
Newsletter 03 24/09/2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Our new Reception children have now completed two full weeks at Southfield Park and Mrs Greenacre and Miss Hylands have been so impressed with how well the children have adapted to routines and have clearly enjoyed the exciting activities on offer. We really couldn't be more proud of them.

This week the children in the Juniors have elected the House Captains for the coming year. As ever the competition for these positions has been intense and the votes were close, following some fantastic speeches from the Year 6 children. Thank you to every child who was brave enough to put themselves forward and make a speech, you were all superb and we were all so impressed with your poise and confidence. I am delighted to announce that the following children have been chosen, by their peers, to represent their Houses for 2021-2022 and huge congratulations to them all:

Ewell House: Amelia O'Farrell and Alfie Newman

Stamford House: Patrick Neary and Lily Knight

Ruxley House: Emily Troescher and Tommy McIntosh

Town House: India Reis and Wilf Theobald

Woodcote House: Chloe Thomas and Harrison Newbould

Court House: Amina Khennouchi and Xac Shiekh



Last week saw the launch of the teaching of French across the school and the children certainly loved it, although I think the selection of French treats went down well. We are so lucky to have Mrs Carpenter to lead the sessions and Mrs Lebas (a native speaker) to assist. We are also lucky enough to have several children across the school who speak French at home and they have kindly agreed to be our French Ambassadors, to help with pronunciation. Previously we only taught a modern foreign language in the Juniors, so we are all really excited that we can now offer French from Reception, right the way through to Year 6. Later on in the newsletter you will see a little article from Mrs Carpenter with some photographs

Further on in the newsletter you will see a poster that summarises the areas we will be focusing on throughout this academic year in our School Development Plan. The priorities have been devised from our self-evaluation process with a range of stakeholders over the summer term and reflects our commitment to constantly achieve our best and be the best we can. Over the last few years mental health has been a high profile at the school through our development plans and whilst we were delighted to achieve the Wellbeing Award for schools in the summer term we will continue to build on the success of this and part of that, will be our focus on promoting active lifestyles through our progressive PE curriculum and wider opportunities. Throughout the year you will be updated on the progress against these targets and we will be organising events linked to some of them throughout the year.

Next Friday, (1st October), we are hosting our whole school fundraising event in memory of a former pupil at our school, Samuel. We really hope that you will support this event by ensuring your child wears sporty clothes or a football kit next week as the children will be taking part in a variety of 'Football Challenges' throughout the day. Miss David, who is leading this event, has worked hard to compile a range of activities for the children to participate in. All donations received either via cash or via Tucasi (www.scopay.com) will go towards an outdoor gym that will be installed on the top playground, which all children will benefit from as they move through the school. We really appreciate your support with this.

Finally, it has been a quiet end to the week as our Year 4 children have been on their first residential to Sayers Croft for the last few days. They were all so excited on Wednesday morning as we waved them off, and I know from the regular updates from Mrs Crawford, as well as the fantastic pictures on our Twitter feed, that they have had such a brilliant time in the glorious sun. The children have behaved so well and been such fantastic ambassadors for the school by listening so carefully and making the most of every opportunity. A HUGE thank you to the staff for accompanying the children and also to their families, who have rearranged schedules in order to accommodate this trip.

Year 4 parents will be looking forward to welcoming them home today and I am sure they will have a quiet weekend!

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and the autumn sunshine continues.

Kind regards

Kate Gee.

Sayers Croft Fun!





Overarching Priorities 2021-2022

To embed
and refine our
assessment model
to effectively
assess against
our curriculum
offer.

To refine
the curriculum
offer for
Southfield Park.

To promote
active lifestyles
through our
progressive
PE curriculum
and wider
opportunities.

To sustain
and build upon
our excellent
wellbeing
provision.

We want the best for you and from you so that you can...

shine

Library Volunteers Needed

Are you free for an hour or so at a regular time each week, or every now and then?

The children love going to the school library to return their books and choose a new one, and we need adults to help take a small group of children down and supervise, and to help tidy and add books to the library system.

If you are interested in helping, either regularly with or without the children or an ad hoc basis, there is a get together meeting for all librarians and any interested volunteers on Thursday 30th September 2.30pm in the school library.

Please text Emma 07958729684 to say if you can help, and to ask any questions.

Thank you!

Bonjour et Bienvenue!

Tuesday last week saw the start of French language learning from Y1 to Y6 - and what an exciting day it was! Launch day was accompanied by some French treats as well as learning how to say 'hello' to different members of the community. Reception children will be starting their French classes after Half Term, when they are fully settled into their new class routines. We are very lucky to have several pupils who speak French at home and they have agreed to be our French Ambassadors - ready to help us all with pronunciation and vocabulary both in and out of the classroom. Mme Carpenter had a fantastic day visiting 14 classes along with Mme Lebas, who is a native speaker and will be assisting with our language learning throughout the year. All the children were very excited and joined in with great enthusiasm!

We hope this will be the start of some great learning as well as encouraging perseverance, tolerance and an appreciation for another language and culture.



The logo for 'The Great Big Green Week' features the words 'THE GREAT' in a small, dark blue, sans-serif font. Below this, 'BIG GREEN' is written in a larger, bold, teal, sans-serif font. At the bottom, 'WEEK' is written in a large, bold, dark blue, sans-serif font. To the right of 'WEEK' is a small teal heart icon.

Sustainable Southfield Park Primary

You may have seen that this week, 18 – 26 September, is Great Big Green Week - a national week of events celebrating action on climate change. There are so many organisations promoting environmental issues, and sometimes it can seem overwhelming and leaves you wondering if there's anything you can do to make a difference. The good news is that you can! You could choose to make big changes to your lifestyle to become more sustainable, but if **everyone makes just one small change then together we can make a difference.**

On Saturday (25th September), Sustainable Epsom and Ewell are holding an Eco Fair at St Martins Church in Church Street, Epsom, KT17 4PX. There will be stall holders offering practical ideas about what we can do individually and as a community around climate change issues. Mrs Page will be there representing local Terracycle collectors and hopes that some of you will come along and say hello!

In March 2019, Mrs Page became a Terracycle collector and collects various items which we cannot put in our green kerbside recycling bins. The items include crisp packets and biscuit wrappers that would otherwise end up in landfill. They are sent off to Terracycle who recycle them into various 'plastic' items ranging from bottles to playground equipment. As well as helping the environment we also get payment for sending the recycling. To date, we have raised around £250, which although isn't a huge amount, it was raised by collecting approximately 250 kilograms of packaging – that's several skip loads that have been saved from going to landfill!

Initially, Mrs Page started collecting recycling in school. There were 2 boxes in the dining hall for children to put their packets in (rather than putting them back in their lunchboxes). Now Mrs Page has set up a collection point at her home in Hookfield, where many people in the local community come and drop off items. She has a Facebook page, 'Hookfield Terracycle', which gives details of the different items she collects. Please feel free to take a look and 'like' and 'follow' the page.

Collecting items was more tricky during lockdowns, particular when children were not in school or were eating their packed lunches in the classrooms. Now that things are more normal, we are going to put the collection boxes back in the dining hall. We will be explaining to the children what items they can recycle in these boxes – one is for crisps, popcorn and pretzel packets and the other is for biscuit and cakes wrappers. Terracycle are very specific about what items can be collected for each scheme, and so no other packaging should be put in these boxes. In the past, Mrs Page has had to pick out Frube and Pepperami packets, as these cannot be sent off to Terracycle.

We would also like to encourage you to collect these items at home. There are some large boxes in the foyer of school where you can drop off your recycling. Please refer to the posters in this newsletter to see what items are accepted. You may notice that any brand of nut packets are accepted for the KP scheme. However as Southfield park is a nut-free school, please do not bring these packets into school. You are very welcome to drop them at the collection point in Hookfield (details on the Facebook page). You will see that we also collect pens – these are taken to a collector in Ashted who raises fund for The Greville School. Please keep items for each recycling scheme separate, and if you can flatten the packets it really does make it much quicker for Mrs Page to package up items to send to Terracycle.



Hookfield Terracycle also collects other items: cheese packaging, hygiene packaging and ring carriers to raise funds for Southfield Park. In addition, it is a collection point for other items: confectionary wrappers, Pringles tubes, dental products, bread bags, etc which are then passed to other local collectors. Please take a look at the Facebook page for more details if you are interested in recycling more items. Alternatively you can email jo.page@southfield-park.surrey.sch.uk with your questions.

We hope that you agree that keeping your crisp packets and biscuit wrappers out of your rubbish bin and putting them in separate bags is not too much inconvenience. However if we all do it, then we can make a big difference to the amount of rubbish being sent to landfill. Once your bags are full you can bring them in to school and put them in the boxes in the foyer.

Remember, if you would like to find out more ways you can help the environment and live a more sustainable lifestyle, then come along to the Eco Fair on Saturday. Mrs Page is looking forward to finding out more things she can do!



Football Challenges

On Friday 1st October, we will be hosting a whole school fundraising event in memory of a former student, Samuel, who very sadly passed away in December 2020. Samuel was an unforgettable student who was passionate about making people laugh, his family, friends and, of course, football!

On this day, the children will be allowed to wear football kits or sporty clothes to school and each class will take part in football-themed activities throughout the day. The main event will be completing a variety of 'Football Challenges' in year groups on the top playground e.g. 'beat the goalie', keepie-uppies, obstacles courses and many more. We are lucky enough to have some of Samuel's friends who also attended Southfield Park coming in to support the children in KS1 with this.

We will be asking all families for a kind donation for this event which will go towards gym equipment for the KS2 Top Playground which the whole school will benefit from. With the blessing of Samuel's parents, we have decided to name this area after Samuel as he is remembered for being such an energetic student. This equipment will be used by all our children in regular PE lessons and will be available for the children in the Juniors to use at break and lunch times. We are hoping to have the new equipment installed and to ready to use by November. **Donations can be made with cash on or Tucasi (www.scopay.com) on an event called '2021 Football Fundraiser—voluntary donations'.**

This will be a fun, positive day and any questions about Samuel will be responded to in an age-appropriate way and with sensitivity.

Thank you for your support,



Reminders for Next Week

Monday 27th	
Tuesday 28th	2.15pm Phonics Meeting for parents on children in Reception
Wednesday 29th	Y6 visit to Temple 2.15pm Phonics Meeting for parents on children in Y1
Thursday 30th	Y2 Florence Nightingale workshop
Friday 1st	Football Challenges Fundraiser—wear football or sporty clothes for a donation

Dogs

Please can parents with dogs remember that they should not be brought anywhere onto the school site, whether on a leash or being held.

The school site encompasses any area inside the big green metal fence, including the pavement leading up to the main entrance and the office, and the area to the right of the hall with some parking, the rubbish bins and the bike sheds (ie the way the Juniors go into school).

Not everyone likes dogs, and no matter how friendly yours is, another person may be scared of it.

Please be a considerate owner, and leave your dog either tied up well away from the gates, or with someone else.

Parking

We still get occasional complaints from parents about drivers who park inconsiderately—on the double yellow lines, blocking other cars in or parking in the disabled bays when they are not eligible to use them.

We appreciate that it gets frustrating for parents waiting to drop off or pick up, and it can be tempting to think that you will only be a minute or two and it doesn't matter if a car is left where it shouldn't be.

However, we ask that all parents be considerate, and treat other drivers as they would like to be treated themselves. As the school doesn't own the car parking, we urge parents with concerns to contact the local council who can arrange for parking wardens to patrol at drop off and pick up times.

Bright Sparks

Well done to our Bright Sparks this week:

Tuilagi	Josh Lapina-Amarelle	Joshua	Noah Gouveia-Virmani
Simmonds	Adhyut Ramprasad	Federer	Noah Farnell
Daley	Zachary Jaffer	Wilmot	Ramita Arumugam
Holland	Liam Hill	Peacock	Ethan Chappell
Hamilton	Nevik Hamilton	Anderson	Aharon Scafidi

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www.surreycc.gov.uk/familylearning and the individual October course links below, with your parents so that they don't miss out on these fantastic opportunities .

Courses for Parents who speak English as an additional language

[Applying for a primary school place for EAL parents workshop Friday 1st October 1-2.30pm](#)

[Read with your child \(EAL\) workshop Friday 8th October 1-2.30pm](#)

[Raising Bilingual children EAL workshop Friday 15th October 1-2.30pm](#)

[Applying for a primary school place EAL workshop Friday 22nd October 1-2.30pm](#)

Storytelling fun and half term activities

[Gruffalo Storytelling workshop \(4-7 yrs\) Saturday 2nd October 10-11.30am](#)

[The Hungry Caterpillar Storytelling workshop \(2-4 yrs\) Saturday 9th October 10-11.30am](#)

[Fun activities for half term \(3 & 4 yrs olds\) workshop Friday 22nd October 10-11.30am](#)

[The Gruffalo storytelling workshop \(4-7 yrs\) Wednesday 27th October 10.30am-12pm](#)

[The Gruffalo storytelling workshop \(4-7 yrs\) Wednesday 27th October 1.30-3pm](#)

[Elmer Storytelling workshop \(2-4 yrs\) Saturday 30th October 10-11.30am](#)

Courses for family wellbeing and cookery

[Yoga for Anxiety 3 week course Tuesday 5th - 19th October 10-11.30am](#)

[Family Yoga \(5-10 yrs\) 3 week course Wednesday 6th-20th October 4.30-5.30pm](#)

[Yoga for Resilience 3 week course Thursday 7th-21st October 10-11.30am](#)

[Soups and Bread 2 week course Thursday 14th -21st October 10-11.30am](#)

Parenting Courses

[Explore Behaviour Strategies 2 week course Thursday 7th-14th October 1-2.30pm](#)

[Explore Behaviour Strategies 2 week course Thursday 14th-21st October 7.30-9pm](#)

Many thanks for your support
The Family Learning Team

How Nurturing Programme Parent Groups have helped other parents

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Check out familylinks.org.uk for more information on The Parenting Puzzle book and the Nurturing Programme

The 10-week Nurturing Programme for parents and carers

where:

Epsom Family Centre
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when:

Every Thursday 9.45 to 11.45 a.m.
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contact details:

Lesley Lane (Home Start)
Email: Lesley.Lane@hseeb.org.uk

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The Nurturing Programme

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for parents
and carers

How to get the best
out of family life



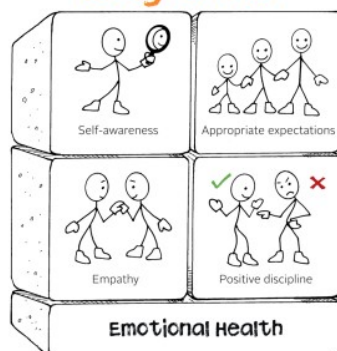
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Partners are welcome and it's also fine to come on your own or with a relative or friend

There are ten 2-hour sessions with a tea and coffee break

8-10 parents are invited and there are two Family Links trained group leaders

Some groups provide a creche; check with group leaders beforehand

You need to come to all ten sessions as they fit together like a puzzle



Struggling Suffragettes

Saturday October 9 1pm–2.30pm



Meet a suffragette and decide if you wish to join her fight to get the vote for women. Listen to her arguments and learn why some women at the beginning of the twentieth century were driven to drastic measures to get their voices heard by the Establishment. Understand the different methods used by these pioneering ladies, from peaceful protest to more militant tactics.

Discover how the determination and bravery of the Suffragettes changed the way our country is today and learn how Epsom was thrust into the national headlines by the death of Emily Davison at the Derby in June 1913.



Cost £5 per child

Further information is available from David Brooks, Bourne Hall Museum, Spring Street, Ewell, Surrey, KT17 1UF. Tel 0208 394 1734, Email dbrooks@epsom-ewell.gov.uk

On 10 November at 11am, the Garden of Remembrance in Bourne Hall Park will be opened by the Mayor of Epsom and Ewell and local schoolchildren to honour and remember all those who died in the service of their country.

Schools will be performing songs and poems and placing poppy crosses to remember the loss of servicemen and women in all conflicts.

After this ceremony, the public can place their own crosses and tokens of remembrance.

If you would like your school to take part please contact me at:
dbrooks@epsom-ewell.gov.uk

EPSOM AND EWELL'S GREEN WEEK

18-26 September 2021

A week to celebrate green initiatives in Epsom & Ewell and to provide information to help residents live more sustainably

Saturday 18 September, 2pm-5pm. Epsom Repair Café

The launch of Epsom's new Repair Café! Bring along your broken household item for assessment and if possible, repair! At Scout HQ, Epsom Methodist Church. Advance booking is essential

Saturday 18 September, 4.30pm. Music at Saint Martin's Recital: The Twilight Ensemble

A programme of music inspired by our beautiful planet and the wilds of nature. At St Martin of Tours Church, Church Street, Epsom

Sunday 19 September, from 9am. Ewell Village Litter Pick

Join this group litter pick organised by Keep Epsom and Ewell Tidy

Sunday 19 and Monday 20 September, from 9.30am. Ecovols Conservation Task: Blake pond

Join in this conservation task on Epsom Common organised by the volunteer group of the Epsom Common Association, the Ecovols. Advance booking is essential

Sunday 19 September, 10am. Talk: The Latest Terracycle Initiatives

Come and listen to this talk by The Greenway Terracycle Collection at Christ Church Epsom Common. The talk is part of the church service but visitors of all faiths and none are welcome.

Sunday 19 September, 3pm. Keynote Debate: Question Time on the environment

Organised by St Martin's Church as part of their Creationtide programme, with a panel of local politicians. At St Martin of Tours Church, Church Street, Epsom, KT17 4PX.

Saturday 25 September, 9am-12noon. Eco Fair

Sustainable Epsom and Ewell in conjunction with St Martin's Church have organised this Eco Fair to offer practical ideas about what we can do individually and as a community around climate change issues. At St Martin of Tours Church, Church Street, Epsom, KT17 4PX.

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