

Newsletter 05 16/10/2020

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that we have almost completed a half term but we know that everyone is certainly feeling the fatigue from all the hard work that has taken place over the last few weeks. I hope that you all have some plans to relax over the half term break.

This week has been Black History week with each year group focusing on inspirational black people in different areas of life. Year 6 have been learning about the Windrush generation, linking the work they have done in their World War 2 topic on the experiences of WW2 evacuees with the experiences of a Windrush child coming to Britain. Year 4 have looked at the scientist, George Washington Carver whilst Year 1 have studied the work of Alma Woodsey Thomas, a black artist well known for her colourful abstract art using pointillism techniques. We have all enjoyed the week so much that we are looking at how we can refine our curriculum offer to ensure that opportunities like this are embedded into our ongoing learning.

To continue the focus on equality linked to Black History Week, our year group assemblies have this week looked at celebrating difference and how to combat racism so that everyone has equal opportunity and is treated with kindness and respect. We have been overwhelmed by the children's awareness of the issues relating to racism and their commitment to stopping it. What we have noticed by organising assemblies in year groups, (necessary because of the Covid-19 risk assessment arrangements) there is more opportunity for children to have a voice and they are so confident to talk about their feelings and opinions. They have really made us proud.

Unfortunately, this year we cannot organise our Harvest Assembly for Infants or the Harvest Fair in Juniors. However, to mark the event we will still be collecting items for the Epsom and Ewell Foodbank as it supports so many vulnerable families at this especially tricky time. Although they are grateful for any donations they do have a list of items that would be particularly useful - a list of these items later in the newsletter. If you wish to make a donation, please drop some extra items into your shopping and send them into school from Monday 19th October. Every donation will make a big difference to a family in need. The Foodbank will collect donations on the Friday before the end of the half term.

Next Wednesday, the children in Years 1 to 6 will be bringing home up to three of their books, so they can share with their parents some work they have completed so far this term of which they are particularly proud. This 'Look at My Books' event is of instead of holding our usual Open Classrooms. The children will bring home a sticker so that parents can find a piece of work that they thinks is really impressive and say why they think it is so good. We hope you will enjoy this opportunity. Please do though make sure that the books are returned straight away on **Thursday morning** as they will be needed for lessons that day.

Finally, can we please remind everyone again to continue to be vigilant about social distancing when on the school Tweet of the Week site. Whilst Epsom and Ewell remains in tier one, we are well aware that numbers of infections are rising and the Follow us on neighbouring London boroughs of Kingston and Sutton, as well as Elmbridge in Surrey, which are very close, have moved to tier two. It is so important that we all follow the rules to keep us all safe. We will be discussing Creativity and Concentration—a the wearing of masks on the playground at pick up and winning drop off times at our upcoming Governor meeting and combination will update you as necessary.

Kind Regards,

Kate Gee.

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Harvest Collection for Epsom & Ewell Food Bank

While our Harvest celebrations may be different this year, we will still be collecting donations for the Epsom & Ewell Food Bank, from Monday 19th October. The Food Bank have stated:

"We are still feeding record numbers of people. We hit a high in July of 1,267 people fed that month. In July 2019 we fed 446. Sadly, we don't see these numbers falling anytime soon. Each week we are consistently feeding around 250-300 people, many of them families.

We manage this by doing around 9-10 deliveries per day, all carried out by our volunteer driving teams.

Food boxes are packed at our depot, by our volunteer packing teams and we are still including fresh fruit and vegetables as well as long life food and toiletries in our parcels.

Our urgently needed list is long, please only donate items from the list. We have surplus of all other items.

Thank you as ever, for all of your support."

A collection point will be available near the main gates from Monday 19th October, so please don't bring donations before this as we won't be able to keep or store them.

Items specifically needed include:

Tinned Fruit Coffee Sweetcorn Custard Spaghetti in sauce Ketchup Pasta/Beans with meat Squash Sponge Pudding Jam Shaving gel/foam Shower gel Cleaning products (anti bac wipes, bleach, kitchen & bathroom cleaner) Washing Powder / Pods UHT milk (Full fat or Semi skimmed only) Tinned Vegetables **Breakfast Cereal** Tinned Meat (not Spam, they have loads!) Microwave Rice Long Life fruit juice Rice pudding Tea bags (bags not catering packs) Treats for children (small packs of chocolate/gummy sweats) Nappies size 3 & 6+ Shampoo Conditioner Pump soap Washing up liquid

Thank you!

Have you given us this information?.....

- 1) The **Data Collection Forms** come home at the start of each academic year to give parents an opportunity to update their contact details and other pertinent information. These will be in the book bags or rucksacks either today or on Monday, so please take a moment to check in particular:
 - Home address, email address and all phone numbers for mum and dad
 - Phone numbers for other contacts (email and home addresses not needed)

We now use Tucasi for emails and texts (which takes the information from SIMS), and have also occasionally struggled to get hold of parents or carers in an emergency, so it is really important that these details are accurate.

2) Is your child's **dinner pattern** changing? Click on the link (or copy and paste) and let us know, or email info@southfield-park.surrev.sch.uk:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeATHErjiBAxRko74jR6j5pbUEZZKszvcDr5WPJSw_Cj22VlQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

3)Is your Y6 child interested in doing **Bikeability** this academic year: Click on the link and let us know: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdyD2-

RVMFc46b9oj6XPmL3KqgDeUqTpUprR hH9XNAKPUe0A/viewform?usp=sf link

Reminders for Next Week

Monday 19th	Bring in your donations all week for the Epsom & Ewell Food Bank Harvest Collection—weather permitting, a deposit point will be by the main gates
Tuesday 20th	
Wednesday 21st	Y1-6 Books home for parents to look at
Thursday 22nd	Y1-6 bring books back to school
Friday 23rd	Food Bank donations until morning drop off only
	Break up for half term break, usual end of day timings



Display Board of the Week

Year 2 have been learning about the history of nursing and how hospitals have been changing over time as we learned more about the importance of cleanliness.

As well as making their lamp, the children drew some amazing portraits of Florence Nightingale, and wrote a recount of her life—super work, everyone!

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Bright Sparks

Well done to our Bright Sparks this week:

Britten	Charlotte Avis	Elgar	Sophia Malik
Goldsworthy	Aoife Li	Lowry	Frankie Siveter
Faraday	Sam Mercer	Nightingale	Isla Mckillop
Redgrave	Imogen Montague	Holmes	Timothy Dorofeev
Darwin	Anae Tebay	Newton	Alisia Miles-Prouten
Victoria	Rosie Nicolaou	Shakespeare	Danny Selvakumar
Churchill	Lexi Mai Castanheiro	Attenborough	Joshua Mayston

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LEARN TOGETHER

Would you like to support your child with their schoolwork but lack confidence?









Perhaps ENGLISH isn't your first language or MATHS isn't your strong point and you need some help understanding what your child is doing at school.

Surrey Adult Learning provides FREE courses and workshops to help parents and carers navigate school life and give support where children are struggling. Because learning together is fun - and right now it couldn't be more important.









Are you worried about your child's behaviour or development or see your child struggling in school?

These courses can benefit you and your child.



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- Manage anxiety for you and your child with stressbusting workshops
- Join a cookery class with your chile and create tasty recipes together
- Develop your creative side with a Storytelling with craft workshop
- Learn how to support your child's reading with a **Phonics** workshop
- Build your communication skills and understand your child's behaviour
- Improve your English to help your child with their homework
- Take a maths course based on what your child is learning.









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Owell - online counselling and wellbeing support for parents & carers of children and young people with SEND in Surrey

We are delighted to inform you of a new online mental health and wellbeing support service that has been commissioned by Surrey Council, Qwell. Qwell is available to parents and carers of CYP with SEND in Surrey and offers a safe and secure means of accessing support with your emotional health and wellbeing needs from a professional team of qualified counsellors.

Click here to watch a short video about Qwell

Qwell can offer you support on any issue no matter how big or small. Support does not need to relate to your role as a parent or carer of a young person with SEND. Qwell has no referrals, thresholds or waiting lists. The users can access this service anonymously by signing onto the **Qwell.io** site.

Qwell provides unique out of office hours' provision and is open 7 days per week, 365 days a year from noon until 10pm weekdays and from 6pm until 10pm on Saturday and Sundays. They provide added value with moderated, scheduled forums and self-help articles (many written by service users) to provide peer led and self-help support.

Below are details of upcoming webinar dates where you can learn more about Qwell. These sessions allow you to understand what the service can offer and ask any questions relating to the use and functionality of the site.

Date	Time	Registration link
11 th Nov 20	10am – 11am	https://forms.gle/hViqT63P1mCDMBm8A
19 th Nov 20	10.30am – 11.30am	https://forms.gle/pVg7vEkcC5epj8An9
24 th Nov 20	11am – 12noon	https://forms.gle/Ghwc7gsii1aTKsio6



This issue provides endless ideas, help and advice for families trying to successfully navigate through the October half term and Halloween:

- * 18 Best New Children's Books for autumn;
- * Autumn Outdoor Activities;
- * Autumn Crafts:
- * Brilliant Halloween recipes;
- * Family Halloween games;
- * Best board games for rainy days;

Readers can also win an all-inclusive family holiday to Santa's Lapland in Finland in 2021! as well as National Book Tokens.

Once again, the link for sharing with parents is:

https://issuu.com/familiesonline/docs/london surrey borders fd13c057fdd021