

## Newsletter 32 22/06/2018

Dear Parents

We have had a very exciting week as the school was filled with scientists - we have certainly inspired some scientists of the future! Science week commenced with the Forensic Science Workshops and the children thoroughly enjoyed investigating 'CSI style' using scientific skills to find clues. Many thanks to the Friends for fully funding this amazing experience for all the children - we have had so many comments from parents about how much their children enjoyed the workshops.

There has been a buzz around the school during science week, with each class carrying out a different investigation each day, creating a real sense of awe and wonder and curiosity! Thank you too, to the science technicians at Rosebery who have come to work with Year 6 this week, bringing with them not only their expertise but a range of scientific equipment and resources the children do not have access to at primary school. We have had so many entries for the science experiment competition that the judging has been extremely difficult. A winner has been selected from each class, with an overall winner from each phase too. The science teachers from Rosebery spent a long time selecting the winners and they were very impressed with the standard of the entries.

The week has finished on a real high with a Science Fair for all the children today, with each class preparing experiments for other classes to try. There have been gasps and squeals of delight from the hall all day as the children found out something new! See later in the newsletter for report from Mrs Greenacre and Miss Jones, who lead on Science across the school. They have organised such a brilliant week, and we are all extremely grateful to both of them for creating such a successful event.



Our youngest children in Reception had their first school trip out this week to Ladyland Farm, and had an amazing time, it really enhanced their learning on their topic of living and growing. Only one school is allowed to attend each day so it provides 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.

Year 6 have also been out, this time at Chessington World of Adventures on Tuesday. I know they all had a fantastic time, having looked forward to the trip since September (it is one of the highlights of the year!). Thank you to the staff for organising such enjoyable trips, your help and support, as always, is much appreciated!



Over the past term a group of Year 4 children have been busily rehearsing their dance to perform at the annual Epsom and Ewell Schools Dance Festival at Epsom Playhouse. On Tuesday and Wednesday evenings Miss Smith, Mrs Glasspool and Mrs Walker accompanied them as the children took to the stage in a fantastic performance with all the other local schools. They clearly loved the opportunity to perform on a real stage and it was a delight to be in the audience. We are all grateful to Miss Smith, Mrs Glasspool and Mrs Walker who have given up their time to choreograph the dance and run the dance club so the children could practise, as well as supporting the children behind the scenes at the event.



You will be well aware that the issue of parking outside the school has been a considerable concern for a number of years, presenting a safety issue for the whole community. Following discussions with our local MP, Chris Grayling, and Damian Roberts, Chief operations Officer from Epsom and Ewell Borough Council, I am delighted to say that it has now been proposed by the Council, subject to public consultation, that the car park becomes a Controlled Parking Zone. This means that anyone parking illegally could be issued with a parking ticket by parking enforcement officers. The consultation process will be commencing within the next week or two, with adverts being placed in the Epsom Guardian and notices being posted locally. It is hoped that the Controlled Parking Zone will be in place for the beginning of the new academic year, in September 2018. I am sure that you will all agree that this is a major step forward and will help ensure that people using the car park will park more safely and considerately.

A number of concerned parents have spoken to us recently regarding unsafe behaviour of some of the Junior children around the bike sheds before school in the morning. Some children have been seen climbing, or attempting to climb, on the roof, risking serious injury. This is taking place before the start of the school day, when the children remain the responsibility of their parents, and is out of view of the staff. We will carry out 'spot checks' to check children are behaving sensibly, but would ask all parents to speak to their children about safety and to ensure their child is adequately supervised.

It is at this time of year when we inevitably have to say farewell to some of our colleagues at Southfield Park as they move on to new experiences and adventures. Nicola Brown, our Phase 1 Leader and teacher in Britten Class will be moving on to a primary school in Sutton to be an Assistant Head. This promotion is a great opportunity for Miss Brown, who has contributed so much to Southfield Park in the four years she has been with us, teaching in Years 2 and 3, as well as Reception, and leading English across the school. We are all sad to see her go but know she will be a big success in her new role. We also saying a sad farewell to Mrs Alison Katsikaris, our brilliant Numbers Count teacher. Alison has been associated with Southfield Park since her eldest child started school in 2009. She joined the staff team in 2012, and has made such a big difference to so many children, but has now decided that the time is right for her to try a new direction and so will be leaving us at the end of term. We wish her every success and happiness in whatever new direction she follows.



Our sporting events have continued this week with a group of Year 5 and 6 children representing the school at a tri golf tournament on Thursday at Epsom Downs Golf Club. The children played well and came third overall, which was a fantastic achievement. This morning a group of children from Year 2 competed in their own tri golf competition at Horton Golf Club, again the children played well, also coming third overall. Both Miss Smith and Mrs Crawford, who accompanied the Y2 children, were immensely proud of how well the children played, how they supported each other and the excellent ambassadors they were for Southfield Park. Thank you also to all the parents for transporting and supporting the children.

Finally, our Year 5 children are off to PGL at Little Canada on the IOW next week and the sense of anticipation is very high! The forecast is warm and sunny so they are sure of a great trip. This year we will not be sending newsletters as this is so time consuming for the adults who would much rather be spending time with the children. Instead, we will be uploading regular updates to Twitter so if you do not already follow us on @Southfield\_Park please do so. The Twitter feed is also shown on the Home page of our website ([www.southfield-park.surrey.sch.uk](http://www.southfield-park.surrey.sch.uk)). We will only be including pictures of children where we have received signed consent in order to comply with GDPR so if your child is in Year 5 and you have not already signed and returned the form please do so. (Any other parents who have yet signed and returned the consent form are also requested to do so asap.)

Have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards

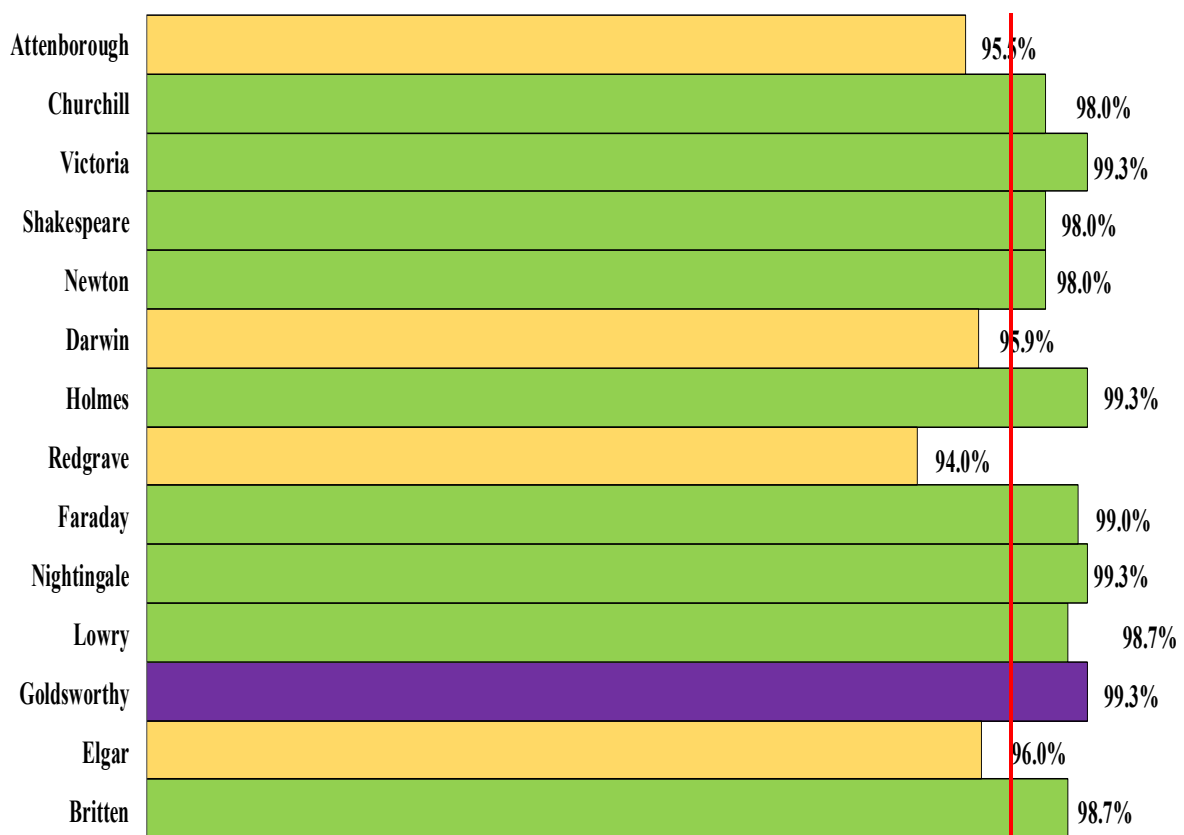
Kate Gee

## Attendance this week



Sparky says "well done!" to **Goldsworthy Class**, who had the best attendance this week with **99.3%**, and to **Britten, Goldsworthy, Lowry, Faraday, Nightingale, Holmes, Newton, Shakespeare, Victoria, Churchill and Classes**, who also had high attendance this week!

Attendance for Monday 18th - Friday 22nd June



## We really need.....

Boxes of tissues

Spare PE kit

Spare ties

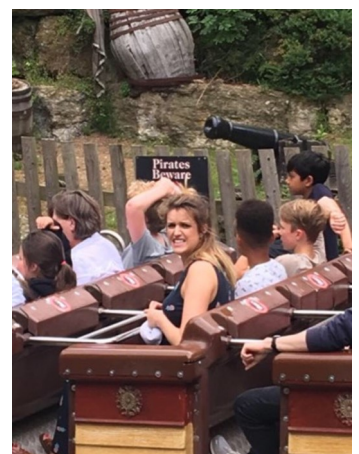
Girls and boys socks and pants, especially for small people

Please leave any donations under the leaflet display by the School Office

## Tweet of the Week

Follow us on  
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"I WILL enjoy this", Miss David muttered to herself.....





# Science Sparks Our Imagination

This week there has been a real buzz around the school with Science week. The children have had some excellent opportunities to carry out various investigations in their classes. On Monday and Tuesday every child in the school got the opportunity to become forensic scientists. A crime had been committed and the children had to use all their scientific knowledge to help solve the mystery! Children had to examine footprints, look for DNA and gather other pieces of evidence from their crime scene. The children had an amazing immersive experience and we are very grateful to the PTA for giving the children this great opportunity.

Today Year 6 and all of our lovely teaching assistants have been showcasing the week's learning with a Science fair. The children have had the chance to take part in a range of Science investigations including launching rockets as high as they could and using air pressure to race balloons. We are also very grateful to Blenheim School for lending us some of their Science equipment including a working planetarium and 'Sam' the friendly skeleton which the children were fascinated by. We are overwhelmed with the incredible Science projects that we have received from home and are really looking forward to announcing our class and phase winners next week. Thank you to everyone who has helped to make this such a great success.

Mrs Greenacre and Miss Jones  
Science co-ordinators

'I loved watching our butterflies fly away.' Rundong Reception

'We got to go in a big bubble.' Ella Reception

'I loved seeing the rocket blast up!' Maya Reception

'My favourite part was learning about everyone's Science projects they did at home.' Thea Year One

'My favourite part was learning about fingerprints and footprints in the forensic science workshop.' Joseph Year One

'My favourite experiment was 'Confusing Cans.' Harry Year One



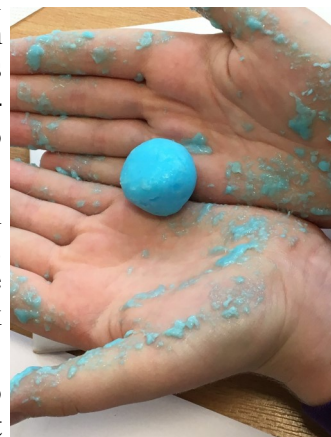
# Rosebery Science Day

The Rosebery Science Day was a fantastic experience as it involved a range of chemical experiments, giving us an exciting preview of never-before-seen High School Chemistry. These six activities included identifying acids and alkalines and transforming one into another. We then used polymers to create multi-coloured (red and/or green) beads and strings. We also used blue PVA glue to make a squishy bouncy ball.

After that, we moved rooms and began on the next set of experiments. We began by growing crystals using liquid salt and ink. We then tested car battery acid, oven cleaner, toothpaste, lemon juice and vinegar to see where they were on the pH scale. Lastly, we used different chemicals to create a dark blue, yellow, black and pink rainbow in a test tube.

All in all, it was a memorable occasion and on behalf of Year 6 we would like to say a massive thank you to Rosebery High School for bringing their equipment and expertise to our school.

By Jack Jansen and Toby Grant, Attenborough Class, Year 6



## New School Uniform

Amy Kainth will be in the playground on

### Tuesday 17th July

after school to sell new school uniform. If you can't wait that long, why not order online—Amy can often drop your order off at school.

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## Library Books

After Friday 29th June, next week, no more books will be issued from the library, and we would like all books to come back into school so that a stock take can be undertaken.

Thank you!

## Concerns over 12+ rated game

It has come to our attention that a number of pupils are playing games on consoles that are not age appropriate, and in particular a game called 'fortnite'. There is a concern that the game is extremely habit-forming and is causing many children to lose sleep and become disengaged. Games like this have a certificate rating in the same way films do, and 'fortnite' has a rating of 12+ and is therefore NOT appropriate for primary aged children.

We can only ask that you are vigilant in the games your children are playing and monitor the screen time spent on such consoles.

## World Karate Championship Success!

Having won silver at the national championships recently, we are really pleased to say that Sara Annuar, in Victoria class, has also won a silver medal at the 7th WUKF World Karate Championship in Dundee in the Age 10 group. After three rounds Sara drew for first place but then lost in the tie-break. This is an amazing effort and we are really proud of you Sara—well done!





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

### News

We hope you enjoyed the Fathers' Day gifts last weekend - the children worked really hard on them and there were some lovely designs!

There isn't a lot of news this week, as the Friends are taking things a little easier following the Fair and enjoying the warm weather!

### Ice Lolly Fridays

Ice lolly Fridays will be carrying on until the end of term. We hope to be selling some of the ice creams left from the fair, these are bit more than our usual lollies ranging from 50p to £1.50.

### Aladdin

Look out for us at Aladdin when we will be doing interval drinks in true theatre style! That will be our last event of the year.

### The Giving Machine

Booking your holiday or Summer activities online? Treating your garden to a makeover? Sign up to The Giving Machine and then the likes of Thomson, Eurocamp, Expedia, B&Q, John Lewis and many more will give a small percentage back to the school at no extra cost to you! It's a great way to raise some really valuable funds for very little effort!

Go to <http://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/> to sign up, but remember to select "Southfield Park Primary School" as your cause, otherwise you'll be donating to the cause of the week! You can also install a small Shop&Give add-in for PCs, Macs, iOS and Android that will remind you when you're shopping online on a site that supports us!

### Stamptastic

If you're thinking about name labels for all the new school uniform you'll be getting over the Summer, then take a look at Stamptastic. They will give cashback to the school for purchases made using the following link:

<http://bit.ly/SPStamp>

### Dates for Your Diaries

**Tues, 10th and Wed,  
11th July**

The Friends will be serving interval drinks at Aladdin.



## Reminders for Next Week

Monday 25th	Year 5 to PGL
Tuesday 26th	
Wednesday 27th	District Sports KS2 field events for selected children
Thursday 28th	Phase 1 Summer Celebration, 9am, Britten & Lowry parents to watch September 2018 New Reception Story Time, 2-2.30pm
Friday 29th	Phase 1 Summer Celebration, 9am, Elgar & Goldsworthy parents to watch Y6 money management workshops District Sports KS2 track events for selected children

## Parents Evening Appointments

Don't forget to book your parents evening appointment on Tucasi ([www.scopay.com](http://www.scopay.com)), or contact the school office if you would like help doing so.

Thank you!

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