

## Newsletter 04 08/10/2021

Dear Parents,



It was lovely to see a splash of yellow across the school as the children arrived this morning, reflecting their commitment and recognition of the value of mental health and the importance of kindness. It is something we all know is so crucial to the wellbeing of us all.



This week we held our first show around for prospective parents since early spring 2020 and it was an absolute privilege to showcase the school and share what is so great about life at Southfield Park. The children were perfect ambassadors for us, with the Year 6 children acting as outstanding tour guides, and the children in the classrooms being both welcoming and showing such great attitudes to learning. The feedback we received from the visitors as they left was so positive and made us all exceptionally proud. The children at Southfield Park make the school what it is and we were delighted to receive an email from a Hindu temple that Year 6 visited recently that commented, "...the children were so well behaved and testament to the hard work of teachers that allowed them to ask insightful questions and think deeply to absorb as much as they can from the school visit" and that they, ".....shone through in their inquisitive and curious nature."

I am sure you will all enjoy the opportunity to visit in person to see your child's classroom and share their work at our Open Classroom drop in event next week on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October. The classrooms will be open from the end of the school day until 5:00 pm. If you cannot attend but would like to look at your child's work please let the class teacher or school office know and we will send home some of their books for you to see.



This year, we have introduced a new strategy for the teaching of early reading skills linked to our phonics provision. Those of you who have children in the infants will already be aware of it and may have already attended phonics workshops run by Mrs Hall, Mrs Greenacre and Mrs Williams. If you couldn't attend one of the workshops, we have prepared videos for the Reception parents, Year 1 parents and some parents in Year 2. Today, these year groups will have received links to the videos via the school office but please do let us know if you have missed anything or have any questions. It has been a huge undertaking to adjust how we deliver our phonics programme, involving the sourcing ordering and cataloging of some wonderful new reading books, as well as staff training and running of parents' workshops. Mrs Hall, our early reading leader has worked tirelessly to make it successful and we are already seeing the impact on the reading of the children. We are so lucky to have her expertise in our team and thank her for all the additional work involved. Mrs Hall is also on the lookout for parent volunteers to join her team of Reading Rangers who come into school to support children with their learning. This was well established before the pandemic but we are now ready to re start and would welcome previous and returning volunteers. Look out later in the newsletter for more details.

October is Black History month and the theme for this year is 'Proud to be' focusing on celebrating the pride black and brown members of every community have in their colour and heritage. In school we will use it as an opportunity to share pride in different heritages and cultures through stories, and recognise inspirational achievements and lives. We will look at diversity and consider how it makes our community richer and more connected. Our school is an increasingly culturally diverse community and it is crucial that we all appreciate and value what that brings to us all. Throughout October, in class activities and through assemblies, we will be exploring the 'proud to be' theme.

Last Friday it was our Football Fun Day to raise money towards outdoor gym and fitness equipment in the junior playground which will be built and named in memory of a former pupil of the school. Thank you to Miss David, for masterminding this event and to the whole school community for your wonderful generosity we have already raised over £1600 towards the equipment with some money still coming in via Tucasi (www.scopay.com). This is simply amazing - thank you so much! Already this week we have had site visits from the company who are already installing some of the equipment. We will hold an official launch after half term once all the staff have been trained in its use but the children are very excited and can hardly wait!

Pupil and Parent voice are so valuable in ensuring we hear the viewpoints of all of our stakeholders. This week the classes have been electing their School Councilors for the year ready for their first meetings with Miss Savill, who is responsible for the School Council. They play an important role in making sure the ideas of all the children are incorporated into planning and the children relish the responsibility. Look out later in the newsletter for details of who will be our School Councilors for 2021/22. We will also be running a Parent Council and would like a representative from each class to give feedback to Mrs Crawford and myself at a short termly meeting about what parents feel is going well and any ideas/ suggestions for improvement as well as canvassing opinions amongst parents about specific points. If you would be interested in being involved in the Parent Council please let the school office know.

We have a busy couple of weeks ahead as we approach half term, so please do check the dates as we have our first performances coming up for our youngest children with their harvest assemblies, which you don't want to miss! Also, please remember that school is closed on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Kate Gee.

## Tweet of the Week

Follow us on  
@Southfield\_Park

Thank you to our former pupils who came in to give a helping hand during our Football Frenzy Fundraiser



Cut me out and pin me up!

Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	3:10-5:00 (KS1) 3:20-5:00 (KS2)	Open Classrooms
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> –Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> October		Collection for Food Bank to celebrate Harvest
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> and Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	All Day	Individual and sibling photographs in the Drama Studio
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	9am	Phase 1 Harvest Performance for Year 1 Parents
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	6pm	Reception Curriculum Meeting
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	9am	Phase 1 Harvest Performance for Reception Parents
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	All Day	<b>For community schools, Friday 22 October 2021 is a holiday in lieu of the additional Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday on Friday 03 June 2022 which falls in the summer-half-term break. This means the school will be closed for everyone.</b>

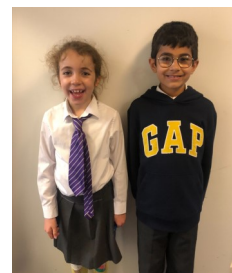


## Well Done to our new School Councillors

We are immensely proud of everyone in Years 1-6 who spoke in front of their classmates to say why they wanted to represent them on the School Council, before everyone voted for who they wanted.

The School Councillors attend regular meetings, talk to their peers to gather their opinions and feed these back into plans for development of many different aspects of school life. Its an important role, and last academic year the Councillors helped create a wellbeing booklet for pupils.

Well done to this year's School Councillors:



Chloe	Yr 1 Joshua
Thea	Yr 1 Tuilagi
Digby	Yr 2 Federer
Nathan	Yr 2 Simmonds
JJ	Yr 3 Daley
Elizabeth	Yr 3 Wilmot
Chiara	Yr 4 Groves
Mahid	Yr 4 Kenny
Archie	Yr 5 Holland
Ethan	Yr 5 Peacock
Daniel	Yr 6 Anderson
Tallulah	Yr 6 Hamilton



## Reading Rangers

We are very excited to be restarting our reading volunteer programme after half term.

Reading Rangers are attached to a specific class and come in once a week to read with 5/6 children from a class. The children love the opportunity to share a book with another adult and previous volunteers have really enjoyed seeing the progress the children make. If you have approximately 1.5 hours to spare each week and are interested in volunteering, please email Mrs Hall via:

[fay.hall@southfield-park.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:fay.hall@southfield-park.surrey.sch.uk)

We will be holding a short information/training meeting on Tuesday 2nd November at 2.30pm where you can find out more details. All volunteers who come into school and go on trips must have a DBS check through us, so please contact the school office on how to do this if you don't already have one.

Many thanks!

## Well Done!

We are immensely proud of everyone in our community, children and adults alike, who succeed in many different and amazing ways.

So we wanted to say congratulations to Mr Wellman for completing the Virgin Money London Marathon last Sunday, with a time of 5 hours and 17 minutes. He has been raising money for Cancer Research UK as part of his marathon journey and has raised an enormous £2,276.20! If you would still like to donate to a fantastic cause, then please use the link:

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/nicks-london-marathon-4>





## New Reading Challenge Launched

This week, the new reading challenge was released, “Journey Through The Genres.”

Rules:

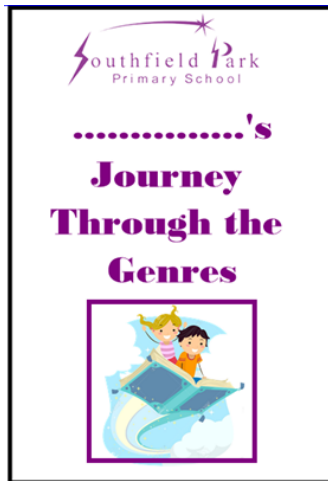
- You must have achieved your Gold reading badge before starting this and it is only for Junior children at the moment (some teachers have opted for the challenge!)
- There are 30 books – 2 from 14 genres and then 2 totally of your choice. The booklets include some ideas but children are able to choose their own books from each genre.
- Parents/carers must sign to show that all the books have been read.
- Books cannot be backdated – the challenge starts when you receive the booklet.
- Booklets can be taken home but must be kept safe.
- The challenge/booklet can be completed in any order.
- When the challenge is completed, children will get their photo on a ‘reading wall of fame’ and will feature in the newsletter.

Miss David (English Lead)



# What next?

## Who is up for the challenge?




**Read a text...**


**which is timeless.**

**Text 1 .....**

**Text 2 .....**



**Parent/Carer's signature.....**



## School lunch patterns

Remember that lunch patterns can only change at the start of the new half term, so if your child would like to change theirs for the second half of the Autumn Term, please email Mrs Catling in the office, by the end of Thursday 21st October:

Sarah.catling@southfield-park.surrey.sch.uk

The charge for lunches prepared by the school kitchen is added to the children's accounts at the start of the half term, for the whole of the half term, so please don't be worried if the account is suddenly in debt—although lunches need to be paid for in advance, this can be done in smaller amounts via your Tucasi account on [www.scopay.com](http://www.scopay.com)

# Wellbeing Newsletter #1

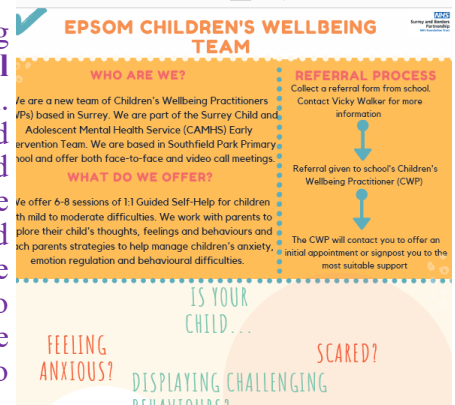
## Hello Yellow Day

This week we have been supporting World Mental Health day by taking part in Hello Yellow day. Every year, we celebrate Hello Yellow day by wearing yellow to show our support for 'Young Minds' which is a mental health charity for children, young people and their parents. The adults in school have been on the lookout for 'Hello Yellow Heroes' ie children who show qualities such as kindness, resilience, empathy or positivity. The children have also been taking part in a variety of activities which have opened up discussions around mental health and wellbeing. The Young Minds Website is full of advice and information on what to do if you are struggling with strong feelings. Here are the details:

[www.youngminds.org.uk](http://www.youngminds.org.uk)

## Children's Wellbeing Practitioners

We are very lucky to be working with the Children's Wellbeing Practitioners again this year. We currently have **Stephanie Strugnell** and **Dahlia Johnson** working with parents and children in school. They offer a range of support including 1:1 sessions with Parents and Parent Workshops. Over the last three years, the CWP have worked with as many 30 parents and children from Southfield Park to provide support on a range of issues, including anxiety, sleep, anger and phobias. We are so lucky to have built up a strong link with the service and I know that their support has made a big difference to many children and families. If you would like to find out a little more about the Children's Wellbeing Practitioners then please feel free to contact me.



## Introducing a new Surrey website



This is the new name for Surrey's emotional wellbeing and mental health service for children and young people. It provides information, advice and resources on mental health on wellbeing services. It contains information about available services in Surrey in a user friendly format. There are also some

great self-help sections on managing screen time, sleep routines, supporting anxious children – it really is worth a look.

[www.mindworks-surrey.org](http://www.mindworks-surrey.org)

## Parent Workshops

Over the last few years, we have ran a range of wellbeing related workshops for our parents and carers. We have a few more in the pipe-line for the term ahead but would value your feedback before we organise the finer details. The **Children's Wellbeing Practitioners** are offering to run a Workshop for Southfield Park Parents and Carers on:

**Screen time management/behaviours and effective communication?**

while the **Specialist Teacher's Service** have offered to run a bespoke session on:

**Supporting children with attention and listening difficulties/ADHD**

We have not yet decided whether to offer the sessions in school or virtually but if you do have an opinion or a preference then please do let us know. We want to ensure that as many parents as possible are able to attend our workshops.

## Epsom Mental Health and Wellbeing Festival

This week is Epsom Mental Health and Wellbeing Festival (9<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> October 2021)

They have a huge schedule of diverse events including sessions on managing anxiety, adjusting to life after Lockdown as well as sessions such as Circus skills, Pets Therapy and bread making! You can find full details of their schedule on at [www.espommentalhealthweek.org.uk](http://www.espommentalhealthweek.org.uk)

**You can find more information about Wellbeing support and Provision at Southfield Park on our website:**

[www.southfield-park.surrey.sch.uk/curriculum/wellbeing](http://www.southfield-park.surrey.sch.uk/curriculum/wellbeing)

Please do contact me if you have any questions or suggestions about wellbeing

Kind Regards

Vicky Walker

## Senco and Wellbeing Lead

[senco@southfield-park.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:senco@southfield-park.surrey.sch.uk)



Supporting your child with Key Stage 2 Maths- free

Would you like to learn how Key Stage 2 Maths is taught in schools and how to support numeracy at home for Key Stage 2 children?

This useful, fun course taught by a Primary School teacher begins next week in Epsom.

Fri 15th & 22nd October 12.30pm- 2.30pm- Focus Youth Centre, Epsom

Phone 0300 303 3464 quoting C3747419 or enrol online:

<https://enrolonline.wea.org.uk/Online/2020/CourseInfo.aspx?r=C3747419>

## Reminders for Next Week

Monday 11th	
Tuesday 12th	
Wednesday 13th	
Thursday 14th	School photos—Individuals and siblings Open Classrooms, from 3.10/3.20pm to 5pm
Friday 15th	School photos—Individuals and siblings



## Board of the Week

The Reception children have been painting self-portraits this week, demonstrating their understanding of which features they can see on their face.

They looked at themselves in the mirror to see where their mouth, nose, eyes and ears were, and chose the best colour to use to paint them.

Don't they look amazing!

## Bright Sparks

Well done to our Bright Sparks this week:

Kinsella	Max Croxson-Overton	Rashford	Ida-Mae Bavin
Tuilagi	Yasin Kannuna	Joshua	Jonathan Gye
Simmonds	Eva Mitchell	Federer	Leo Lorenzi
Daley	Lola McDonnell-Cathcart	Wilmot	Amaya Patel
Groves	Lillie-Ann Sweeney	Kenny	Skye Dulake
Holland	Anae Tebay	Peacock	Karim Elasri
Hamilton	India Reis	Anderson	Conner Henlan

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