

Newsletter 18 02/02/2018

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that we only have one week to go before the half term break. Despite it being an extremely short half term we still have managed to cram so much in that I am sure that the children will be very much looking forward to the holidays.

Our week really 'blasted off' to an exciting start, with the visit of the 'Space Dome' to the children in our Reception classes on Monday. They were full of awe as they entered the dome and gazed at the night sky and array of stars - it really has inspired their learning and opened their eyes to the world above them. Be prepared for lots of questions and information Reception parents!! There is a report with photos later in the newsletter with some quotes from the children, which show just how much they enjoyed it.



On Wednesday, the Junior children all watched an anti-bullying drama production, entitled 'Hope', which really brought alive for them the issues surrounding bullying and the many facets this issue has, highlighting how it is important for us all to look at it from many perspectives if we are to beat it. The message was about self-empowerment and the importance of talking about worries and concerns, and has certainly prompted the debate in school that is crucial if children are to know what to do in different situations and who can help them. Thank you to Miss Gilby for organising this valuable learning opportunity.

Our football teams have also been extremely busy this week with league and friendly matches against both Stamford Green and St Martins on Tuesday after school, as well as the team that won the Epsom and Ewell school's tournament playing in the County Finals Tournament at Whyteleafe Football Club on Wednesday. There were great team and individual performances across the board but, as always, what makes us most proud is the team spirit, sportsmanship and camaraderie that our children show; it really makes it a pleasure to accompany them to the events. For the record, the A team (league matches) won 2-1 against Stamford Green, but lost 1-2 against St Martins, whilst the B team won 4-0 against Stamford green and drew 1 all against St Martins. In the County Finals Tournament we played two group matches (sadly one of the teams in our group didn't turn up), winning our first match 1-0, but losing the second 1-0, meaning we didn't progress beyond the group stage. As you can imagine the standard of play was exceptionally high and the matches were extremely close with the teams tightly matched. It was a huge achievement for the boys to reach that stage and they should be very proud of themselves. Thank you to all the supporters who turned out for all the matches, you really do make a difference.

As a school community we are continuously focused in developing and being the best we possibly can, and this obviously includes the staff. Over the next couple of weeks the teachers will be working in triads, identifying a skill or an area of their practice that each teacher is keen to develop for themselves, and then observing each other teach and offering feedback. This is part of our coaching ethos and means we are constantly evolving and improving. The teachers really enjoy the opportunity to learn from each other, share best practice and visit each other's classrooms to observe year groups they don't usually teach. The children enjoy having 'visitors' too and it generates a real buzz around the school.

Next Friday it is our 'Cooking for the Community' event, which is our House event for the term. Those of you that have been with us for a while know that this bi-annual cooking bonanza is very popular and great fun. However, to be the success it is we do rely on parent helpers. I know Mrs Pratelli sent a letter out last week asking for volunteers so if you haven't yet replied, have DBS and can spare some time next Friday morning it's not too late. Just let Mrs Pereira, Mrs Hutton or Mrs Pratelli know and we can add you to the

list. You don't need to be a 'Bake Off' expert cook and it really is good fun. Also, a quick reminder that we will be selling some of the cakes that we bake at the end of the day next Friday to raise funds for the Food Bank. We hope that everyone will want to buy a cake, but to make this possible we will need some extras, so if you would be able to bake some small cakes for sale please bring them into school next Friday morning and they can be added to our supplies.

We will take lots of photos during the morning which we will upload to Twitter so if you don't already follow us please do - we are **@Southfield_Park** and regularly tweet about events that happen in school. It's a great way of staying up to date and seeing what we are up to.

Have a great weekend,

Kind regards

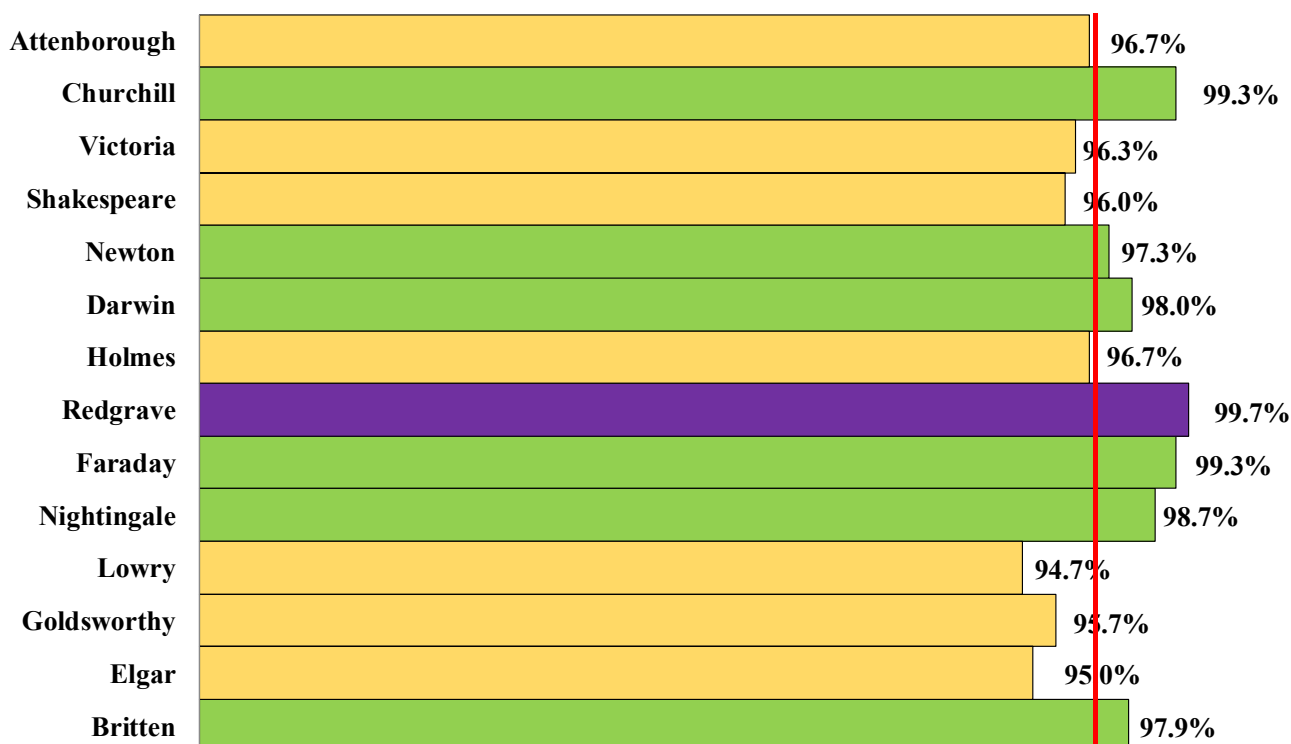
Kate Gee.

Attendance this week



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

Attendance for Monday 29th January - Friday 2nd February



To Infinity and Beyond....



On Monday, Reception became Space Explorers! We went inside a magnificent space dome and were amazed at the sights all around us. It was as if it was night time! We learnt that all stars are born from a nursery and looked at the different star patterns. As we gazed into the night sky, we spotted the saucepan, and other constellations that looked like animals. After that, we were shown all of the planets and discovered that they are made out of rocks, gas or ice. We loved becoming space explorers and it inspired us in our learning.

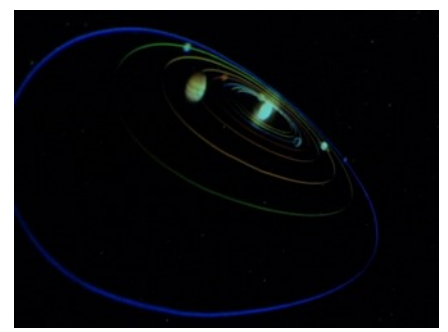


"I liked the moon when I looked up." Harriet Rix, Britten Class.

"I liked looking at the planets. Earth was my favourite." Jake Sell, Britten Class.

"I saw some planets like Jupiter and Earth. It was amazing." Tim Dorofeev, Elgar Class.

"It was really fun because we saw lots of planets. It felt like we were in space." Amelia Tucker, Elgar Class.



Hoping to End Bullying

On Wednesday morning, the Junior children in Years 3-6 watched and participated in an anti-bullying production called 'Hope'. It was a story of courage and self-empowerment that delivered messages about how important it is to consider the impact that your words and actions can have on others. It also encapsulated the concept of forgiveness and how it is important to look at situations from other people's perspectives. Professional actors from the 'Take Away Theatre Company' delivered the play and the children really were captivated by the performance. Following the production, there was a real buzz around the school, with lots of inspired discussion and debate. The production was most definitely valuable to the children's learning and development.

Thank you very much for your £1 contributions as without them, the production simply could not have been funded and we really appreciate your support. We are sure that it will be an event that the children will remember fondly.

Thank you for your continued support,

Kind regard,

Miss Gilby

PSHE leader



Year 4 Auditions for the Epsom and Ewell Schools Dance Festival

Auditions for the Epsom and Ewell Schools Dance Festival will take place for Year 4 children (girls and boys) on Monday and Tuesday at first break next week. On Monday, Miss Smith, Mrs Walker and Mrs Glasspool will teach a short dance set to music and on Tuesday we'll observe the children performing it. This process has worked well in previous years.

Following the auditions, we will write to our 12 successful dancers to confirm with parents that children are available to attend our free Dance Festival Club to rehearse (**3.20 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. on Thursdays starting on 1 March**) and on the **evenings of 19th and 20th June to perform**. Good attendance at the Club will be essential.

Performances take place at a ticketed event at The Epsom Playhouse and provide a very special experience for the dancers, with costumes, make up, stage lights and the thrill of the theatre!

We are restricted to taking 12 dancers by the organisers as the Playhouse must adhere to health and safety guidelines. Inevitably, because of this, there are always disappointed children who cannot be selected but there will be other performance opportunities at school as the year progresses (Shine Show, Talent Contest, Summer Production) and we will do our best to help and encourage them in other directions.

Miss Smith, Mrs Walker and Mrs Glasspool



Backstage antics last year!
The view from the audience!



Cooking for the Community Friday 9th February 2018

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 (info@southfield-park.surrey.sch.uk) or myself know as soon as possible.

Cooking for the Community

I..... am **DBS checked** with the school 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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Email us: friends@southfield-park.surrey.sch.uk

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

News

The Friends have been busy getting lots of exciting things planned for the term ahead. The children have been keen to have another disco, so we are planning an Easter Disco for them before the Easter Holidays; please see below for a few more details. We look forward to inviting the Reception children too, now that they are well and truly settled in. Booking forms will come out after half term.

“Friends of Friends” WhatsApp Group

We are currently setting up a WhatsApp group for any parents who would like to help occasionally with Friends' events, but who may not be able to spare the time to be part of the committee. We will send out a message when we are in need of a few more pairs of hands, such as helping out at cake sales. We may also have extra little jobs around the times of our Christmas and Summer fairs.

We have a great group of parents already on our Library WhatsApp who help with keeping our new library in tip-top shape! If you fancy being part of our “Friends of Friends” group, please text your name (and child/ren's names and classes) to Emma Kirk on 07958 729684.

Mother's Day Secret Gift

Don't forget to 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.

Dates for Your Diary

Wed, 21st February	Mother's Day Secret Gift Orders - to be returned to school by this date.
Fri, 23rd March	Easter Discos - Infants 5 - 6.30 p.m., Juniors 6.45 - 8.15 p.m. More details coming soon...
Mon, 26th March	Easter Cake Sale - after school in Infant playground. Plan your weekend bake off!
Wed, 28th March	Cups 4 Coins - children will bring cups home, to return Fri, 20th April in a House event!
Fri, 4th May	Infant PlayBall - details to follow after Easter.
Fri, 18th May	Junior PlayBall - details to follow after Easter.
Sat, 9th June	Hawaiian Summer Fair - 12.00 midday to 3.00 p.m. - details to follow in the Spring.





Online Safety



We place great emphasis on understanding the safe use of the internet. However, as we all recognise, the internet holds pitfalls for all our children that they need to learn to navigate safely. Here at Southfield Park we are dedicated to keeping our children as safe as possible by giving them the right skills and knowledge to make safe choices. To that end we regularly build into our curriculum refreshers of what they should do in specific circumstances. However, to keep the children as safe as possible online at home as well as at school, it is important that we work closely together with parents, and with that in mind, we will be including, as a regular feature in the newsletter, an online safety feature. This will offer suggestions or links to resources and we hope parents will find these to be useful.

Mobile APPS and Games

Recently the NSPCC published some findings which showed that when primary school children were asked about what information they needed to know to stay safer online, more than 80% said they needed to know more about privacy settings on mobile apps and games. With this in mind we would strongly recommend that you look at the recently revised 'Net Aware Guide' which keeps parents informed of issues around social media sites and online platforms popular with their children. 12 new sites have been added to **NetAware**, which now has over 60 social networking sites, apps and games used by children. We would also recommend using **commonsensemedia** which allows you to explore media by age. This uses a traffic light system for ease of use, informing parents what they need to know about the media in question and what the child can learn from it.

	https://www.net-aware.org.uk/
	https://www.commonsensemedia.org/

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.

Changes to School Meal Patterns after the half term break

Last Week to Change Patterns

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) or email (info@southfield-park.surrey.sch.uk). 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. Jacket Potatoes will still be available too, on a 'first come, first served' basis.

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!

Guitar Lessons

Guitar lessons from Neil Davey, are going to be available through Surrey Arts, as are lessons with other teachers on piano and other instruments depending on demand. Have a look at the Surrey website for more information: www.surreycc.gov.uk/music

Music Lesson Application Form	
Please complete this form (in BLOCK CAPITALS) and return to: Surrey Arts, 14 The Pines, Broad Street, Guildford GU3 3BH. Alternatively please apply online at www.surreycc.gov.uk/music .	
Pupil Information	
Name:	<input type="text"/>
Date of Birth:	<input type="text"/>
Gender:	Male: <input type="checkbox"/> Female: <input type="checkbox"/>
School attending:	<input type="text"/>
Preferred Instrument:	<input type="text"/>
Beginner?:	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>
If no, please provide details of instrument and grade: <input type="text"/>	
If the pupil has any special physical, sensory or educational needs, please let us know details using a separate sheet.	
Ethnic Origin	
White British:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Black/Black British:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chinese:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please specify):	<input type="text"/>
White Other:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Asian/Asian British:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mixed:	<input type="checkbox"/>
<small>Any personal information you give to us will be processed in accordance with the UK Data Protection Act 1998. The information collected is for the purpose of equalities monitoring. Your data is confidential and will not be shared with external parties.</small>	

Music Lesson Application Form (cont.)	
Parent / Carer Details	
Title:	<input type="text"/>
Full Name (please print):	<input type="text"/>
Address:	<input type="text"/>
Post Code:	<input type="text"/>
Contact Number:	<input type="text"/>
Mobile (if different):	<input type="text"/>
Email:	<input type="text"/>
Preferred Lesson Venue:	<input type="text"/>
Relationship to Pupil:	<input type="text"/>
I have read and accept the terms and conditions available on the Surrey Arts Music website www.surreycc.gov.uk/music <input type="checkbox"/>	
Signature:	<input type="text"/>
Date:	<input type="text"/>
Please note: lessons are subject to availability and not all instruments are available at every school or venue. Please check with your school or call Surrey Arts on 01483 519303 for more information.	
Do not send any money with this application, you will be invoiced when lessons have been arranged.	

Reminders for Next Week

Monday 5th	
Tuesday 6th	Internet Safety Day
Wednesday 7th	
Thursday 8th	
Friday 9th	<p>Last day (9am) for returning change of lunch meal patterns</p> <p>Cooking for the Community House Event, all morning—normal full school uniform</p> <p>End of the half term, school ends normal time 3.10 / 3.20pm</p>
Monday 12th—Friday 16th	<p>Half term break</p> <p>Please check PE kit, name labels on clothes, refill pencil cases for Juniors</p>
Monday 19th	Children return to school, registration 8.45am

Bright Sparks

Well done to our Bright Sparks this week:				
Britten	Molly Georgiades	Elgar	Harry Heslop	
Goldsworthy	Aarush Prasad	Lowry	Emily Barnes	
Faraday	Amina Khennouchi	Nightingale	Amalie Mitchell	
Redgrave	Millie Florence	Holmes	Carrie Barnes	
Darwin	Ella Peng	Newton	Archie Giddens	
Victoria	Nelson Amoako	Shakespeare	Rhea Calcutteea and Jack Winder	
Churchill	Cordy Myhill	Attenborough	Daniel Booth and Adar Kokou-Tchri Fasser	