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Dear Parents,

It has been wonderful to continue our induction events this week and see the children come into school to meet their teacher for next year. They have clearly enjoyed seeing their friends and, even if a little nervous when first coming through the door, quickly settled back in and left with big smiles. It has been so valuable for them to reconnect with their class and the adults after such a long enforced break from school.

It has been so hard for us all not have been able to welcome back all year groups and we are very keen for all the children to return to school in September. As you will be aware, the first guidance for September was published last week and we are working through the lengthy document carefully whilst recognising there are likely to be revisions in the weeks ahead.

We cannot say exactly what school will look like from September but we can confirm that the children in Years 1 to 6 will return to school on Wednesday 2nd September 2020 (Tuesday 1st September is an INSET day), and will need to wear their full school uniform. Attendance is mandatory and the usual attendance rules apply. However, if your child remains under the care of a specialist health care professional, you should discuss their care before returning to school in September, and talk to us about the situation. Where children are not able to attend school as parents are following clinical and/or public health advice, they will not be penalised. The children from Years 1 to 6 will be in class 'bubble' to reduce mixing of groups and the start of the day, end of the day, lunchtimes and break times will be staggered for the different groups in order to protect the integrity of the class bubble. We are also looking at ways in which we can organise the classrooms. There is a second announcement for schools scheduled for 11th August so we know that some of the plans we are currently making may be subject to change. Therefore, we will be writing to parents over the summer to confirm arrangements and timings so please do check your emails over the holidays.

When the children do return we are committed to providing a safe and stimulating environment in which all the children can thrive and be happy. We will focus on re-stablishing their routines as well as the relationships with their peers and the adults, making sure we identify and address any gaps in learning whilst providing activities that promote their wellbeing. We know how hard it has been for the children to be out of school for so long and will adapt the provision so they settle back in with confidence.

In the meantime, the DfE have published a guide for parents which can be found using the following link https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term. This should give you some clarity about the government guidance and proposals, and some of the areas school will be considering moving forwards.

Next year there will be some changes to our Senior Leadership Team, as Mrs Carpenter and Mrs Greenacre have decided step down to concentrate on their classes and families. They have both been highly valued members of the leadership team and contributed much to our continued growth but rest assured they will still be here at school to offer their expertise when needed. Fortunately, we have such a strong team that we were not short of aspiring leaders to join the team and from September 2020, Mrs Williams will be the Phase 1 Leader (responsible for Reception and Year 1), and Miss Savill will be the Phase 2 Leader (responsible for Years 2 and 3). They will be great assets to the team and we know have much to contribute so I am sure you will join us in welcoming them to the team. Miss David remains the Phase 3 leader, responsible for Years 4, 5 and 6.

In a recent newsletter Mrs del Medico, our English curriculum leader, wrote to you about the reading challenge that is being organised by Surrey Libraries over the summer break. There is a great deal of evidence that continuing reading and raising the children's 'volume reading' has such a positive impact on learning recovery and closing gaps so please do encourage your child to take part - it's all free. Although it is organised by the library service, we will be awarding prizes from school too for those children that embrace the challenge. We have included the information again in this newsletter in case you missed it before.



Next week is the final week of what has been a very unusual **DON'T CRY** year! On Friday, we will be saying goodbye to our Year 6 children, who have been amazing in their final weeks, even BECAUSE ITS OVER. though their end of Year 6 celebrations have inevitably had to SMILE BECAUSE be scaled back considerably.

IT HAPPENED.

Have a relaxing weekend, Kind regards, Kate Gee.





The Summer Reading Challenge

The Summer Reading Challenge is a fun event which encourages children aged 4 to 11 to enjoy the benefits of reading for pleasure over the summer. The Challenge will run from 5 June to mid-September. This year, the Summer Reading Challenge's Silly Squad will celebrate funny books, happiness and laughter. Children taking part in the Challenge will join the Silly Squad, an adventurous team of animals who love to have a laugh and get stuck into all sorts of funny books!

With the disruption caused by Covid-19 and the impact of social distancing on schools and public libraries, the 2020 Challenge will launch in a new digital format designed to keep children engaged and interested in reading.

The Summer Reading Challenge website https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/is free to access and features games, quizzes and downloadable activities.

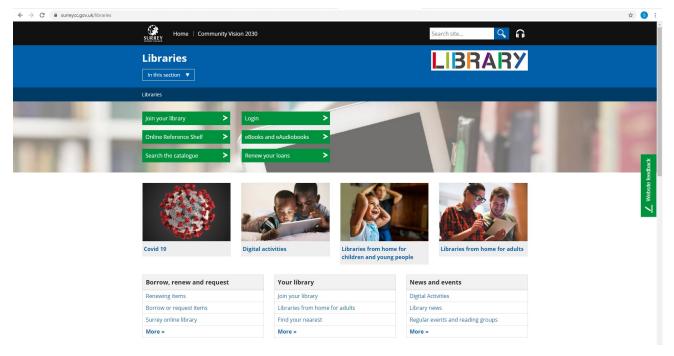
Just visit your local library website to find out how you can access eBooks, audiobooks, comics and magazines for free that you can use to complete the Challenge at home.

It is a great way to keep up your child's reading skills, interest and confidence. We hope that lots of our children from Southfield Park will take part.

Have fun reading!







Times Tables Rock Stars

As the school year comes to end, it is a chance for us to celebrate the successes of all the children who have been using Times Tables Rock Stars and NumBots. The children have loved playing and we are so pleased to see the progress they have made.

Since we launched TTRS, 1,373,000 questions have been answered correctly! 64 children across Years 2 to 6 have achieved the top level, meaning that they know all their times tables up to 12×12 (and the related division facts) and can answer questions in less than 3 seconds. It has been lovely to see watch individual children's progress particularly during the time they have been learning at home.

We launched NumBots just 10 weeks ago and we are delighted with the engagement from the children. 160 children have tried NumBots and they have spent 13,000 minutes playing and answered 230,286 questions correctly! Well done to everyone who has been playing but there are some children who deserve a special mention.

	Most minutes played	Highest Story Progress
Reception	Freddy	Ga-Ul
Year 1	Willoughby	Grace and Edward
Year 2	Jake	Molly
Year 3	Liam	Liam
Year 4	Harrison	Harrison
Year 5	Robert	Robert
Year 6	Kira	Kira

We are very proud of Harrison in Newton class who is the first one to complete all the levels in the NumBots story! During the summer holidays both TTRS and NumBots will be accessible. Obviously it's the holidays and we're not expecting the children to work, but if they want to play these games then they will be able to.

I hope you all have a lovely summer and I'm really looking forward to seeing all the children back in school, showing off their maths skills, in September.

Mrs Page



Anti-Bullying Newsletter #5



Dear parents,

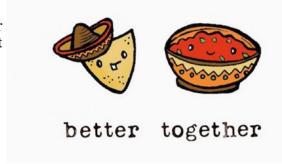
I hope that you and your families are well. At Southfield Park, we have an Anti-Bullying leaflet for parents which you may have already seen on our school website or as a hardcopy in the office vestibule. This leaflet aims to give parents and carers a summary of our Anti-Bullying Policy, which can be read in full on our school website: http://www.southfield-park.surrey.sch.uk/

This leaflet was designed by our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors and was edited by our Anti-Bullying Partnership group. I would love to have your feedback, either anything that you think it good about the leaflet or anything that you think could be improved or is missing. The leaflet has been attached to today's newsletter if you would like to have a look and then please send any comments to the email address below:

lauren.gilby@southfield-park.surrey.sch.uk

I would love to have your feedback so that we can, with your contributions, improve it even further as I truly believe that by working together we can achieve so much more.

Kind regards, Miss Gilby PSHE Leader





Summer Holiday Offer 2020

As we prepare for the end of this academic year we wanted to make sure you knew about the range of activities and opportunities for children and families over the Summer break.

This year, more than ever, it is important that children have access to fresh air, fun and friends

Whilst many families will be looking for fun days out together others will be seeking Holiday Play Schemes and Clubs to keep the children happy and occupied while parents work.

Some activities and programmes we have on offer include:

- SOLD Surrey Outdoor Learning & Development is offering a range of summer holiday outdoor learning opportunities for young people, families and adults, including TAZ – "The Adventure Zone"
- Fun Fit and Fed camps for children aged 7 11 years
- Free school meals Voucher scheme and continuing to deliver hot meals to schools and settings
- Adult learning will be delivering 100 sessions of learning taster sessions for a small fee
- The Summer Reading programme
- Activity Bingo
- Mindful Movement Summer Challenge
- Short breaks
- . The Reading Agency: Summer Reading Challenge: 'Silly Squad'
- Play Ranger Sessions

Lots of these activities are free or subsidised for children who are eligible for free school meals.

To see the full programme of activities all in one place please visit the Summer Holiday Offer 2020 webpage at https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/holidayoffer2020

To find Holiday Play Schemes and other childcare options please follow this link to SCC Childcare Finder to find the right provision close to home.

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