
Newsletter 17 26/01/2018

Dear Parents,

It was lovely to see so many of you at our Open Classrooms this week and I hope you enjoyed looking through your child's books. The children have certainly been working hard as I have seen while auditing books this week with some external visitors. It is clear to see not just the high expectations the teachers have of the children but also the high expectations the children have of themselves; it certainly makes me very proud to see how hard they work across the curriculum. If you couldn't make the event and would like to see your child's books, please remember we are happy for them to go home over night so long as they are returned the next day. We can provide stickers for you to add a comment about what you like too! Just pop in and see your child's class teacher or send an email to the Office and we will be able to arrange this for you.



We had our first competitive football match of the term this week, where our 'A' team played against the Vale Primary School. The match was away and once we arrived at the football pitch, our first job was to stamp down the mole hills (there appear to be some very large moles on Epsom Downs!). The boys played extremely well, in tough conditions, and it was certainly a thrilling match, with an exciting finish as in the final minutes the boys managed to score the winning goal to make the score 3-2 to Southfield Park. It was very

entertaining to watch and Mrs Crawford and I were immensely proud, as the boys demonstrated great sportsmanship and represented the school so well. Thank you to the parents who transported and supported the team too. Fingers crossed that the kits come clean in the wash because as you can see from the picture, it was certainly muddy!

This week we have a number of people coming into to school to measure our progress against our School Development Plan priorities. Today, two of our governors, Chris McCormack and Julie Brown, came in to look at different aspects of our Teaching and Learning target with Mrs Sally Smith and on Tuesday Chris Byrne our School Improvement Partner (SIP) came to look at how effective our provision is for our most vulnerable learners. Next week our visiting governors will be writing a short piece linked to their monitoring for you to read but this morning our SIP Report arrived and I have included a couple of comments below as it really does demonstrate the high level of teaching and learning that takes place at Southfield Park on daily basis.

The quality of teaching is high throughout the school. Lessons observed were characterised by:

- * *Clear modelling by the teacher to clarify to children what is expected of them and encourage independence during activities without close supervision from an adult.*
- * *Questioning to both check children's understanding and take their thinking on e.g. "What was significant about....?" (Year 6), "Why isn't it moving? (Year R).*
- * *A culture of improvement. Children report that they are expected to re-draft their previous efforts to "up-level" them. They appreciate this culture as it helps them to learn and give of their best.*

Children demonstrate positive learning dispositions. They sustain their attention for extended periods, collaborate well when required to do so, articulate their thinking clearly and confidently as well as listening attentively.

As a community we are constantly striving to be the best we can be, and constantly improving and developing. It has been sometime since our last formal inspection so these external validations are crucial to us in helping us self-evaluate our performance and look at ways to continuously improve and to receive such positive feedback is really important and pleasing.

Next week we are saying goodbye to Mrs Seaward who works as a special needs assistant in Shakespeare class. Mrs Seaward has been with us just over a year as a colleague but has been part of the Southfield Park community for over 10 years as both of her children have been to the school (and now moved on to Secondary school). It really is the end of an era for her and we all want to say thank you to her, and wish her well. She is returning to her previous role hand therapist with the NHS so I am sure she will be very busy. Her replacement Mrs Hanna Louis is already with us for a short handover period, so we welcome her to the team.

Can I remind parents that our bike sheds and scooter racks are open during school hours so it is essential that all scooters and bikes are locked up when left there. This week we have been advised that an unlocked scooter has gone missing so please make sure they are left secure as they are left at your own risk. If your child forgets their lock or loses it on the way to school, please let us know so we can help store it securely for that day.

Finally, today the parents of the children in Elgar Class joined us at school for lunch. There was a lovely atmosphere in the dining hall and the children were delighted to show their parents the routines and how well they can clear their plates away independently at the end. Thank you to the parents for joining us and to our wonderful catering staff for catering for an even larger number of people than usual, it is greatly appreciated.

Have a great weekend.

Kind regards

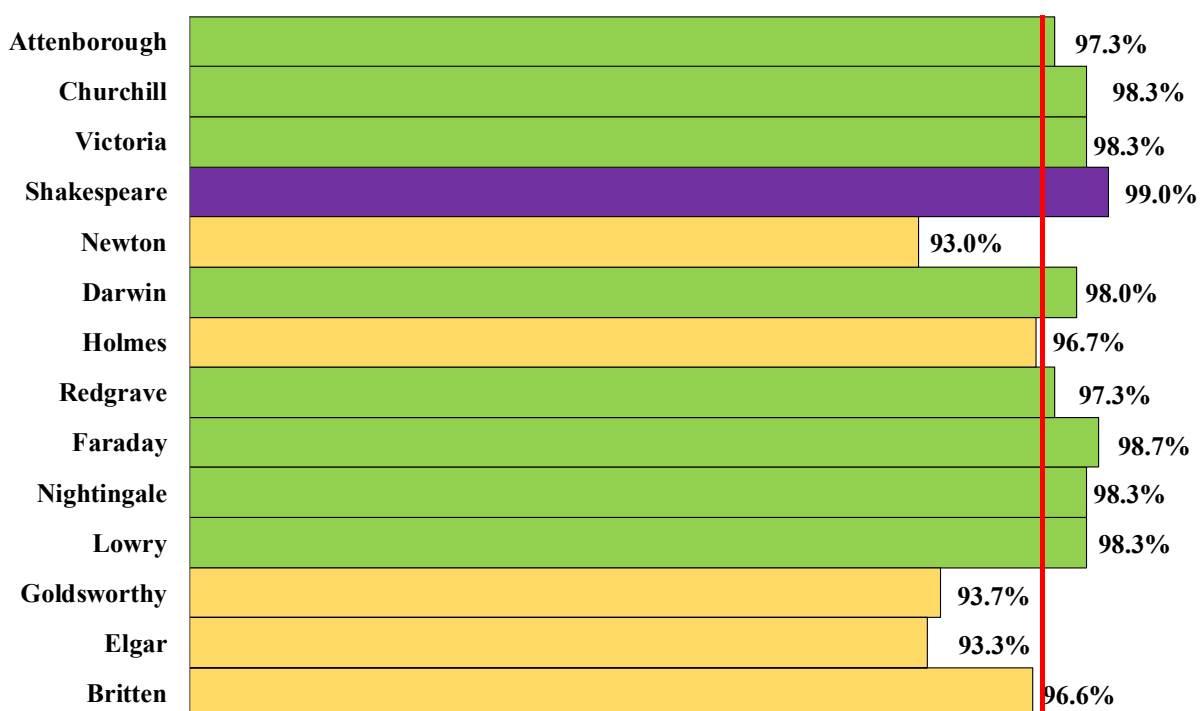
Kate Gee

Attendance this week



Sparky says “well done!” to **Shakespeare Class**, who had the best attendance this week with **99%**, and to **Lowry, Faraday, Nightingale, Redgrave, Darwin, Shakespeare, Victoria, Churchill and Attenborough Classes**, who also had high attendance this week!

Attendance for Monday 22nd - Friday 26th January



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!

Also, children in Y6 will have a new option at lunchtime after the half term break—paninis or baguettes—in addition to the main meal now available. **This will only be offered to children who have already said that they are having a meal on a Tuesday and / or Thursday.** On those mornings, at registration, the children having a school dinner will be asked if they would like to have a panini or baguette for lunch and which filling they would like. They will be able to choose from one or more of cheese, tuna or ham, or if there is a suitable item from the main meal, such as meatballs, they will be able to choose that.

Letter from our Head Boy and Head Girl regarding Car Parking

Mrs Gee, Mrs Crawford, the Governors, the school council and myself have become concerned about the children's safety in the school car park. As such, we have decided to launch a new campaign to ensure the safety of the pupils of Southfield Park. We ~~also~~ believe this is vitally important because this problem has not been addressed in great depth in previous years. We are hoping for the support of the parents as this campaign goes on, and, if you agree with us, help us to send this message to all users of our school car park.

Signed,

Head Girl, Esme Wright

Head Boy, Jack Jansen

Needed in the Classrooms

Reception are making exciting aliens from toilet roll tubes next week. We would be really grateful if you could bring in any empty toilet, kitchen and wrapping rolls for us to use in our classrooms.

Thank you for your support
Miss Brown and Miss Egan



Are you registered for Online payments?

Payment for practically all of our trips and clubs can be made on Tucasi (www.scopay.com), so if you haven't yet registered please ask for the unique link code you will need to link your child to your account.

Even if the cost of the event is small, eg £5 or less please consider paying online if you are given the option to do so, as it is very easy to do.



Book Week



As you know, every year we hold a week to celebrate reading and writing. This year, our English Week will be held from Monday 26th February through until Friday 2nd March. Our English Week will begin with a launch assembly introducing our theme of 'picture books'. Each year group will be choosing their own picture book to explore and base their learning on for the week. The teachers are already very excited about Book Week and have planned lots of exciting learning opportunities for the children!

Guess the Book

To give children the chance to share one of their favourite books, on Monday 26th February, we are asking each child to bring in a book (or a title of the book) and a set of 'clues' hidden in a bag to reveal to their class. At various points during the week, we will ask the children to reveal their clues and see if we can work out the title of the books. For example, for 'Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone', the clues in my bag could be a picture of a wand, a stone, an owl teddy and round glasses. Please ensure there are no more than four clues, which fit inside a small **NAMED** bag.



Class Teacher Story Swap

This year, the teachers will be swapping classes to read a story to a different class, which is a great opportunity for the children to experience hearing stories read by different adults.

Reading with family and friends – Friday 2nd March 9-9:45am **OR** 2:15-3pm

This will be the day where we ask for family members to come in for a short session to read with a child. This is particularly aimed at developing male role models as readers and has proved very successful in engaging children (particularly boys with their reading). Last year we had dads, granddads, older brothers, uncles, cousins, godfathers and family friends who joined us for the one of the sessions. Whilst we are particularly encouraging male role models we appreciate that not everybody may have someone available on the day, therefore we will of course welcome any females who wish to come along.

There will be two slots, 9-9:45 am and 2:15-3pm. Please fill in the attached form with your **ONE** preferred time slot as unfortunately we cannot accommodate for you to come to both. Please return the form to the office so that we have an idea of how many fabulous attendance stickers Mrs Pereira needs to prepare!

We hope this will be a very exciting, creative week for the children; both the children and staff are already looking forward to it.

Many thanks for your support,

Miss Nicola Brown and Mrs Karen Del Medico

Reading with family and friends event

Name of Child _____ Class _____

Name of Adult _____

I will be attending the 'Reading with Family and Friends' event on Friday 2nd March 2018.

Please tick **ONE** time: 9-9:45am

2:15-3pm

Signed: _____

Cooking for the Community

Friday 9th February 2018

As part of our ongoing project to develop the school's links with the local community we will be holding our 'Cooking for the Community' day on Friday 9th February 2018. This will be our second House Event of the year and after the success of the event in previous years it promises to be great fun for the children and staff.

Each of the houses will be baking a different recipe for one of 6 different local groups. The children will spend the morning in their Houses, and as well as baking they will be making and decorating boxes, making labels, writing letters and packaging up the bakery items. They will then be delivered to the different local groups in the afternoon.

We do need a number of parent helpers to make the day a success so if you are DBS checked with the school and could spare some time on Friday morning, your help would be greatly appreciated. The feedback from parents who joined us previously was great so we can promise you an enjoyable but busy morning! If you haven't already volunteered please complete the slip below or let either Mrs Pereira or myself know as soon as possible.



This year one of the groups we will be donating to will be the Epsom Food Bank. However, rather than donating cakes or other baked goods to them, two of the Houses will bake small cakes which we will sell at a cake sale for all the children at the end of the school day. The proceeds that we make will then go to the Epsom Food Bank. Although we will be busy baking all morning we will need some extra cakes to boost supplies so that some children are not disappointed and all have the opportunity to buy a cake, as well as raising as much money as possible for this worthwhile organisation. Any donations of cakes or biscuits would therefore be extremely welcome. Please bring them into school on the morning of Friday 9th February. Tables will be set up outside the Infant wing and Junior wing at the end of the day to sell cakes. We will of course make sure that we keep back some cakes for the Juniors as they finish later. If the weather is wet we will make alternative arrangements to sell them inside.

We will be taking photographs which we will upload onto Twitter so you can catch up with all the fun.

Kind regards

Sarah Pratelli

Cooking for the Community Friday 9th February 2018



Cooking in the Community

I..... am **DBS checked** and available from **9:00am-11:45am on Friday 9th February** to volunteer and bake with the children in their Houses.

Name of child:.....

Child's House:.....



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News

There isn't too much to tell you about this week, but you'll no doubt have seen the Friends being busy around school, with a second hand uniform sale and Junior Cushion Club this week. Just one thing to let you know about:

Mother's Day Secret Gift

Look out for a folder coming home in book bags in the next week or so, containing an order form for a Mother's Day gift. You might want to get another member of the family to open this, rather than Mums or grandmas, to keep things a surprise! Order forms and money will need to be returned to class teachers by Wednesday, 21st February, so that they can be collected in time for gifts to be prepared in time for Mother's Day.



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

Wed, 21st February

Mother's Day Secret Gift Orders - to be returned to school by this date.

Sat, 9th June

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

Reminders for Next Week

Monday 29th	Assessment Week
Tuesday 30th	2.30pm pickup for selected children in Y5 & 6 playing in football matches against Stamford Green & St Martins, taking place at Stamford Green
Wednesday 31st	Anti-bullying show for Y3-6. Please ensure you send in the £1 contribution County football tournament for selected children in Y6
Thursday 1st	
Friday 2nd	

Guitar Lessons

Neil Davey has some spaces for children in Years 3-6 who want to learn to play the guitar. Lessons take place at school, during the school day.

Contact him direct by email (neildavey9@gmail.com) or by phone (0208 393 0667 or 07947 909258)



Returning School Uniform

A lot of ties have been borrowed by children in the Juniors and not returned to the school office.

They should have SPPS on the back somewhere, so please have a look and if you find any at home send them back to us as soon as possible.

Spare uniform

If you have old socks (boys or girls) you no longer need, please bring them into us!

Bright Sparks

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★ Well done to our Bright Sparks this week:

Britten	Aseel Al Tubasi	Elgar	Molly Todd
Goldsworthy	Liv Boyes	Lowry	Freya Wells
Faraday	Ruby Divell	Nightingale	Chloe Thomas
Redgrave	Zac Moore	Holmes	Jack Vincent
Darwin	Genevieve Biggs	Newton	Kira Newbould
Victoria	Sara Annuar	Shakespeare	Lewis Dimayuga
Churchill	Lila Harrington	Attenborough	Calum Ivens

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EPSOM BOOK FAIR

15th-17th February 2018

AT EPSOM METHODIST CHURCH,
ASHLEY ROAD, EPSOM KT18 5AQ
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church (between 9am and 8pm)
from Wednesday 7th to
Sunday 11th February
(Please note this is the final
deadline). No magazines
please. We regret we are
unable to collect books.

Supporting Children on the Autistic Spectrum

**This course is free.
Places are limited.**

Topics include:

- Practical Strategies to help children to manage school and everyday life
- Understanding the impact of sensory issues

Date: Tuesday 6th February 2018
10am- 1pm
Venue: Rosebery Room, Ebbisham Centre, Derby Square, Epsom.
Tutor: Sam Barbot- Freeman

For more details or to book a place visit:
www.wea.org.uk
Course code: C3742422
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BOOKING FORM FEBRUARY HALF TERM 2018

Child's name			
Date of birth	Age	School attended	
Medical information and / or additional needs			
Email address			
Contact numbers			

Please tick to indicate your chosen course and your chosen times:

Monday 12th February	<input type="checkbox"/> Sport	or	<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> 10am-4pm	or	<input type="checkbox"/> 8.30am-5.30pm
Tuesday 13th February	<input type="checkbox"/> Sport	or	<input type="checkbox"/> Drama	<input type="checkbox"/> 10am-4pm	or	<input type="checkbox"/> 8.30am-5.30pm
Wednesday 14th February	<input type="checkbox"/> Sport	or	<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> 10am-4pm	or	<input type="checkbox"/> 8.30am-5.30pm
Thursday 15th February	<input type="checkbox"/> Sport	or	<input type="checkbox"/> Drama	<input type="checkbox"/> 10am-4pm	or	<input type="checkbox"/> 8.30am-5.30pm
Friday 16th February	<input type="checkbox"/> Sport	or	<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> 10am-4pm	or	<input type="checkbox"/> 8.30am-5.30pm

Note: One session each day is an 'option' session where children select their choice of activity from a set of options offered by the coaches.

VENUE: Stamford Green Primary, Christ Church Mount, Epsom, Surrey, KT19 8LU.

Cost: Normal Day (10.00am-4.00pm) £25.00 a day (or £100/week = £20 a day)
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