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Dear Parents,

We have been lucky to have such sunny weather this week, although it has been a very warm here at school! I know from all the messages the teachers have received on Google Classrooms, and from the children in school, that those of you who are lucky enough to have access to paddling pools have been making the most of the hot weather.

We are very conscious of making sure we keep in touch with everyone, as communication is crucial at the current time so I apologise for the number of emails that you are receiving at the moment. There is so much going on and things change so rapidly so please do read them carefully so you don't miss anything important. We have been busy planning the induction sessions in school this week and will be emailing out over the next few days with timings for your child's session and other arrangements — do keep a look out for the email. For children in Reception and Year 1 who have not returned to school you will receive an email regarding timings if you have indicated they would like to attend. However, if your child has returned already we will be organising the sessions during the time they are here so you will not receive a separate email. If your child is attending the key worker provision that day you will receive an email confirming the time but we will make sure we take them to their planned session.

You will have seen the government announcement of the intention that all children will be returning to school from September 2020. We are still awaiting guidance about what this may look like so that we can make preparations for this. The guidance is promised in the next two weeks but even if the deadline for this is met, it is likely to be updated over the summer. We will share our plans with you as soon as we can but do bear in mind that some of this is likely to be over the summer break so do keep checking your emails for updates from us over July and August. At this point, we do not know how the guidance may impact on extra-curricular clubs or extended provision, for example after school care so please do think ahead over the summer and bear with us as we all move forward.

One of the most difficult things for all the staff here at school has been not welcoming the whole school community back. Whilst we are obviously delighted to see Reception, Year 1 and Year 6, we know how hard it is for the parents and children in the other year groups who haven't be able to join us. The staff have worked so hard to make the online learning as accessible and engaging as they can, and keep up to date with their class on Google Classrooms, but we know it isn't a substitute for 'the real thing'. In September, we will be well aware of how difficult it has been and will make sure our provision reflects this. A special mention must go to those children who have siblings who have returned to school whilst they have not been able to. Some of them have even seen their teacher covering a bubble in another year group that their sibling is in, and even come along to drop them off each morning! We know just how brilliant you have all been.

As always thank you for your continued patience, understanding and support at this time. Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Kate Gee.



Chiara and Sara win Book Trailer competition

You may remember a notice in one of our recent newsletters asking for children to read aloud some or all of a trailer script for Sarah Holding's new audiobook SeaBEAN.



We were really pleased to hear that Chiara, from Nightingale Class, and Sara, from Shakespeare class, were two of the four competition winners in the Surrey Libraries and Brooklands Radio Children's Reading Aloud competition, and their readings will be part of a trailer for Sarah Holding's book, which will be played on Brooklands Radio and available on the Surrey Libraries YouTube channel. The girls also have also won a signed copy of Sarah's trilogy each as well as a virtual author visit for our school!

Well done, Chiara and Sara, we are proud of you!



Anti-Bullying Newsletter #4 26.06.20



Dear parents,

I hope that you and your families are well and keeping positive in this unprecedented and difficult time. It is hard to believe that we have now completed fourteen weeks at home and that we are now only three weeks away from the end of this academic year! It has been so lovely to see all of the children sending each other positive messages and looking out for each other on their home learning platform, Google Classroom. The children in my class have really made me so proud of how they are being such good friends and I know that the other teachers also feel the same.



With all of us spending more time at home, I have really noticed how much more time I am spending on my phone doing lots of online shopping and

catching up with friends! I thought that I would share some charity links with a focus on Online Safety as children at home might be spending more time on phones and devices during this tricky time. I hope that you might find these useful. Many of these websites have a range of sections including 'information for parents', 'talking to your child about online safety', 'I am worried about the way my child uses the internet' and many more.

Anti-Bullying Alliance Online Bullying	UK's leading organisation in the field of bullying. Lots of resources and information on the website.	0207 843 1165 National Children's Bureau, 8 Wakley Street, London EC1V 7QE <u>https://www.anti- bullyingalliance.org.uk/tools-</u> <u>information/all-about-bullying/online-</u> <u>bullying</u>
NSPCC Online Safety	Works to end cruelty to children, and provides a range of direct ser- vices for children and young people, and for their parents / carers and families. 24 Freephone Helpline.	0207 650 6855 Weston House, 42 Curtain Road, Lon- don EC2A 3 NH <u>https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping- children-safe/online-safety/</u> Helpline 0808 800 5000
Think U Know	This is a site from CEOP for chil- dren and young people and practi- tioners to focus on how to stay safe on line	www.thinkuknow.co.uk
UK Safer Internet Centre	Works across the UK to provide support for children and staff. They have a professionals helpline and useful resources to support safe and responsible use of the internet	0844 381 4772 <u>www.saferinternet.org.uk</u> professional's online safety helpline <u>helpline@saferinternet.org.uk</u>

I hope that you all have a relaxing weekend. Kind regards, Miss Gilby



Times Tables Rock Stars



Results from the challenge two weeks ago are.....



Well done to all the children who took part. Congratulations to the top scorers in each year;

Year 5 - Robert in Shakespeare Year 4 - Evie in Newton Year 3 - Liam in Holmes Year 2 - Jake in Nightingale

There is no TTRS challenge next week: Instead we would like to see how many children in the school play NumBots (see below). Can we get over 100 children playing?! How many correct answers will be given?



When we launched NumBots, we told you that we had a free trial that was due to end at the end of June. We are pleased to announce that we are extending our subscription until October. NumBots is available to all children in the school and really helps to enhance mental maths skills for addition and subtraction. For those children who are home learning, teachers may start to include sessions on NumBots on Google Classrooms. Your child will need their login - for Phase 2 and 3, this is the same as their TTRS login (email Mrs Page if you cannot remember it). Parents of children in Reception and Year 1 can also email Mrs Page to request their child's login. (jo.page@southfield-park.surrey.sch.uk).

Congratulations to the following children, who have all answered over 500 questions correctly on NumBots this week:

Ga-Ul in Elgar; Willoughby in Goldsworthy; Jake in Nightingale; Laura, Joseph, Panav and Harrison in Newton; Joshua and Emily in Darwin; Joshua and Ruby in Shakespeare, and Lexi, Penny and Robert in Victoria.

