you could do with some longer trousers, or some of their blouses have seen one too many paint brushes, then pop by to see if you can pick up some replacements. All items just 50p.

Junior Cushion Club

On Friday (26th January) we have the junior's cushion club. It will run from 4.45 to 6.30 p.m. and the chosen film is "The Emoji Movie". We still have a few spaces left, so if you haven't yet booked, please see the form attached and return to school by no later than Tuesday.



The Giving Machine

Is the damp, cold January weather making you think about that summer holiday? Or maybe a last minute ski trip? If you sign up to the Giving Machine, you can raise funds for the school at no cost to yourself when booking that break with the like of Tui, First Choice, Mark Warner, Booking.com, Expedia and more.

Just go to "www.TheGivingMachine.co.uk" and enter the sign up code "**59082**". The holiday company will give a small percentage of cashback to us for your holiday booking. As you can imagine, even just 1% of a summer holiday could be quite a few pounds for the school!

Dates for Your Diary

Thurs, 25th January

Second Hand Uniform Sale - 3-3.45 p.m. Infants playground. All items 50p.

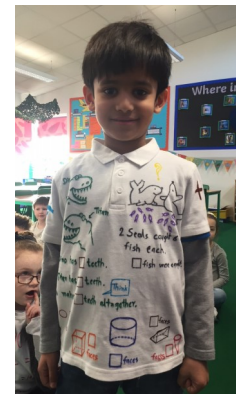
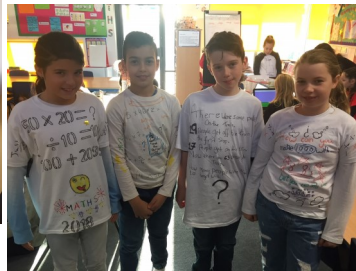
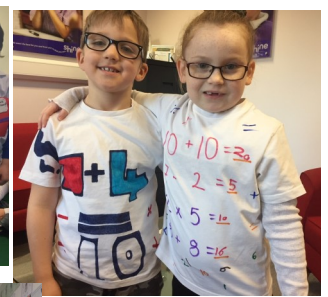
Fri, 26th January

Junior Cushion Club - 4.45 to 6.30 p.m. - "The Emoji Movie" (PG)

Sat, 9th June

Summer Fair - 12.00 midday to 3.00 p.m. - details to follow in the Spring.

Pictures of the week



Maths is Fun! And Enjoying lunch with Britten Class



Reminders for Next Week

Monday 22nd	
Tuesday 23rd	Elgar parents to have returned 'Come to Lunch' slip by 9am
Wednesday 24th	
Thursday 25th	Open Classrooms, 3.10 / 3.20-5pm
Friday 26th	Elgar parents 'Come to Lunch', arrive 11.40am

Are any of these lost items yours?

They will be disposed of in one week's time if they aren't claimed.



Bright Sparks

Well done to our Bright Sparks this week:

Britten	Rafi Tutton	Elgar	Poppy Willoughby
Goldsworthy	Henry Smalley	Lowry	Jacob Moyle
Faraday	Panav Thakkar	Nightingale	Ethan Saunders
Redgrave	Lara Ali	Holmes	Ruby Harrington
Darwin	Sam Brewer	Newton	Johann Joseph
Victoria	Lily Hunter	Shakespeare	Mae-Ling McCarthy
Churchill	Zhulia Zhaferri	Attenborough	Eden Mander

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Absence Line: 01372 847965

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Polly Sawyer After school club: 07921 147335



Junior Cushion Club

The Friends of Southfield Park would like to invite you to join them at their Junior Cushion Club!

Friday, 26th January 2018

Southfield Park School Hall

4.45 pm - 6.30 pm

£3.50 per child

(PJs or Onesies Optional)

Note to Parents:

The movie we are showing, as chosen by the children, will be "The Emoji Movie" which is PG-rated. We are limited to 80 children, so booking will be on a first come, first served basis. Please return your form ASAP.

Cost will include a drink and a cinema style pick 'n' mix bag.

No tickets will be issued for the event, instead the names will be put on a list and you will be required to sign them in and out. **No child will be allowed to leave without an adult.**

If your child would like to attend, please return the slip below with the exact money in an envelope marked "Infant Cushion Club" and put in the black post box in reception.

If your child has any medical conditions or dietary requirements that we should be aware of please include on the slip below and ensure that you send any medication (i.e. inhalers) in a named bag with your child on the evening.

Childs Name: Class:

Contact Phone No:

Please state any medical conditions or dietary requirements (these will remain confidential):

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We need chaperones in order to run this event, if you hold a current DBS check with Southfield Park School and are able to help, please write your details below. Many thanks.

Name: Email:

Sorry we are unable to accommodate pre-school children to stay with siblings.

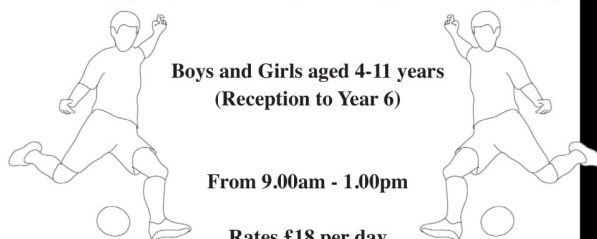
FOOTBALL COACHING

FEBRUARY HALF TERM FOOTBALL COURSE

Cuddington Croft Primary School,
West Drive, Cheam, SM2 7NA

Dates:

Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February



Boys and Girls aged 4-11 years
(Reception to Year 6)

From 9.00am - 1.00pm

Rates £18 per day

£15 per day if you book all five days

10% sibling discount for all/any attending siblings

Coaching includes: Ball Skills, Fun Games and Matches.

Every child will receive a prize and there will be
special additional trophies for excellent sportsmanship.

To book your place, please see details overleaf.

COMMUNITY ADVANTAGES

FOOTBALL COACHING

Should you wish for any further information
about the holiday club then please feel free to contact
Naz (Head Coach) on 07793 815 752 or by e-mail at

info@ca-sportscoaching.co.uk

or check out our website at www.ca-sportscoaching.co.uk

Your child should arrive with:

Weather appropriate sports clothing and footwear

Snacks and a drink (non fizzy)

To book a place, please email
info@ca-sportscoaching.co.uk confirming
the following details:

1. Childs Name
2. Current School Year
3. Emergency Contact Number
4. Medical Requirements (if any)
5. The Days You Would Like To Book
(Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February)

Once we receive your booking request we will contact you
to explain how to make payment.

COMMUNITY ADVANTAGES



The Friends of
Horton
Country
Park



The Friends of Horton Country Park invite you and your family

(under 16s must be accompanied by an adult)



Orchard Management Task

Sun 28th January at 10 am

Please join us in continuing to reveal our marvellous fruit trees.

Come and meet people who are interested in the park and learn more
about your community orchards.

All tools and training will be provided.

Meet at the Main Car Park at 10 am

For more information please call 01372 745224

www.hortoncountrypark.co.uk

www.epsom-ewell.gov.uk



Orchard Pruning Tasks

Thurs 25th Jan and Wed 7th Feb



These will be led in conjunction with The Orchard Project. Please get
in touch for more information via 01372 745224
or countryside@epsom-ewell.gov.uk