

Newsletter 01 03/09/2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the new school year and I hope you all enjoyed the summer break. The children have made a wonderful start to their new classes and all look so smart in their new uniform – long may it continue!

A warm welcome to our Reception Families and any other families that have joined us this week, we hope your children will be very happy at Southfield Park.

On behalf of the staff, I wanted to express again a huge thank you for the generous gifts everyone received at the end of the summer term. They were not expected but greatly appreciated.



Over the summer we had some wonderful news! Miss Fosbueary (Year 5 teacher) and her partner had a beautiful little girl on Thursday 29th July, called Eliana Rose, who weighed in at 6lb 11oz. Everyone is doing well and I know you will join me in wishing them all the best at this exciting time.

Thank you to everyone for following the new drop and collection times. Can I please remind everyone that no one is allowed to use scooters on the playground (adults or children), please just walk alongside them. It is so important that everyone adheres to this, as the playground is now far busier at the end of the day and we don't want there to be any accidents. Can I also ask that you supervise younger children so that they do not run up and down the steep bank or play with school equipment. We will also remind the children of these rules in assemblies next week. Your support with this would be much appreciated.

Have a lovely weekend - even though the children have only been back at school for two days I know they are ready for the weekend.

Kind regards
Kate Gee

Covid19 Risk Assessment and Outbreak Management Plan

The most up to date copies are these are available on the school website, under the Parent tab, if anyone would like to see them.

Clubs

We know that a lot of parents are keen to know what clubs are being run in the Autumn term.

The clubs list is still being finalised and we hope to send it out to parents at the start of next week. As soon as it comes home, you will be able to book and pay for a place on those clubs which are organised by school, including Art & Craft, Glee, and various sports sessions lead by Community Advantages.

Places will be available via Tucasi (scopay.com) on a first come, first served basis and will be limited.

Gymnastics and Street Dance are organised by external companies and places are available direct from them.

The first sessions for all clubs will be during the week commencing Monday 13th September.

Attendance Policy 2021-2022

Dear Parent/Carer

We are aware that the pandemic has had an effect on families, but the expectation is still that every child should now be attending school full time. If you consider that there are exceptional circumstances relating to your request, please let the school have full details. Each application for a leave of absence will be considered on a case by case basis.

Penalty Notices to Address Poor Attendance at School

A Penalty Notice may be issued as an alternative to the prosecution of a parent/carer for their child's unauthorised absence from school (absence without the agreement of the school or not covered by a medical note) 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 must decide whether there are exceptional circumstances. They 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. Finally, the issuing 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 act without delay to secure their regular attendance.

If you have any questions or require further support to achieve an improvement in your child's attendance, please contact your child's school or the Inclusion 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/carer 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 Education Office as follows :-

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

Free Online Courses

All Autumn term courses are now available to enrol on through our webpage www.surreycc.gov.uk/familylearning.or you can share these specific links below of courses starting in September.

We don't want parents to miss out and your help in sharing this information and encouraging participation from your families is very much appreciated.

Parenting

[Explore Behaviour Strategies 2 week course Thursday 16th -23rd September 1-2.30pm](#)

[Understanding Children's Behaviour 5 week course Friday 17th-September- 15th October 10.30 am -12 pm](#)

[Understanding Children's Behaviour 5 week course Wednesday 22nd September -20th October 1pm-2.30pm](#)

[Understanding Children's Behaviour 5 week course Thursday 23rd September - 21st October 10-11.30am](#)

[Explore Behaviour Strategies 2 week course Thursday 23rd - 30th September 7.30-9 pm](#)

Courses for parents who speak English as an additional language (EAL)

[English Grammar for EAL Families Key Stage One 6 week course Wednesday 15th September - 20th October 10-11.30am](#)

[English for EAL Families 6 week course Wednesday 15th September - 20th October 12.30-2pm](#)

[English for EAL Families 6 week course Thursday 16th September - 21st October 10-11.30am](#)

[English Grammar for EAL Families Key Stage Two 6 week course Thursday 16th September -21st October 12.30-2pm](#)

[Education in England workshop Friday 17th September 1pm-2.30pm](#)

[Phonics for EAL Parents workshop Friday 24th September 1-2.30pm](#)

Maths

[Family Maths for Key Stage One 6 week course Thursday 16th September- 21st October 10-11.30am](#)

[Family Maths for Key Stage Two 6 week course Thursday 16th September-21st October 12.30-2pm](#)

Family wellbeing and cookery

[Yoga for Anxiety 3 weeks Tuesday 14th- 28th September 10-11.30 am](#)

[Family Yoga 3 week course \(with child 5-10 yrs\) Wednesday 15th -29th September 4.30-5.30pm](#)

[Health and wellness with Ayurveda 3 week course Thursday 16th -30th September 10-11.30am](#)

[Tasty Casseroles 3 week course Thursday 23rd September - 7th October 10-11.30 am](#)

Kind regards
The Family Learning Team

Reminders for Next Week

Monday 6th	
Tuesday 7th	
Wednesday 8th	Y5 Swimming Lessons start Story time for new Reception children: 1:30-2:00pm for Autumn and Spring born children 2:15-2:45pm for Summer born children
Thursday 9th	Reception children in until 12pm
Friday 10th	Y6 WWII Day Reception children stay for lunch and go home 1pm



THE VOICE KIDS 2022
APPLY NOW!

The Voice Kids is back and we're looking for super talented **SOLO SINGERS & DUOS** who have what it takes to take over The Voice Kids stage!

If you know any 7-14 year olds who want their voices to be heard, we want to hear from you!

For more information about how to enter go to
itv.com/beontv/thevoicekids
or **stv.tv/voicekids**

Applications close on
Friday 29th October 2021

We reserve the right to extend the closing date at our discretion

Other eligibility criteria and terms and conditions also apply (see entry form for full details).
Personal data provided by you will be collected and processed in accordance with the privacy notices set out in the entry form.




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