

## Newsletter 02 13/07/2019

Dear Parents,

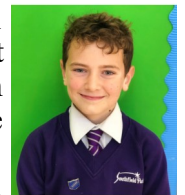
This has been our first full week of the school year and we have all the children with us as our Reception children started school this Wednesday. Today, Britten and Elgar stayed for lunch for the first time and will join us fulltime from Monday. We all send a very warm welcome to the new parents in Reception; I am sure you will all soon feel very much at home.

Our 'Meet the Team' meetings after school on Wednesday were very popular and I hope you managed to pop in and say hello to your child's new teacher, especially those staff who are new to the school. It is great for the teachers to get to know the parents and have an informal chat about what lies ahead this year. Do please remember we do have an open door policy and are always happy to meet with you or speak on the phone to answer questions or address any concerns.

This week we have held our Head Boy and Head Girl elections. The result was very close, and after careful verification of the votes by Mrs Smith, Mrs Del Medico and Mr Batty we are delighted to tell you that Maia Thomas will be our Head Girl for the current academic year and Matthew Moore our Head Boy. We know they will both do a great job and will represent the school brilliantly. Everyone who watched the speeches was so impressed by the quality of them and also by the confidence of the children. It was an incredibly close result between first and second places, so well done, too, to Kira Newbould and Hecham Shamout who gave them a run for their money. I must, however, say a huge thank you to **ALL** the children who put themselves forward and gave their speeches with such poise and confidence. It was an unenviable choice for the other children to make. We will be holding elections for House Captains next week so watch out for the announcement in the newsletter next week.



Head Girl



Head Boy

We have had two 'Stunning Starts' to our new topics this week, with Year 6 travelling back in time to the 1940s with their World War Two day and Year 2 'Walking with Dinosaurs' in their drama workshop. These workshops captured the children's imagination and brought the learning alive for them in fun, interactive ways to promote their curiosity to learn even more.

Attached to the newsletter you will see a poster that summarises the areas we will be focusing on in 2019/20 in our School Development Plan. The School Development Plan was the result of our self-evaluation process with a range of stakeholders over the summer term and reflects the School's commitment to constantly achieve our best and be the best we can. We will update you through the year about our progress towards the targets and will be organising events linked to some of them throughout the year.

This week I have visited all the classrooms, together with members of the Senior Leadership Team, as part of our regular monitoring cycle to look at the learning behaviours of the children and classroom organisation. It was a real privilege to do this and see how well the children were responding to the challenge in their new classes, and how enthusiastic and engaged they were in their learning. Everyone has made a fantastic start to the new school year.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and the autumn sunshine continues.

Kind regards

Kate Gee.

### Tweet of the Week

Follow us on  
[@Southfield\\_Park](https://twitter.com/Southfield_Park)

After millions of years of extinction, dinosaurs make a reappearance on Earth—aghhhhh!



# Attendance and Punctuality

The North East Inclusion Officer met with me this week to look at our attendance data for last year and we are very pleased with our overall figure of 97% which is very good. I would like to thank the vast majority of parents for ensuring that children come to school every day and arrive on time; your support is valued, recognised and really appreciated.

However, I am disappointed to see there are a minority of families who are sending their children into school late on a regular basis (often at least two days a week or more). The number of lates over the last few years has been slowly increasing; this tends to be the same children each week who come through the front entrance rather than through the side gates.

If a child arrives at school after 8:45 but before 9:05 without a valid reason, they receive a late code in the register (L); if they arrive after the registers are closed for the morning which happens at 9:05 they receive a unauthorised code (U) in the register, which means they are classed as an unauthorised absence for the whole session and the Inclusion Officer monitors these on a weekly basis.

Punctuality is an important life skill for children to learn and we would appreciate your support in ensuring your child arrives at school on time.

At this time of year, with so many new parents joining the school community, I just wanted to take the opportunity to remind everyone that our Attendance Policy clearly states that holidays during term time will not be authorised unless in truly exceptional circumstances. Our full Attendance Policy is available both online on the website and also as a paper copy in the office.

The North East Inclusion Team, 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 Inclusion 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 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 Inclusion 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 the Inclusion Officer 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.**

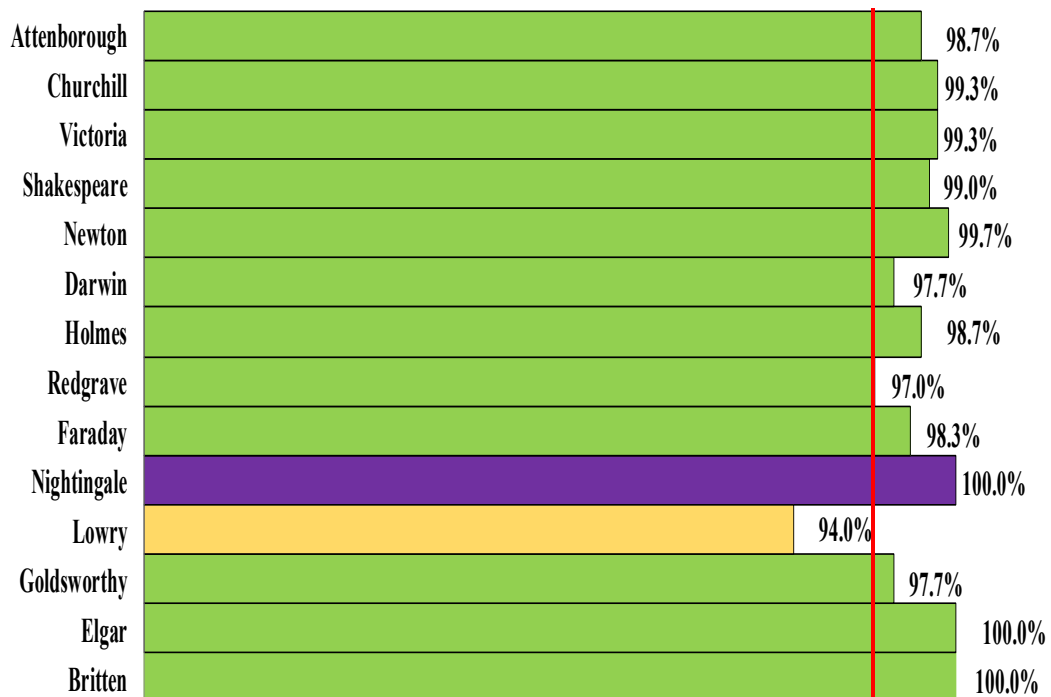
If you do require a leave of absence please complete the form for '*Application for Leave of Absence for Exceptional Circumstances*' which are available either from the School Office or online from our website.

## Attendance this week



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

Attendance Monday 9th - Friday 13th September 2019



## Welcome to our new Reception children

Britten and Elgar classes have had an amazing start!







## Overarching Priorities 2019-2020

To promote and protect emotional wellbeing and mental health at Southfield Park and recognise this by achieving the Wellbeing Award for Schools.

To develop and document a responsive curriculum to suit the needs of our learners.

To develop and embed mental maths agility so that children use these skills fluently in reasoning and problem solving activities.

To ensure Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Development and British Values are woven into learning in all subjects, themes and topics across the curriculum.

*We want the best for you and from you so that you can...*

**shine**



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

### September News

We will now be writing a monthly newsletter rather than a weekly one to keep you updated with our news and events. Look out for dates for your diaries below. Thank you to all those that came along to our first meeting at the Jolly Coopers this week.

We are trying a new disco for the Infants this October. Previously a few children have found the costumes scary and the music a bit loud so we are going to have a 'Colours Disco' for the Infants and open the event to Reception children. The theme will be based around the bright colours of fireworks rather than a Hallowe'en theme. The Juniors disco will still be a Hallowe'en theme. Both discos will be on Friday, 18th October.

### Second Hand Uniform

We have a range of second hand uniform available at 50p per item. We will be out and about selling this during Open Classrooms on Wednesday, 9th October, but if there is anything you need in between times do please drop us an email and if we have what you need it can be dropped into the office for you.

### **Dates for Your Diaries**

<b>Wed, 9th October</b>	<b>Second Hand Uniform Sale.</b> During Open Classrooms. All items 50p.
<b>Fri, 18th October</b>	<b>Infants "Colours Disco"</b> - 5.00 p.m. to 6.15 p.m. Including Reception children - this will not be a "scary" Hallowe'en Disco!
<b>Fri, 18th October</b>	<b>Juniors "Hallowe'en Disco"</b> - 6.45 p.m. to 8.15 p.m.
<b>Sat, 7th December</b>	<b>Christmas Fair</b> - 11.30 a.m. to 2.00 p.m.



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".

# Wellbeing - Newsletter No.1

Last year we worked hard to develop a wellbeing culture within our school. Along the way, we received some wonderful feedback from parents and about the impact this was having for the children. The focus on emotional wellbeing and developing greater resilience culminated in Wellbeing Week which was a great success.

**We are excited to announce that this year we have signed up to the Wellbeing Award for Schools, administered by Award Place, in partnership with the National Children's Bureau.** By working towards the Award we hope to further develop our work on promoting positive wellbeing and mental health for the whole school community and to gain accreditation for the work we have already done.

One theme that is central to the award is the need for schools to draw the wider community and relevant stakeholders into the centre of the process, and in particular, we need your input. Your views are important in helping us understand what we are doing well and we can do even better. During the next week we will be sending out a survey, designed by the WAS (Wellbeing Award for Schools), which will enable you to share your views with us. It should only take a few minutes to complete and your responses and suggestions will be invaluable in helping to inform our next steps.

We will continue to keep you informed about the Wellbeing Award and our ongoing commitment to developing a culture of wellbeing via regular input in the newsletters and website.

If you have any questions about the Wellbeing Award then please feel free to email me: [senco@southfield-park.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:senco@southfield-park.surrey.sch.uk).

Many thanks

Vicky Walker

## Wellbeing Dates for your Diary:

- Soon - new Year 6 Wellbeing Ambassadors to be announced
- October 5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> **Epsom Mental Health and Wellbeing Festival.**
- Classes across the school will be submitting entries to the Art Competition – 'Joys and Sorrows'.
- - A full programme of events can be picked up from the events booklet outside the School office. It's well worth a look – it's packed with free activities, talks and events.
- October 10<sup>th</sup>—wear something Yellow to support World Mental Health Day. We are asking children to wear one yellow item of clothing and bring in £1 to support the Young Minds Charity. More information about #HelloYellow day can be found on the Young Minds website:

[www.youngminds.org.uk](http://www.youngminds.org.uk)



## Any media Art Competition **Joys & Sorrows**

All entries must be submitted to:  
"Joys & Sorrows"  
St Barnabas Church, Temple Road,  
Epsom KT19 8HA.  
By Sunday 29th September 2019  
Please include your contact details.

Age groups:  
0-11 £100 prize  
12-18 £100 prize  
19+ £100 prize

Entries are submitted at owner's risk - though of course we will do our best to take very good care of them.

Judging to take place during Epsom Mental Health and Well-Being Festival.

Prizes to be presented by  
Rt Hon Chris Grayling  
2.00pm Friday 11th October.

In memory of Daun Morris.

Epsom Mental Health Week is organized by Love Me Love My Mind, a charity dedicated to promoting understanding about mental health issues. Registered charity no. 1177483

**Love me**  
Love my mind

## Reminders for Next Week

Monday 15th	Reception children in full time
Tuesday 17th	
Wednesday 18th	
Thursday 19th	
Friday 20th	

### Junior Break Time

If children are bringing in a snack for break time, it must be healthy and must not contain chocolate or nuts i.e. cereal bars!

Please speak to your child about milk (especially Year 3s). If they wish to drink milk you must register and pay via the cool milk web site.

Fruit and Frubes are available to purchase in the playground - children should bring 30p.

### Bright Sparks

Well done to our Bright Sparks this week:

Goldsworthy	Zachary Jaffer	Lowry	Edward Duval
Faraday	Joshua Morrison	Nightingale	Tracy Yuan
Redgrave	Joshua Trujillo	Holmes	Georgie Cacace-Smith
Darwin	Amy Sell	Newton	Daniel Dean
Victoria	Josh Wiles	Shakespeare	Lara Ali
Churchill	Ellie Bennett	Attenborough	Katie Drake

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# Open Evening

Thursday, 26th September

6:00 to 9:00pm

Headteacher's talk at 6:30 & 7:30pm



Year 7 Parent: "From the moment we walked in to the school we felt that we knew it was the right place. The transition process made G feel welcome, supported and excited to join the school in September. It really is second to none"



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WEEKLY CHILDREN'S COOKING CLASS

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TUESDAYS 4PM

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