
Newsletter 04 21/10/2022

Dear Families,

Thank you for all of your support during the first half term of this academic year. It is remarkable how much the children have managed to achieve in just one half-term; we are very proud of their attitude to learning and their curiosity and excitement for all that has been happening around school—and since I last wrote to you, there have been lots of things happening!

Mrs Walker arranged an excellent 'Hello Yellow' day to acknowledge World Mental Health Day, and the sea of yellow really did help to lift the mood around school on what was a rainy and grey day! We talked about resilience and having a growth mindset, and changing our language from: 'I can't do that, it's too hard' to, 'I can't do that yet; mistakes help me to learn.' Our thanks go to Mrs Makhecha who put Southfield Park forward to receive the donation of the Big Life Journals—it has been wonderful to hear the children talking so positively about the books and how they have been using them at home with you.



The Senior Leadership team were lucky enough to watch Phonics (Little Wandle) being taught to children in Reception to Year 2, and had the privilege of reading with some of our children across the school. It was fantastic to get some book recommendations from the children, to see the impact of the phonics scheme on children's automaticity with reading and to continue to encourage and develop a love of books and reading across our school.

In our sporting world, a team of 8 boys and 8 girls from across Years 5 and 6 represented the school at a Cross Country competition, completing a course of 1.4kms along with teams from 11 schools across Epsom and Ewell. Our children showed such a positive attitude, great team work and respectful sportsmanship towards all the other participants. We were very proud of them and were so impressed by how well they all represented the school.



A huge thank you to the admin team who so skilfully juggled photographs and flu vaccinations on the same day. The children all looked super smart, and I know that you will be looking forward to seeing the photos; the Office will send some information home with the children after the half term break just as soon as they are ready to view.

It was wonderful to see so many of you at open classrooms last week. I am sure you were impressed by the quality and quantity of learning that your children had to show you. I do hope you enjoyed your children telling you about what has been going on in their classrooms. For the staff in school, it was lovely to over hear these conversations.

We also welcomed potential new parents at our second prospective parent tour of the year this morning, and it was lovely to see the group of Year 6 children help show them around the school. It is wonderful to see how confidently they manage communicating with a group of unknown adults; they really are such a huge selling point of our school and we have had lots of positive comments from the families visiting us. Thank you, Year 6 and well done!

Last night, we held a curriculum evening for Reception parents, and would like to say thank you to the Reception team for presenting it and to all the parents who came along. It is such a huge step starting school and it is great to be able to share our approaches to teaching and learning with you.

Our Friends have been working incredibly hard this half-term—thank you! Thanks to everyone who attended the AGM last night and to those who have signed up to support at the Christmas Fair so far. The work of the Friends makes a huge difference to all the children in the school.

Notes/reminders

- Monday 31st—send the children in with full PE kit, waterproof and spare socks, ready for Sports Week.
- Year 5 and 6 children, who are walking to and from school alone need to be extra careful if using bikes or scooters – we really want them children to arrive at school or back home without any accidents
- Friday 4th November – Year 4 assembly for parents (9:00am)

We'd like to wish you a relaxing half-term break and we look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday 31st October for a sports-packed Sports week.

Lauren Clogg
Head Teacher

Tweet of the Week

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Despite these difficult times, our community has been so generous in donating items for the Food Bank—thank you!

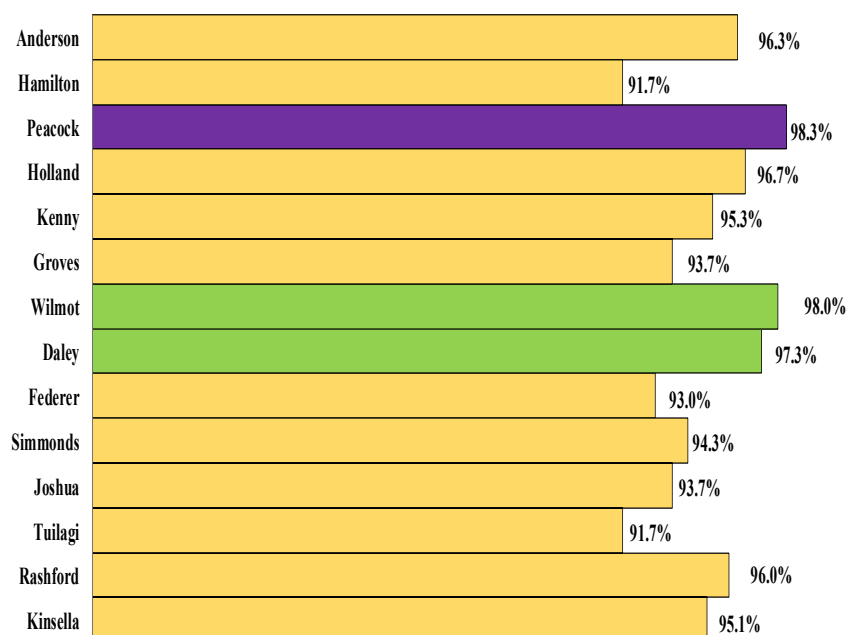


Attendance



Sparky says “well done!” to **Peacock Class**, who had the best attendance this week with **98.3%**, and to **Daley and Wilmot, Classes**, who also had high attendance this week!

Attendance Monday 17th - Friday 21st



Dogs

Every now and then we are asked to remind parents to be thoughtful and considerate when bringing dogs at drop off and pick up time, as not all children and adults love dogs, and not all dogs love anyone other than their own humans.

Please remember:

- Dogs are not allowed on the school site, even if they are being carried in your arms
- If you are tying your dog to the fence while dropping off or picking up, please do so well away from the gates—there is plenty of space elsewhere

A pre-school child was recently snapped at, and caught on the sleeve, by a dog which had been tied up by one of the gates. Luckily there was no damage, and the child was just shocked, but while the child should not have run up to the dog, which could have startled it, the likelihood of this sort of incident happening can be reduced if dogs are tied up away from the main thoroughfares. Thank you!

Access to School Site During the Day

One of our younger pupils had the straps on their helmet, which had been left with their scooter in the bike sheds area, cut during the school day. This is obviously a concern, both as an act of vandalism, and because of the child's safety while going home.

Children are encouraged to walk, scooter or cycle to school, as a way of encouraging healthy habits. But we need to remind parents that the area where the bike sheds are, has to be open all the time for deliveries and emergency vehicles and so cannot be locked. This means that it is accessible to the public during the day, but is not monitored or within view of any council cameras in the car park.

The school doesn't take responsibility for any loss or damage to property while it is left on the site.

Where in the World....

We would like to find out about your child's connections with other countries (or other parts of the UK) and make a display to celebrate the different languages spoken by children in our school. Thank you to all those families that have already completed the questionnaire!

If you haven't yet done so, please help us by clicking on the link below and helping your child to complete it. Thank you!

Look out for our new display, showing you what we have found out!

Please can only one person complete the question for your family.

<https://forms.gle/9EkYCh2dxTmZWpkVA>

Attendance and Punctuality

Punctuality is an important life skill for children to learn and something we value and promote at school. We have established the flexible drop off timings in the morning so that children can arrive at school in the morning between 8.35am and 8.50am; please make sure that they do arrive within this window so that they are ready and settled for learning to begin. Registers will be taken between 8.50am and 9.00am and children arriving after the register has been taken (ie after 9.00am) will be marked as late. If they are more than a few minutes late, then in accordance with the attendance guidance this will be considered as an absence for the whole morning, which can have a significant impact on their overall attendance for the year. Thank you for your understanding and support with this.

Please also remember that term time holiday absence is not permitted and that it will not be authorized except in exceptional circumstances. Holidays cancelled or limited during the Covid pandemic do not constitute an exceptional circumstance.

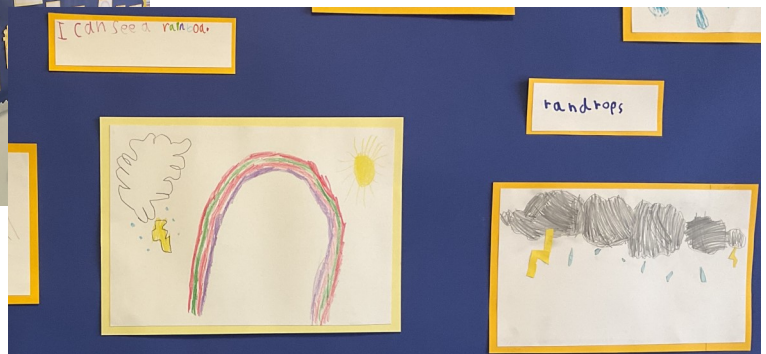
Display Boards of the Week



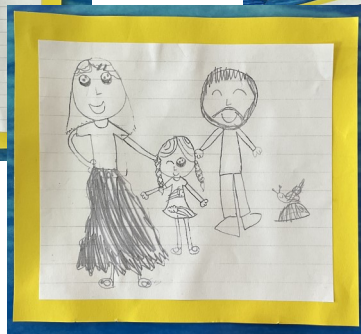
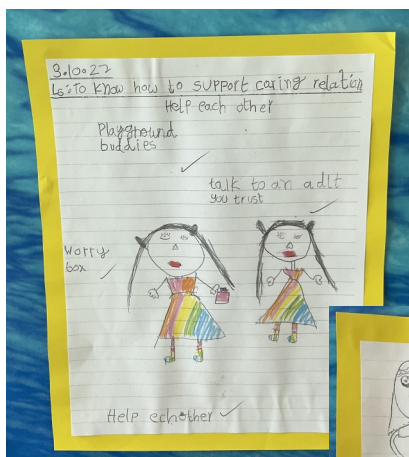
There are some super display boards around the school, showcasing some of the brilliant work the children have been doing.

As part of their geography topic, the Year 1 classes have been looking at the weather, learning about the different seasons, and what types of weather we might get in the UK.

Look at the amazing pictures they have drawn and written about.



In Year 2 the children have been thinking about family and relationships, and how to look after each other. PHSE plays an important role in helping the children understand what a healthy relationship is, and how to look after themselves and others.



Meanwhile, in Reception, the children have been painting some super self portraits, after learning about what makes each of them unique and special.

The children have chosen paint colours that are like their skin, eye colour and hair, and painted some very lifelike pictures—wonderful!

News from the Friends

Christmas Cards and Gifts



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 has hopefully already brought home their design attached to an order form 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 2nd November.

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

Annual General Meeting

We held our AGM last night and there were a few changes to our chairing committee, who are the official trustees of the charity. We would like to thank Katharina Lins, Camilla Ray and Andrea Pitchford for everything they have done through their time on the Charing Group. We are pleased to say that Cam and Andrea will be continuing active members of the Friends committee, and we also thank other members of our team who have joined us recently. Laura Sell and Fiona O'Rooke are joining the chairing group and Lauren Banyard will be continuing to work on the committee, along with Som Nhouyvanisvong. They will also be co-treasurers.

Pre-loved uniform

We will be holding regular sales at least once a term.

If you have an urgent request for pre-loved uniform that can't wait until then, please use our new email address:

friendsuniform@southfield-park.surrey.sch.uk

We are grateful for all donations, but please also remember only to donate items that are in good condition and have been freshly-laundered.

We also still have some coats left over, so please do contact us if you need a coat for your child.



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Dear parents,

I hope that you and your families are well. You may remember from the last anti-bullying newsletter that the ambassadors were busily creating their display board in the hall. It is now complete and pictured below! I am sure you will agree with me that it looks fantastic as well as being very useful and informative for their peers.



At Southfield Park, we are extremely proud of our anti-bullying ambassadors and the ways in which they support their peers. Our anti-bullying ambassadors are passionate to help others and they always do their very best to look out for others. Recently, Year 1 voted for their class anti-bullying ambassador and I am very pleased to introduce you to Emily in Joshua class and Alice in Tualagi class. The anti-bullying ambassadors and I are looking forward to them joining us at our first anti-bullying meeting later this term. We know that they will be superstars in their new roles!

Our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors:

Year 1: Emily and Alice (both pictured right)

Year 2: Aya and Karam

Year 3: Olly and Sophie

Year 4: Tom and Maisie

Year 5: Dolcie and Poppy

Year 6: Hugo and Ella



Kind regards,

Miss Gilby

PSHE and RSE Leader

Reminders for Next Week

Monday 24th to Friday 28th	Half term break
Monday 31st October	<p>Children return at normal registration time.</p> <p>Please can all children return to school with their complete PE kit, and Juniors should return with a refilled pencil case.</p> <p>Sports Week all week.</p> <p>Clubs continue from this week until the last week of term, finishing on Thursday 15th December.</p> <p>Lunch patterns are now set for this half term.</p>

Proposed changes for admission arrangements for Southfield Park Primary School

A consultation is being held on the admission arrangements for Southfield Park Primary School and details of the changes being proposed is now available at <https://www.surreysays.co.uk/csf/copy-of-consultation-on-proposed-changes>.

The consultation covers all the changes that are being proposed for 5 schools, including:

Southfield Park Primary School – extension of the catchment area to include the Parkview estate, as a replacement for priority on the basis of ‘nearest school’ and amendment of the tie breaker within catchment so that children living closer to the school receive higher priority

Stamford Green Primary School – introduction of a catchment area to replace priority on the basis of ‘nearest school’

The consultation will run until **Wednesday 16 November 2022**. Anyone wishing to submit their views should complete an online response form. Alternatively paper response forms are available by telephoning the Surrey Schools and Childcare Service on 0300 200 1004. Please note that only response forms which are fully completed with the respondent's name and address will be accepted.

After the closing date, responses will be collated and presented to Surrey County Council's decision making Cabinet on 31 January 2023. Its decision will then need to be ratified by the full County Council on 7 February 2023. Once determined the final admission arrangements will be placed on Surrey's website at www.surreycc.gov.uk/admissions.

A flyer is attached to the email sending out the newsletter for your information.

Bright Sparks

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★	Tuilagi	Alice and Poppy	Joshua	Emily and Yusef
★	Simmonds	Armin and Ella	Federer	Evalyn and Lily
★	Daley	Freddie and Mia	Wilmot	Arabella and Rosie
★	Groves	Elliott and Millie	Kenny	JJ and Thea
★	Holland	Fatima and Sebastian	Peacock	Ethan and Jake
★	Hamilton	Alisia and Scarlett	Anderson	Emily and Freya

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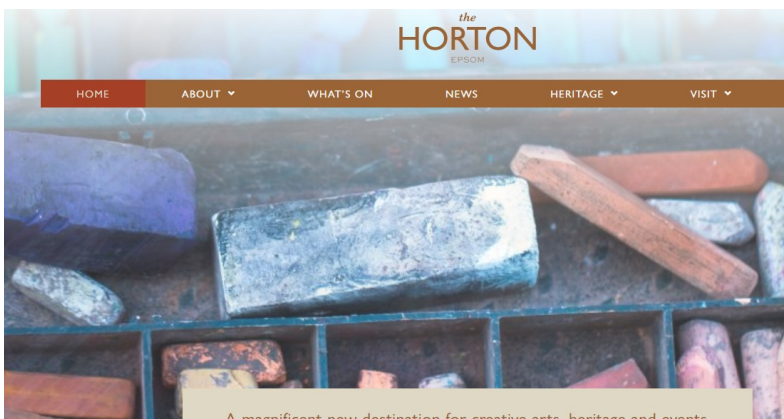


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Cost £5 per child. Two identical sessions will be run, please book to reserve your place; maximum 16 children.

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