

Newsletter 05 21/10/2021

Dear Parents,

We have completed the half-term on a high note with the Harvest performances by Reception and Year 1. It was so lovely to be able to welcome parents back into school for performances and to see all the children singing and acting together - it is something we have all really missed! It was a first for the children too, as we have not been able to hold these events over the past 18 months, but you certainly could not tell from their confidence and self-assurance. We were all very proud of them!





As always, the response from the school community to the harvest collections in support of the foodbank has been amazing and we know that the items donated will make a real difference to local families in need. Thank you to everyone for your generosity.

On Wednesday we also resumed our competitive sporting fixtures, with a team of boys and girls from

Years 5 and 6 taking part in the Epsom and Ewell Schools Cross Country competition. And what a return it was! The boys team won the team event overall with excellent performances from everyone with 5 of the team finishing in the first 15 positions and Zachary Brown finishing in 5th place. In the girls event we came 4th overall with everyone giving their all. Obviously, we are very proud of the successes but most importantly are delighted with the excellent sportsmanship and commitment that all of the children showed. Everyone was so excited to be taking part



and it was wonderful to connect with friends from other schools too.

As a school we always strive for excellence and a key focus this term has been reviewing our reading provision. We have been reflecting upon our commitment to developing reading as a crucial skill not only for pleasure and enjoyment, but also as the key to learning across the whole curriculum. This term our reading offer has been audited and quality assured by an external consultant who works regularly with us to continuously evolve our curriculum. The feedback we received was extremely positive but as always we are continuously evolving and thinking of ways to refine and improve. The consultant commented on the strong reading culture that is embedded across the school and the clear focus on reading from the moment the children arrive in school through our high quality and consistent phonics provision. As always the children really stood out for their excellent learning behaviours and commitment to achieve their best.

Currently we have a vacancy for a Parent Governor to join our Governing Body. Our Governors play a crucial strategic role in helping to shape the vision, ethos and direction of the school, supporting and holding school leaders to account, and overseeing financial performance of the school. Having parent governors brings a new perspective and skillset to our Governing Body and they play a very important role. The Clerk to the Governors sent an email out this morning with more information, if anyone is interested in nominating themselves. Please do speak to us if you have any questions.

In a recent newsletter we invited parents to join our Parent Council to represent the views of the parents in their child's class at a termly meeting with Mrs Crawford and myself. Sadly, so far we have not had many volunteers. If you are thinking of volunteering and haven't yet please do, it really isn't a huge commitment, just one meeting a term, during the school day, and some time beforehand to canvas the opinions and suggestions from the parents in the class. We really value parental voice and ideas, and in previous years

suggestions from the parents have made a big difference. If you would be happy to volunteer please contact Mrs Pereira in the School Office and she will explain the process. You will certainly receive a warm welcome and a nice cup of tea (and of course some biscuits!).

After school today you will have seen the Friends of Southfield Park back in action at the doughnut sale after school; I'm sure the children enjoyed a treat after a long, and hard-working, half term. Thank you to everyone involved for giving up your time to organise the event - we all appreciate it. We now have a new group of parents running the Friends, keeping going all the amazing hard work and commitment of Emma Kirk, Angela Howarth and their team over the past few years. The new team, led by Andrea Pitchford, Katarina Lins and Lauren Banyard, have some exciting fund raising ideas and fun events for the children planned, including the traditional Christmas cards made by the children as well as a small Christmas Fair on 27th November. Watch out for a newsletter from them after half term with more details. Please do support them, as every penny they raise goes directly to support all the children in the school.

The children have all worked hard this half term and next term with all the festivities too looks just as action packed. We hope you all enjoy a well-earned break and come back refreshed and ready for action on Monday 1st November at 8:35am.

Kind regards,

Kate Gee.

Needed in the Office....

Dinner Patterns

The children can't change their pattern once they start back at school on Monday 1st November, so if you haven't already told us of changes, please do so as soon as possible via email:

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

Spare clothes

We are low on socks and pants, especially for the younger children, and PE kit, so if you have any old things that you can bring in, we would much appreciate it!

Calpol and Ibuprofen

Sometimes the children are well enough to be at school, but need a little help getting through the day, and we are happy to give them some medicine if needed, once we've spoken with a parent.

If any families would like to donate a bottle of calpol (especially for age 6+), for general use, it would be much appreciated.

Boxes of tissues

We are coming into the season of coughs and colds, and would love for every family to bring in a box of tissues to help stop spreading germs...

Special Dietary Requirements New electronic form to complete

TwelveFifteen, who cook the school lunches, have introduced a new online form that parents <u>must</u> complete for children who require a special diet of some type, whether for religious, medical, ethical or other reasons. This change is part of the response to the UK Food Information Amendment (known as Natasha's Law), which has been introduced to protect allergy sufferers and give them confidence in the the food they buy.

Information on how to do this has been sent to parents of relevant children, and it is very important that the form is completed today (Thursday 21st October) or the kitchen may not be able to guarantee that at the start of the new half term they will be able to provide an appropriate meal.



Times Tables Rock Stars



It is two years since we first introduced Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS) at Southfield Park and we are pleased to announce that we have renewed our subscription for another year. TTRS is for children in Years 3 - 6. It is an online programme that enables children to learn and practice their times tables at their own speed. Some year groups will be using TTRS in class, however the practicalities of getting the Chromebooks out, logging on and having to share devices means that it is not always possible to play regularly in school. However, children can use their logins at home and children may be set TTRS as a homework task. Children have their login details in the front of their homework diaries. The website is https://ttrockstars.com or you can download the app on phones and tablets. For children who cannot access it at home, there are paper resources that can be sent home when TTRS is given as homework.

Times tables are an important part of our maths curriculum because they are used in so many different areas of maths. Children who know their times tables are often able to grasp other concepts much easier. The National Curriculum states that children should know all times tables (up to 12 x 12) and the related division facts, by the end of Year 4. It is important that children continue to practise in Years 5 and 6, so that they can recall times table facts quickly.

Some children play TTRS regularly, but others have not played for a long time, if at all. We really would encourage all children to make use of this resource as we have had some great success stories in the 2 years we have subscribed. Ideally children should play for 5 minutes every day to embed the times tables facts they practise. We understand that this is not always possible, but little and often will have a greater impact than one long session every few weeks.

After half term we will be getting the children to do a 'Gig' at school. A 'Gig' is an assessment that shows which times tables a child needs to practise and from there they will be put on an appropriate level in 'automatic training mode'. If you're looking for ways to keep your child entertained during half term, then maybe they could play on TTRS to prepare for their 'Gig'?!

To encourage the children to play, we will be running competitions with certificates and prizes up for grabs. The first one of these will coincide with the national TTRS competition, 'England Rocks', that starts on 8th November. We will tell the children more about this after half term.

We have a dedicated twitter page @SppsRock where you can hear about competitions and successes so make sure you follow us!



We have also renewed our subscription to NumBots. This programme focuses on counting, addition and subtraction and really helps children with their 'Magic Maths'. We will not be using it regularly in school, but children can choose to play at home. The website is https://play.numbots.com. Children in Years 3 – 6 use the same login as for TTRS. After half term, children in the infants will be given logins and a letter will be sent home with more details.

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

We hope that your children enjoy playing TTRS and Numbots.

Mrs Page



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

Christmas Cards

Once again we are participating in the 'Christmas Design Project' run by Cauliflower Cards. The project aims to encourage pupils' creativity and design skills whilst also raising funds for our school.

Your child has been creating their Christmas design in class and will bring home their design attached to an order form (before the half term break) to order a range of products.

The Christmas designs can be professionally printed and purchased on a range of products including Cards, Tags, Wrapping Paper, Gift Mugs and Spiral Bound Books.



Orders and payment must be made online using the unique code located at the top of the pupil order form (please note, these are unique so ensure you enter the correct code for each child). Please refer to your order form for further instructions.

All artwork where orders have been placed must be returned to school by Wednesday 3 November

Orders cannot be created without the artwork so please keep it safe over half term and return by the deadline.

Thank you.

The Friends

We're Proud of You!

Well done to Jude, who cut off some of her hair for the charity Little Princess Trust, who make wigs out of real hair for children who have lost theirs through cancer.

Before....

After....





Well done, as well, to Joshua, who has been selected by AFC Wimbledon Football Academy to train with their U9 level.

We look forward to hearing how you get on, and perhaps we will see you playing for England one day!





Anti-Bullying Newsletter #1

21.10.21



Dear parents,

I hope that you and your families are well. It has been so lovely this term to return to a more normal school life and it has been wonderful to see the children being able to mix with peers from different year groups at break and lunch times as this really supports their development of social skills.

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 Aya Bradley in Joshua class and Karam Katmawi-Sabbagh in Tualagi class. The anti-bullying ambassadors and I are looking forward to them joining us at our first anti-bullying meeting coming up later this term. We know that they will be simply brilliant in their new roles.

Our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors:

Year 1: Aya and Karam (pictured here)

Year 2: Olly and Ga-Ul

Year 3: Tom and Maisie

Year 4: Dolcie and Poppy

Year 5: Hugo and Ella

Year 6: India and Lily







This month is Black History month and the theme for this year is 'Proud to be'. The children will be exploring this theme through class activities and assemblies. We will use this special month as an opportunity to share pride in different cultures through stories and explore inspirational lives and accomplishments.

Reception have been looking at how we are all different and unique and what makes each person special in their own way. They looked at each other and discussed how their classes were made up of people with different skin colours, eye colours, hair colours, interests, families, pets, cultures and religions. Then they created some amazing self-portraits to celebrate difference and diversity, which you can see pictured right.





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Below you can see Year 5's incredible 'Proud to be' display inspired by this year's Black History Month theme. They looked at people who are proud to be black or an ethnic minority who have become inspirational figures in society through their incredible achievements, including Mae C. Jemison and Stormzy. The children researched somebody who inspired them and then used their research to create fact files all about their chosen person's background, lives and achievements.









Finally, below is a link to the Anti-Bullying Alliance advice and support for parents section of their website. By following the link, you can find a range of useful pages including 'spotting the signs that my child is being bullied', 'my child has been accused of bullying others' as well as many more.

https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/tools-information/advice-and-support/advice-parents

Kind regards, Miss Gilby PSHE Leader



Display Board of the Week

The children in Joshua class have been talking about 'family' in PHSE this term, and how other children's families might look different to their family.



They drew some amazing portraits of their own family members to live in the lollipop house.

Reminders for Next Week

Monday 1st	Children in, 8.35am
	All parents to return Data Collection Sheet / Consent for use of data
Tuesday 2nd	
Wednesday 3rd	Return artwork for Christmas Card orders by today
Thursday 4th	
Friday 5th	Year 3 trip to Chiltern Open Air Museum

Would you like to be a Parent Governor at Southfield Park Primary School?

We are looking to recruit a new Parent Governor to the Southfield Park Governing Body.

The Governing Body are the strategic leads of our school and have a vital role to play in making sure that every child gets the best possible education. The Governing Body has a strong focus on three core strategic functions:

- * Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;
- * Holding the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils, and the performance management of staff;
- * Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

Please look out for the email that was sent out by the Clerk of Governors and if you have any questions regarding this role, please do get in touch as we would be happy to help.

Bright Sparks

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Well done to our Bright Sparks this week: Rashford Kinsella Poppy-Ife Ajewole Arsh Khandwani Tuilagi Shayla Dacosta Ioshua Zara Marshall Simmonds Frankie Siveter Federer Keyvan Seetaloo Katie Ibbitson Wilmot Daley Krisha Tailor Groves Zahrah Sayaf Kenny Tyara Seetaloo Holland Clara Tapera Peacock Amelia Oakley

********* Absence Line: 01372 847965 Phone: 01372 743104 Fax: 01372 729436 After school clubs staff: 07824988216 E-mail: info@southfield-park.surrey.sch.uk

Anderson

Loojein Shamout

Polly Sawyer After school club: 07921 147335

Ciana Troyano

Hamilton



The Cycle Training Team at Surrey County Council are recruiting for Bikeability Cycling Instructors and we would be very grateful if you could please forward the link below to your parents and carers or add it to your next school newsletter. We hope that with your assistance this may appeal to those looking for a rewarding role. We find that often parents are very



interested in this role even if they are not actually looking at job sites.

Surrey County Council - Job details (surreycc.gov.uk)





The Unknown Warrior and the Khaki Detectives of WW1 Saturday 13 November | I pm to 2.30pm

As the First World War raged, an Army Chaplain found himself at the grave of a soldier: all that was written on the white cross was 'An Unknown British Soldier'. He found himself

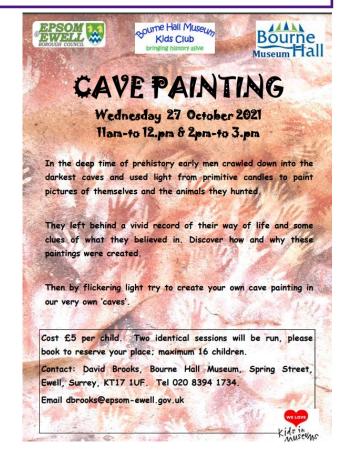


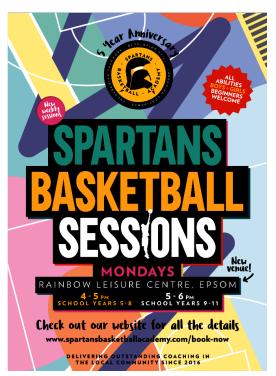
thinking of how many unknown soldiers' graves there were. He thought what could he do to ease the grief of so many families who had lost their man and had no idea of his fate. He came up with the idea to bring a man such as this from his grave, take him back to Britain and there let him represent all those 'Unknowns' allowing the families who had no grave to visit as if it was their own man.

In 1920 he put forward the idea, the King agreed, and the journey began from Flanders to Westminster Abbey. The work of recovering and identifying soldiers from over a hundred years ago still goes on. This is the story of that work, then and now.



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





My name is Wayne Martin and I am a Qualified Teacher, Former GB Athlete and Founder of Spartans Basketball Academy in Kingston upon Thames, est 2016. We are The Premier Basketball Academy for children of all abilities in Kingston delivering outstanding coaching for the local community.

Weekly Sessions

From Monday 8th November we will be delivering weekly sessions at The Rainbow Leisure Centre in Epsom and it would be fantastic if you could promote these sessions to your students with the attached flyer. Spartans also compete in the Surrey League, National League and have Inter Club Tournaments and Camps if any of your students are interested in competing at a higher level.

Rainbow Leisure Centre

Mondays 5-6pm School Years 6-8 (Boys and Girls of all abilities) Mondays 6-7pm School Years 9-11 (Boys and Girls of all abilities) All Spartans Coaches have the following as a minimum:

> Specialist Sport Public Liability Insurance Fully Enhanced DBS Level 2 Basketball England Qualification First Aid Certificate Safeguarding Certificate Double Vaccinations





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Family Learning

We have our last few October workshops with spaces and our November offer listed below. Please do share these links with your families so that they can take advantage of this fantastic free resource. Spaces are limited so do encourage families to sign up early. There is further course information by selecting the links and parents can also visit our website www.surreycc.gov.uk/familylearning for more information.

Maths courses and phonics workshops

Phonics (non EAL) workshop Wednesday 10th November 10.30am-11.30am

Phonics (non EAL) workshop Thursday 11th November 1.30-2.30pm

Family Maths for Key Stage Two 6 week course Thursday 4th November- 9th December 12.00-2.00pm

Parenting Courses

Help your child manage anxiety 3 week course Thursday 7.30-9pm

Explore Behaviour Strategies 2 week course Thursday 25th November-2nd December 7.30-9pm

Understanding Children's Behaviour 5 week course Tuesday 9th November -7th December 7.30-9pm

Understanding Children's Behaviour 5 week course Wednesday 10th November-8th December 1.00-

2.30pm

Understanding Children's Behaviour 5 week course Thursday 11th November -9th December 10-11.30am Understanding Children's Behaviour 5 week course Friday 12th November-10th December 10-11.30am

Courses and workshops for Parents who speak English as an additional language

English Grammar for EAL Families Key Stage 1 6 week course Wednesday 3rd November-8th December 10-11.30am

English for EAL Families 6 week course Wednesday 3rd November-8th December 1.30-2pm

English for EAL Families 6 week course Thursday 4th November-9th December 10-11.30am

English Grammar for EAL Families Key Stage 2 6 week course Thursday 4th November-9th December 1.30-2pm

Applying for a Primary School Place for EAL parents Friday 22nd October

Education in England Workshop for EAL parents Friday 5th November 1-2.30pm

Raising Bilingual Children EAL workshop Friday 12th November 1-2.30pm

Read with your Child for EAL parents workshop Friday 19th November 1-2.30pm

Raising Bilingual Children workshop Friday 26th November 1-2.30pm

Family wellbeing and cookery courses

Yoga for Anxiety 3 week course Tuesday 2nd -15th November 10-11.30am

Family Yoga (with child 5-10 yrs) 3 week course Wednesday 3rd-17th November 4.30-5.30pm

Health and wellness with Avurveda 3 week course Thursday 4th-18th November 10-11.30am

Christmas Cookies and Merry Muffins 2 week course Thursday 18th-25th November 10-11.30am

Storytelling fun and half term activities

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

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

Elmer Storytelling workshop (2-4 yrs) Saturday 20th November 10.30-11.30am

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Gruffalo Storytelling workshop Saturday 27th November 10-11.30am

Kind regards

The Family Learning Team