

Newsletter 06 23/10/2020

Dear Parents,

We have now completed the first half term of the school year and everyone in the school community deserves a well-deserved break as we have all worked together to adapt to the new arrangements whilst still managing to pack in lots of learning and fun along the way. The children have been simply amazing, responding with positivity to all the changes we have had to make. We couldn't be more proud of them!

This afternoon, the Epsom and Ewell Foodbank have collected the generous donations you have made to recognise harvest. They were, as always, overwhelmed by the amount we have collected as a school and extremely grateful. The donations will go to families in need in the local area and help at a time that is so difficult for so many. Every item donated will make a difference to someone, so thank you so much.



We hope you all enjoyed the opportunity to share your child's books with them this week when they brought them home for 'Look at My books'. For Reception classes we will arrange something similar once the children have been in school a little longer. The teachers said the children were so excited when choosing the three books they wanted to bring home to share and we have had a number of emails from parents to say how much they enjoyed looking at their children's work. They have all commented on both the high quality and quantity of the work they saw and how it was tremendously hard to identify their favourite piece for the sticker as there were so many amazing pieces to choose from. The children have worked exceptionally hard and this really does show in their books.

When we return to school after the half term break we will be on the run up to Christmas, which is always an exciting time at school. Although this year a number of our normal events won't be possible in quite the same way, we have been thinking of how we can still reflect the time of year and create some special memories for the children. A highlight for many parents are the Christmas performances either here or at Christ Church and sadly these can't go ahead in the same format. However, we are looking at creating and recording a virtual carol concert where the whole school is involved in singing carols and Christmas songs so watch this space for more details next half term. We will also be writing to parents about the other 'celebrations and festivities' we will organise nearer to the time.

The children's response to our Southfield Park Reading Challenge has delighted us all. The teachers have been busy totalling the stamps in the reading diaries and there are many children well on their way to their first badge. Remember to keep the reading going over the holidays as they can earn one stamp each day towards their target. The more they read the more progress they make, with the added bonus of a badge too!



Finally, we wanted to share some wonderful news. In the early hours of this morning Mrs Pratelli and her husband Tom welcomed a beautiful baby girl to their family. Everyone is well and we are sure her son Arthur will be a very proud big brother too. I am sure you will join all the staff in sending congratulations and warm wishes to them all.



Thank you for all your support and understanding this half term and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 2nd November. Have a wonderful half term break.

Kind regards,

Kate Gee

Video available for the Wellbeing and Anxiety Workshop - Friday 16th October

Anna Perry, Children's Wellbeing Practitioner, ran a Workshop for Southfield Park Parents, last Friday which focused on supporting parents to support their children's anxieties. We are aware that some parents were not able to get involved because of other commitments but the good news is that Anna videoed the session and it is now available to watch. If you would like to receive access to this video then please email Anna directly and she will send you the link:

Anna's email address is : Anna.Perry@sabp.nhs.uk



Times Tables Rock Stars



This week's tournaments.....

Attenborough	∨	Churchill
Shakespeare	∨	Victoria
Darwin	∨	Newton
Holmes	∨	Redgrave

Which class can earn the most coins?

Who can earn the most coins in each class?



Which class in the school can earn the most coins?

Who will be the top 3 coin earners in the school?

All tournaments will end at 7pm on Tuesday 3rd November, so there's plenty of time to join in!

If you have any questions about TTRS or Numbots please email me at jo.page@southfield-park.surrey.sch.uk.

We hope that your children enjoy playing TTRS and Numbots.

Mrs Page



Dear Parent/Carer

Penalty Notices to Address Poor Attendance at School

A Penalty Notice may be issued as an alternative to the prosecution of a parent/carers for their child's unauthorised absence from school and will be used by Surrey County Council in the following circumstances :-

1. Pupils identified by police and Inclusion Officers (formerly Education Welfare Officers) engaged on Truancy Patrols and who have incurred unauthorised absences.

2. Leave of absence in term time (5 days or 10 sessions or more). **Please be aware that The Education (Pupil Registration)(England)(Amendment) Regulations 2013, which became law on 1st September 2013 state that Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. The Headteacher is also required to determine the number of school days a child can be away from school if leave is granted.**

In such cases the Headteacher/Governing Body have to judge whether there are exceptional circumstances and may request that the Local Authority issue Penalty Notices when the absence is not authorised. Warnings will not be given where it can be shown that parents have been notified that such absences will not be authorised.

3. The issue of a Penalty Notice will also be considered where it is judged that a parent is failing to ensure their child's regular school attendance. This will be considered when a pupil has incurred 7 or more unauthorised sessions in the previous 6 school weeks, which may include a pupil arriving late after close of registration.

If you believe at any stage that your child's absence from school may leave you liable to receive a Penalty Notice, it is extremely important that you take action without delay to secure their regular attendance. If you have any questions or require further support to achieve an improvement, please contact the school or the Inclusion Officer (formerly education welfare officer).

Penalty Notice relating to Exclusions

If a child is excluded from school, Section 103 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 places a duty on parents/carers to ensure that their child is not in a public place without justifiable cause during school hours. This duty applies to the first five days of each exclusion. Failure to do so will render the parent/carers liable to a Penalty Notice. (Alternative education provision will be made available from the sixth day of any exclusion.)

Amount Payable for a Penalty Notice

The amount payable for a Penalty Notice issued in any of the above circumstances is currently £60 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, the Local Authority must consider a prosecution in the Magistrates Court for the offence for which the Notice was originally issued.

Please be aware that each parent is liable to receive a Penalty Notice for each child who incurs unauthorised absences, for example, if there are two parents and one child, each parent will receive one Penalty Notice.

If there are two parents, and two children incur unauthorised absences, each parent will receive two Penalty Notices, which in this case would amount to £120 each if paid within 21 days.

Advice and support is available from an Inclusion Officer by contacting your local Inclusion Office as follows :-

North West	-	Tel: 01483 518130	South West	-	Tel: 01483 517179
North East	-	Tel: 01372 833588	South East	-	Tel: 01737 737777

Display Board of the Week

Year 3 have been focusing on the work of Andy Goldsworthy this half term, a British sculptor, photographer and environmentalist who produces site-specific sculptures and land art situated in natural and urban settings.

These are the skills the children were developing; do you think they have succeeded? We do!



Sculpture:

- I can create patterns and textures in a 3-D form
- I can create a sculpture from both malleable and rigid materials
- I can use natural materials to create sculptures

Designing and developing ideas:

- I can use my sketchbook to plan, record and develop my ideas
- I can collect images, objects and other information related the theme and my ideas

Making art, craft and design:

- I can choose a range of **materials** and techniques for my artwork
- I can develop my practical skills by experimenting and exploring the qualities of different **materials** and techniques

Analyse and evaluate:

- I can reflect upon what I like and dislike about my work and think of ways to improve it
- I can make connections with artists' use of materials and techniques and express my opinion with appropriate vocabulary

Poppy Appeal 2020

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION
POPPY APPEAL

When we return from the half term break, the children will have the opportunity to give a donation to this worthwhile charity which supports British Armed Forces personnel, veterans as well as current, so please

give generously. The boxes will be brought around to the classroom so the children don't cross bubbles; please don't come to the office with money. Thank you!

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Anti-Bullying Newsletter #1



Dear parents,

I hope that you and your families are well and keeping positive in these unprecedented times. This half term, it has been so lovely to have all of the children back to school and it has been so wonderful to see the children united with their friends and having fun together.

At Southfield Park, we are incredibly proud of our anti-bullying ambassadors and the role they play in our school. Our anti-bullying ambassadors help others to enjoy school, help to teach others that we do not accept bullying, look out for others and work to make sure there is no bullying at Southfield Park. Recently, Year 1 voted for their class anti-bullying ambassador and I am very pleased to introduce you to Ga-UI Park in Goldsworthy class and Olly Cheer in Lowry class. The anti-bullying ambassadors and I are looking forward to them joining our team and we know that they will be brilliant in their new roles.

Our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors:

Year 1: Olly Cheer and Ga-UI Park (both pictured right)

Year 2: Tom Hendry and Maisie Elliott

Year 3: Dolcie Cornell and Poppy Willoughby

Year 4: Hugo Dallison and Ella Nicholls

Year 5: India Reis and Lily Knight

Year 6: Rosie McDonald and Ruby Hall



This half term, across the school, our PSHE lessons have been dedicated to wellbeing, caring friendships and respectful relationships. In Key Stage 1, the children have been learning about how they can be good friends to each other, the characteristics of friendships including support with problems and mutual respect and the importance of respecting others even when they are different from them. They have also been discussing practical steps they can take in a range of contexts to improve or support respectful relationships for example talking to adults they trust and using their class worry box. In Key Stage 2, the children have been learning how important friendships are in making us feel happy and secure and how they are positive and welcoming towards others, that most friendships have ups and downs

and that these can often be worked through so that the friendship is repaired or even strengthened and practical steps they can take in a range of contexts to improve or support respectful relationships. Although our school community isn't able to be altogether currently, there is a real sense of togetherness in the classrooms and within year group bubbles.

This year, we are ensuring that Anti-Bullying displays continue to be prominent around the school and you can see our current anti-bullying displays below.



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Next half term, I am hoping to hold a virtual Anti-Bullying Partnership meeting to look at our anti-bullying provision here at school and to think about how we can adapt this in a meaningful way in light of the restrictions we are all currently adhering to. Please do look out for the minutes in the next Anti-Bullying Newsletter.

Bullies Out, a charity who offer e-mentoring support and if you follow the link below, you will be taken to a page that provides advice for parents and carers and has a range of sections including bullying, gaming sites and many more.

Kind regards,

Miss Gilby

PSHE Leader

<https://bulliesout.com/need-support>



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Email us: friends@southfield-park.surrey.sch.uk

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

Christmas Cards

Hopefully your child has brought home their Christmas design on an Artwork Form. We have seen some fantastic designs so far, and there have been some lovely pictures on Twitter of the children making them—have a look!

If you would like to order Christmas Cards, Gift Labels, Wrapping Paper or Mugs, please go to <https://xmas.cauliflowergroup.co.uk> to place your order. You will need the school code (8011) and the Unique Code (on the top left corner of the Artwork Form).

Please pay for your order and then return the Artwork Form to school during the first week of the new half term. All forms need to be returned to school by **Friday 6 November**.

Your order cannot be created without your child's artwork being submitted.

Have a lovely Half Term break.

Friends of Southfield Park

Enjoy your retirement, Ruth!

Ruth has worked for Twelve15 for practically 25 years(!), the last 6 of which have been here in the kitchen at Southfield Park, but today we said good bye to her as she is retiring from work to enjoy some time at home.

The younger children, who have their lunch in the hall, gave her three cheers to wish her well and good luck in the next stage of her journey.

Goodbye Ruth, and good luck!



Reminders for Next Week

Monday 2nd	Children return to school, normal staggered drop off times
Tuesday 3rd	
Wednesday 4th	
Thursday 5th	
Friday 6th	

Secondary school places for September 2021

If your child is in current Year 6 you need to apply for their secondary school place by 31st October, although Surrey County Council recommends that you don't wait until the last minute in case of any technical issues with the application process.

Rosebery School is still holding virtual open events— click on or copy and paste the link below for more information:

<https://roseberyschool.co.uk/open-event-2020/>

Have a look at other secondary schools' websites for information about their events.

Parent Consultations Autumn 2020

A letter has been sent by email to parents of children in Reception and Year 1 explaining how the consultations are being held this term and that they are now able to book.

A letter will go out to the remaining classes when we return after the half term break giving details of their parent consultations and how to book them. It will also contain a link to a Google Form asking parents to express a preference for a zoom meeting or a phone call, and asks for a phone number for all parents in case of any technical issues.

Parents in Years 2-6 are not able to book their appointments yet, but when the bookings go live, it will show on your Tucasi account (www.scopay.com) as usual.

Please contact the school office if you need any help setting up a Tucasi account and linking your child to it, if you haven't already done this.

Bright Sparks

Well done to our Bright Sparks this week:

Britten	Victor Gilcoi	Elgar	Charlie Williams
Goldsworthy	Sophie Lebas	Lowry	Max Brewer
Faraday	Megan Brandom	Nightingale	Natan Scafidi
Redgrave	Skye Dulake	Holmes	Lillie-Ann Sweeney
Darwin	Zachary Brown	Newton	Robert McDonald
Victoria	Evie Thompson	Shakespeare	Rosie-May Elliott
Churchill	Penny Tutton	Attenborough	Izzy Myhill

Phone: 01372 743104

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Absence Line: 01372 847965

After school clubs staff: 07824988216

E-mail: info@southfield-park.surrey.sch.uk

Polly Sawyer After school club: 07921 147335

Christ Church Epsom Common Memorial Services

Wednesday 18th November at 7.30pm

Sunday 22nd November at 4.00pm



We are very aware that this year many have been unable to have the funeral that they would have wished for their loved ones. We are holding memorial services in church as an occasion on which to remember those who have died, to give thanks for their life and to pray for God's strength and blessing for our lives now.

If you would like to attend one of these service, please book tickets **via Eventbrite** through our website – www.christchurcheppsom.org.uk **or** let our Parish Office know (email - office@christchurcheppsom.org.uk or telephone – 01372 743133) and tell us how many people will be coming from your household. Booking via Eventbrite will allow you to book tickets for your household in one booking. We will seat households together, wherever possible. Please respond ASAP as ticket availability may be limited.

Enjoy
Autumn
with
Families
Magazine



Essential advice
and FREE family
activity ideas for
parents

PLUS win all-inclusive
family holiday to Santa's
Lapland in Finland in 2021!

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