



Newsletter 19 26/02/2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

We were all absolutely delighted by the announcement on Monday that schools will reopen for all children from 8th March and are sure that you all share our feelings. It has been a long time since we were all last together as a school community and it will be wonderful to have a full school again and feel that 'buzz' that a normal school day brings.

Whilst we know that the children will be excited to be together again with their friends and keen to get back into routines, we are fully aware that we will need to ensure that we pay attention to wellbeing. Therefore, we will provide opportunities to allow them to talk about their feelings, be vigilant to any child feeling anxious and plan activities to help them re-adjust so their wellbeing needs are met. Obviously if you have any particular concerns do let your child's class teacher know.

When we return on 8th March, we will revert to the arrangements and staggered timings for the start and end of the school day that were in place at the end of the Autumn term. There is a reminder of these times further on in the newsletter. Please ensure that you follow these arrangements because whilst it is so positive to see that infection rates are reducing at the current time, it is important that we do not become complacent. We do not want to have cases in school which may mean we have to close 'bubbles', even for a short time, so please do maintain distance, wear a mask on the school site and leave promptly once you have collected your child. We work hard in school to keep bubbles separate so please do not jeopardise this by congregating in the park after school until restrictions start to lift even more.

The children will need to wear **full uniform** when they return to school, including school shoes. When we have seen children popping into school to collect books etc., or just out and about generally, it is clear many of them have grown so much over lockdown. During the next week please do take a moment to try on their uniform, including shoes, to check it fits so you have enough time to replace any items that have been outgrown. The children in Years 1-6 will also need bring in their PE kit as we will be running PE lessons as usual and children will be changing for PE.

As we explained in a previous newsletter, we will not be sending out the annual report for your child until the end of the summer term this year. We will, however, be holding short parent consultations, virtually, between 22nd March and 31st March. The meetings will provide the opportunity for a short, 5 minute chat for parents and teachers to touch base and discuss each child, similar to those in September when we returned to school. Mrs Hutton has added in some additional information on booking these appointments later on in the newsletter, please do look out for it.

We know how hard it has been for everyone to sustain motivation over lockdown and we have been so impressed with the work completed on Tapestry and Google Classrooms. Thank you so much for your support with this, as all this hard work will put the children in the best possible place when they return on 8th March. In order to keep the children as motivated as possible for their final week of remote learning, we will be celebrating Book Week, which culminates with World Book Day on Thursday 4th March. The teachers have planned activities to celebrate this, meaning that the children can have some fun and hopefully return to school ready and inspired to learn. We obviously can't do all the things we would normally arrange for Book Week but watch out for a return of the 'Crayons' video assembly during the week!

Have a good weekend and hopefully we will continue to see some more spring like weather too.

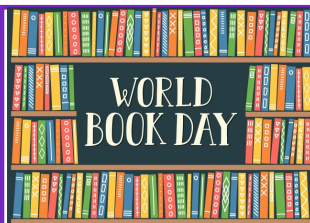
Kind regards

Kate Gee

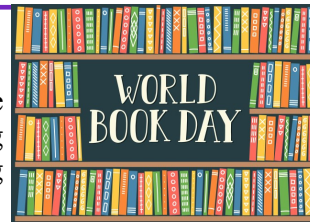
Tweet of the Week

Follow us on
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Beautiful rainbow!

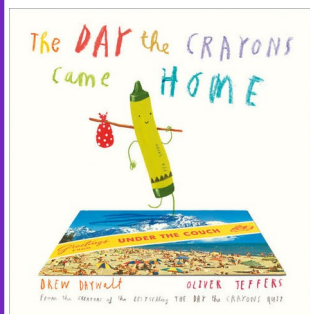




World Book Day



On Thursday 4th March, it is World Book Day and we want to mark the occasion and celebrate a love of reading with all of our children whether they are currently learning at home or in school.



The day will begin with a virtual assembly - the eagerly-awaited sequel to 'The Day the Crayons Quit' called 'The Day the Crayons Came Home', with some more guest appearances from our lovely Southfield Park teachers! All the children from Reception to Year 6 will then have the opportunity to take part in a competition on the Thursday or Friday to design a new book cover for 'The Day the Crayons Came Home'. All the details for this task will be uploaded by the class teachers onto Google Classrooms for Years 1-6 and on Tapestry and the school website for the Reception classes. There will be a small prize, kindly funded by the Friends of Southfield Park, for the most creative design from each class.

The teachers have been busy planning lots of different learning opportunities for the whole week linked to a book, series or author. There will be stories read to the children on live Google meets and opportunities to play book-themed games, as well as art and other curriculum areas linked to the children's reading.

We look forward to celebrating World Book Day with the children and we will share highlights from the week with you in next week's newsletter.



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Red Nose Day Friday 19th March

We all know that nothing is better for wellbeing than a good laugh, and in these unpredictable times the power of laughter is one thing we can always rely on. We are planning to celebrate Red Nose Day on **Friday 19th March** by sharing our best jokes at school. We are even hoping to send our jokes out into the local community to help spread a smile! Mrs Pereira is so excited that she has already prepared the display board!

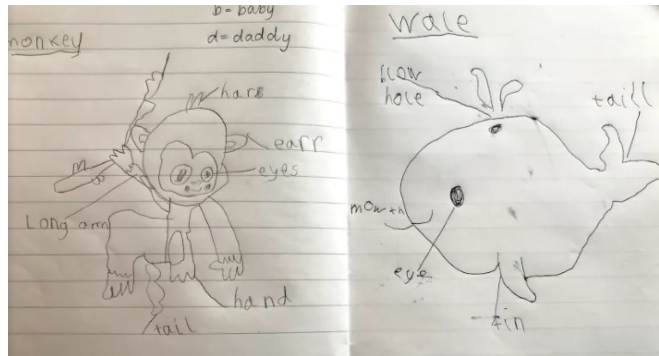
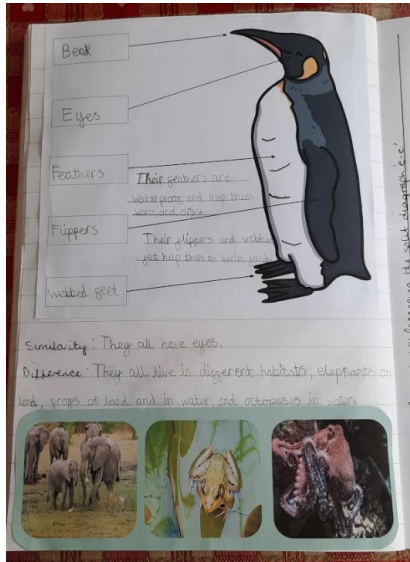
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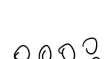

Staggered Drop Off and Pickup Times

Year	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Start Time	8:30am	8:40am	8:50am	8:50am	8:45am	8:35am	8:40am
End of school day	2:55pm	3:05pm	3:15pm	3:25pm	3:20pm	3:10pm	3:15pm

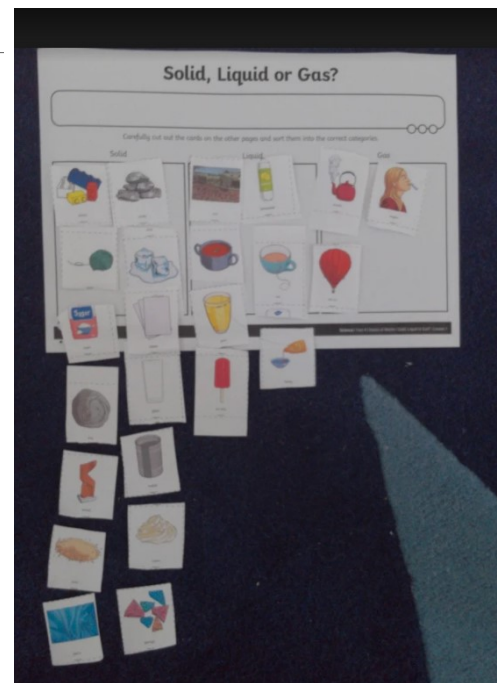
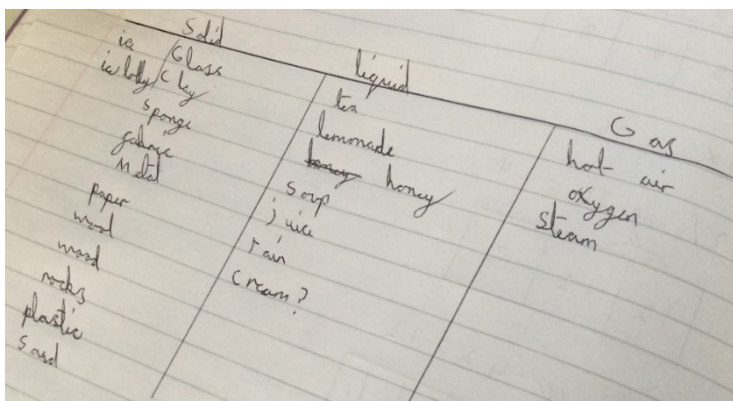
What Have You Been Exploring? A focus on Science....

Labelling part of animal bodies
in Year 1 and looking for
similarities and differences.....



State	Particle Arrangement	Material
Solid		 Brick
Gas		 helium
Liquid		

Exploring the properties of solids, gases and liquids in Year 4



Natural sources of light	Man-made sources of light	Not a source of light
Sun Shooting stars Stars/Jupiter Fire torch (fire)	Other torch Computer phone lamp candle (lighter needed) TV Digital clock	Moon Chair Table Moon Aeroplane Make up window

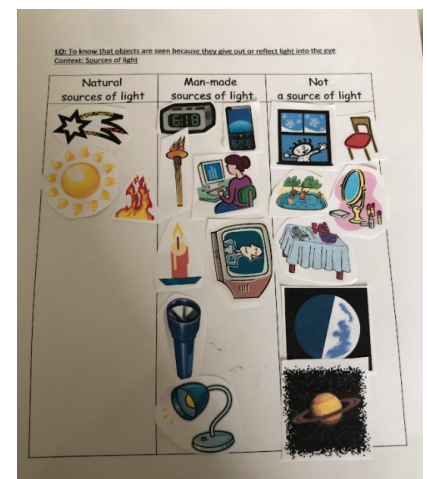
The moon is not a source of light ~~because it even though it looks like it is,~~ it is not because the sun is a sphere and while it is right on one side of the earth on the other it is sunny so the light comes from the sun and reflects off the moon onto our eyes.

What is a natural source of light and why can you see in the dark? Is the moon a source of light? Year 6 explain...

I think a light source is an object or a thing that naturally produces light or does not need anything to reflect off of to produce light. For example the sun is a light source because it produces its own light but the moon is not because it needs the sun's light to reflect to become bright.

I think the moon is not a source of light because it uses the sun's natural light to make it look like it produces light.

I think that you can see because your pupils get bigger and after more time your eyes adjust to the lighting so you can see more.





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So the end of lockdown has been announced and our children are heading back to school on 8th March. Time has come for finding their bags uniform and shoes...only to find that they have grown during lockdown!

The PTA has a large amount of good quality second hand uniform available for purchase, particularly infant sizes, including jumpers, cardigans, grey trousers, shorts, skirts and pinafores as well as summer dresses and PE kits. Items are 50p each.

At present we are not planning any sales at school, but please do contact the PTA / message me on the number below with your requirements and we will be in touch.

Many thanks.

Sarah 07956578138

YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY

Southfield Friends

WIN A WHEELIE AWESOME PRIZE!

- Please help give our fundraising a boost this term
- Tickets cost just £1 a week
- Cash prize winner EVERY week
- You could even win the £25k jackpot!

WIN A £500 BIKE VOUCHER

Buy A Ticket

THE BIKE FACTORY

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older. Offer ends 17th Apr 2021.
Terms and conditions apply (see website for details).

School Lottery

Behind the scenes, our [school lottery](#) continues to tick away. Every week we have a cash winner from our school in the Saturday draw and there is also the chance to win the £25,000 National Jackpot. There is currently the opportunity to win a £500 voucher to buy a bike - please see the poster to the left.

To start supporting us go to:

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk>
and search for Southfield Park.

Tickets cost just £1 per week.

This is a brilliant way to help boost our school funds at a time when they are needed more than ever but we can't do our usual fundraising activities!

Parents Evening Book System

This academic year the children's annual reports will be coming home in the Summer Term instead of at the end of the Spring Term as is usual, and this term, instead, parents have the opportunity for a five minute catch-up with their teacher. Each class is on a specific date, and the appointments will be between 8.30am—3pm. Although the time being booked shows as being for 10 minutes, the catch-up is for 5 minutes, to allow for any technical issues. As before, these appointments are being held via Zoom or phone call, and the link for the meeting will be sent via email to all the parents in that class a few days beforehand. Unlike before, we are not going to ask parents whether they would prefer a Zoom or phone appointment—if neither parent attends via Zoom at the appropriate time, then the teacher will attempt to phone the first contact for the child using the contact information held in school.

Appointments can be booked via Tucasi (www.scopay.com) and will show from now on the Parents Evening 'tab' at the top of the page. If you don't have a Tucasi account for your child and would like one, or have any problems booking your appointment, or the cut-off date for booking your appointment yourself has passed (see below), then please contact Mrs Pereira in the office on info@southfield-park.surrey.sch.uk

Please note that there are sufficient appointment times for one appointment per child, NOT one per parent, and appointments will be monitored to ensure that all families have the opportunity to speak with their teacher.

Date	Class	Cut off date / time for parents to book their own appointment
Monday 22nd March	Attenborough & Britten	Friday 19th March, 12pm
Tuesday 23rd March	Holmes & Elgar	Monday 22nd, 12pm
Wednesday 24th March	Goldsworthy & Victoria	Tuesday 23rd, 12pm
Thursday 25th March	Shakespeare	Wednesday 24th, 12pm
Friday 26th March	Lowry & Faraday	Thursday 25th, 12pm
Monday 29th March	Churchill & Darwin	Friday 26th March, 12pm
Tuesday 30th March	Nightingale & Redgrave	Monday 29th, 12pm
Wednesday 31st March	Newton	Tuesday 30th, 12pm

Bright Sparks

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★ Well done to our Bright Sparks this week:

Britten	Maxim Todorov	Elgar	Luke Sullivan
Goldsworthy	Leo Lorenzi	Lowry	Charlotte Wright
Faraday	Raza Kazi	Nightingale	Aydin Janjua
Redgrave	Arlo Masters	Holmes	Maya Szczepanska
Darwin	Freya Wells	Newton	Andras Nemeth
Victoria	Ciana Troyano	Shakespeare	Jerry Liu
Churchill	Dareen Badran	Attenborough	Darby Beer

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