



Newsletter 01 06/09/2019

Dear Parents,

It is lovely to have everyone back with all the children looking refreshed, smart and really engaged in all the exciting learning that has kicked off our new school year. A very warm welcome to all of the new families and children that have joined us; I am sure you will very quickly become part of our Southfield Park family and feel at home.

This year we have four new members of staff joining the team. We have three new class teachers: Miss Frances Foley in Victoria Class, Miss Shannen Mulvihill in Newton Class and Miss Alyssa Valbuena in Holmes Class and a new teaching assistant, Mrs Jenny McDonald, in Darwin Class. We are very excited that they have joined us. Please remember there is an opportunity to meet with your child's teacher and put a name to a face (if you don't already know them) at the 'Meet the Team' event for Years 1 to 6, straight after school next Wednesday.

Attached to the newsletter you will find the dates list for the year ahead. Please watch out for the key events and make a note in your diary. We will send out updated versions at the beginning in the Spring and Summer Terms to reflect any updates as the year progresses.

Next week we have two of our 'Stunning Starts' to our Autumn term topics taking place. Year 6 have World War II workshop on Wednesday, while Year 2 will be experiencing a dinosaur workshop on Thursday. Watch out in next week's newsletters for updates and photos.

At the beginning of the year it is lovely to see the children proudly wearing their new uniforms, especially the Year 3 children wearing their new ties for the first time! However, can I just remind everyone that for those children with pierced ears, the rule is for a small discreet, stud earrings only. Please do check your child's earrings meet the criteria as they have probably been wearing different styles over the holidays.

Finally, at the end of term, all the staff were overwhelmed by the generous gifts and warm wishes they received from parents and we all wish to express our thanks and appreciation.

Have a relaxing weekend ready for our first full week.

Kind regards

Kate Gee.

Reminders for Next Week

Monday 9th	Clubs start this week, please make payment if not already done
Tuesday 10th	
Wednesday 11th	Britten & Elgar Classes in until 12pm Y6 World War II day Meet the teachers, 3.10-3.40pm (Y1-2), 3.20-3.50pm (Y3-6)
Thursday 12th	Britten & Elgar Classes in until 12pm Y2 Dinosaur workshop
Friday 13th	Britten & Elgar Classes in until 1pm, staying for lunch

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Welcome Back

We hope you had a lovely summer and your little ones are settling back into school life. As a new school year begins, the Friends are busy thinking about events and activities to entertain you and raise funds for our wonderful school. We're looking forward to meeting all the new families who will be joining us in the next couple of weeks.

First, Some Goodbyes

We need to say goodbye and thank you to some of our committee members who will be stepping down. Gail Dean has been our Treasurer for over three years and has done a sterling job, cashing up at events, keeping records of our fundraising and preparing annual reports. Marie O'Farrell, our Vice Chair, has set up our PTA Events online ticketing system, as well as mapping out all of our fairs and preparing posters, etc. They also set up the card payment system that has proved popular at recent events. A huge thank you to both of them for all their efforts over the last few years. Also thank you to Monika Heritage who helped to organise library rotas, and did an amazing job collecting raffle prizes for fairs, etc.

This does mean we need some new helpers and there will be lots of opportunities whether you want to help a bit or a lot. In particular, if you know anyone with some accountancy experience who would be willing to take on the treasurer role, please send them our way. The PTA can only survive with our volunteers and with all the funding cuts we need to raise valuable funds now more than ever.

Open Meeting - Wednesday, 11th September

We are holding our first open meeting at **The Jolly Coopers** on Stamford Green Road, at **8.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 11th September**. Whether you fancy taking on a committee role or just want to help our here and there as a Friend of Friends, please come along and find out more about us. We'd love to see lots of you there!



Library Volunteers

We have a really lovely library at Southfield Park that was revamped by the Friends a couple of years ago, and it is kept in tip top condition by a great team of library volunteers. If you have any spare time during the school day to help with this and are happy to get DBS checked with the school, please get in touch with Emma Kirk. Emma can be contacted on 07958 729684 or post your details in our PTA Box in the school reception.



Have you signed up to our fantastic school lottery yet?

The more tickets we sell, the bigger that local prize is (currently around £20 each week) so feel free to share the link with family and friends! And everyone has a chance of the national £25,000 prize!

If you have yet to purchase a ticket and would like to get in on the action, please sign up at <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/play> and search for "Southfield Park".

Is your child starting school in September 2020?

If your child was born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016 you will need to apply for a school place. You can apply between **04 November 2019** and **15 January 2020**.

If you live in Surrey, you can find out all you need to know about school admissions and apply online at surreycc.gov.uk/admissions or you can call us on **0300 200 1004**.

Applying on time will give your child the best chance of getting one of your preferred schools.



Apply online
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Is your child in year 6?

If so, you need to apply online for a secondary school place by **31 October 2019**. Applying on time gives you a better chance of getting one of your preferred schools.

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Development of Sports Facilities in the Borough—have your say!

We are writing to request your help with the development of sports facilities in Epsom and Ewell.

We at PLC are working with Epsom & Ewell Borough Council on an assessment of sports & leisure facilities in the area.

The assessment and subsequent strategy and action plan will identify the current and future need for facilities such as pitches for cricket, football, hockey and rugby as well as tennis & netball courts, bowling greens and indoor facilities such as swimming pools, sports halls and dojos. They will also identify shortfalls in the number and/or quality of provision and priorities for investment and development.

The strategies will influence local planning policy on the provision and retention of facilities, as well as informing what additional provision will be needed to meet the needs arising from potential new housing developments.

As key users and providers of facilities, schools are a central component of sporting provision. We would, therefore, be very grateful if you would take a few moments to complete this on-line questionnaire about your school, the facilities you use and how you would like to see them develop in future.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/EpsomandEwellSchoolSportSurvey>

If you have any difficulties completing the survey or wish to provide more detail please contact us directly. Our contact details are given below.

If you would like further information about this project our client at EEBC is Susie Legg, Planning Policy Officer on 01372 732 393 or slegg@epsom-ewell.gov.uk

Please complete the survey by Friday 13th September.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes

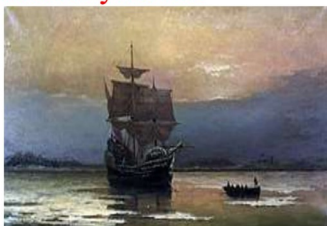
Jim Lynch

To Be a Pilgrim – the 400th anniversary of the sailing of the Mayflower

Saturday 21

September

1pm to 2.30pm



The *Mayflower* left England with the ship *Speedwell* on 15 August 1620. It carried Pilgrims from England and Holland. Both ships were twice forced to return to England but the *Mayflower* finally left Plymouth on 16 September 1620. On 19 November 1620, they spotted land. Their destination was the Virginia Colony but the ship was damaged so were forced to land Cape Cod in November. The passengers lived on the ship for a few months. They went ashore to build shelters in the day, then returned to the ship at night. About half the people died in the winter of 1620–1. In March 1621, there were enough shelters for everyone to live on land. Discover why the Pilgrims left their homes and families. Learn what it was like to be a Pilgrim and open up a new world.

Cost £5 per child. Contact: David Brooks, Bourne Hall Museum, Spring Street, Ewell, Surrey, KT17 1UF.

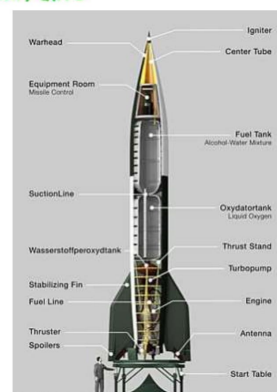
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Hitler's Vengeance

Weapons

October 12

1pm to 2.30pm



13 June 1944 was the day the first flying bombs hit London. A week before, on D-Day, Allied armies had invaded German-occupied France. Soon after, Soviet armies launched a massive offensive in Poland. From the skies over Germany, British and American bombers were able to raid German cities at will. Facing disaster on every side, Germany deployed revenge weapons in a bid to terrorise British civilians and undermine morale. Known as the 'doodlebugs' or 'buzz bombs' on account of the distinctive sound they made when in flight, these winged bombs were powered by a jet engine and launched from a ramp, or later from adapted bomber aircraft. 29 V1 Flying Bombs fell in the Borough from June to October 1944. They killed 13 people and injured 251, destroying 86 properties, seriously damaging 200 and inflicting blast damage on 9,000 more. The first V2 hit London on 8 September 1944, a streamlined rocket which stood as tall as a four-storey building. Powered by a rocket engine, the V2 blasted its way to the edge of space before falling back to Earth at supersonic speed.

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Items for Epsom & Ewell Foodbank

We will be asking for donations as we get closer to Harvest in October, but in the meantime, if you are able to donate anything the Foodbank is desperate for these items, although everything is welcome and will be used:

Cereal Tinned vegetables Tinned spaghetti Tinned fruit Sponge puddings Custard Instant mash
 Powdered milk UHT milk Squash Long life fruit juice Wash up liquid Washing powder
 Washing tablets/liquid Shaving foam