

Newsletter 11 09/02/2024

Dear Families,

A huge thank you to all the people who have volunteered to support us with World Book day. We are really looking forward to inviting you in to share stories with the children and find out about the exciting jobs many of you do.

Year 1 and Year 2 had a fantastic time last week planting fruit ready for harvesting later in the year. We are very much looking forward to the fruit smoothies that they will be making. A huge thank you to Jayne at Grow, Cook, Enjoy www.growcookenjoy.co.uk who secured the funding for us. It is really special for the children to be able to follow the growing process from planting, caring, harvesting and enjoying.

Mrs Smith and Miss Foley have been helping coordinate lots of aspects of Mrs Walker's role whilst she has been away from school. I'm sure you will join me in thanking them for doing such a great job. We are looking forward to welcoming Mrs Walker back after the half-term break.

The Year 1 children had a very exciting workshop last week. We were so impressed by the knowledge the children have about Mary Seacole and Florence Nightingale. Well done Year 1 and thanks to the staff team for arranging such an exciting opportunity for the children.

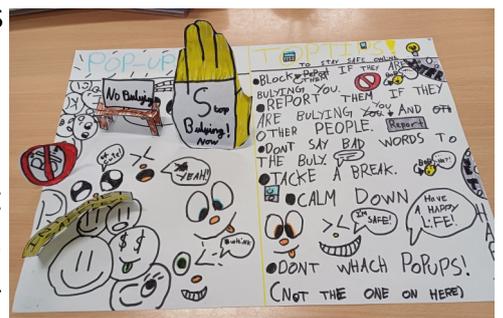


Thank you to the year 3 children who have been helping me with planning more games and ideas for equipment to use in the Key Stage 2 (Years 3-6) lower playground. They have come up with some absolutely fantastic ideas.



Huge congratulations to the Football Team that Mrs Pereira took to the Chelsea Girls tournament this week. They represented the school brilliantly and made us all incredibly proud. Thanks to Mrs Pereira for really helping to champion girls' football in school.

We observed Safer Internet Day this week. It is always really interesting to talk with the children about how they manage themselves online. They are often very insightful and help us to reflect on our own practice. We do hope that those of you that attended the session put on by Eduthing found it valuable. Remember there are lots of helpful resources on <https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>. These can help you to frame a conversation with your child/ren and also help you to be really informed about this really important aspect of safeguarding.



I was really impressed by year 1 and year 2 in assembly this week. We were looking at the book [Kind](#), by Alison Green and Axel Scheffler. The children came up with lots of brilliant ways that we can demonstrate kindness to others. We decided in the end that smiling at someone really helps to make their day and I wandered around afterwards and was greeted by many smiling faces!



Thank you to all of the Year 4 children for inviting their families in this week for a short musical performance. The children really showcased their music learning from the last 6 weeks and took us on a the musical journey of the different parts of a river. Well done Kenny and Groves classes for showing off our new music curriculum in action and for performing confidently to such big audiences.



Congratulations to our 'fantastic flippers' who did an amazing job at our second ever Pancake Race in school this morning. The atmosphere was wonderful. Thank you for joining us and cheering the children on. It was lovely to see so many of you in school. Thank you to the children who valiantly

powered on.

Have a fantastic half term break and we look forward to seeing the children back in school on Tuesday 20th February.

Lauren Clogg
Headteacher



Dates to look out for:

Mon 19.02.24	INSET day (school closed to children)
Thur 22.02.24	World Thinking Day, children in the Guiding and Scouting movements can wear their guiding/scouting uniform instead of school uniform
Fri 01.03.24 9:15am	Y5 Assembly
Thur 07.03.24	World Book Day
Mon 11.03.24 & Tue 12.03.24 P.M	Reception Parent Consultations
Fri 22.03.23 P.M	Easter Disco (arranged by the Friends)
Mon 25.03.24	Reports out to Y1-Y6 parents
Wed 27.03.24 After school – 5pm	Open Classroom and Report Response
Thur 28 th Mar 1:30pm	Break up for Easter (school closes at 1:30pm)

**It's still the season of sniffs
and sneezes....**



We would really appreciate it if every family could bring a box of tissues in, either to the classroom or to the office, at the start of the new half term.

Welcome to the Jungle!

The Y2 Spring term topic in science is 'Living Things' and as a part of this they have been looking at how animals adapt to their habitats, including camouflage and behaviour. Continuing this in art the children have been learning about animal patterns. They started by looking at different animal prints and then drew their favourite designs and then chose one of our designs to transfer onto polystyrene and then print onto paper and fabric. Which animal patterns can you spot?



"I did a snake print! I liked making scales and then rolling the paint on!" Caden

"I made a giraffe print and I thought it looked good!" Matilda

Evie "I chose my favourite patterns which was the zebra and tiger print as I really liked the lines and patterns which they both made. When I drew my final design, I linked both of the zebra and tiger print together."

Harvey "I like drawing my favourite animal patterns onto the polystyrene and then printing it onto the paper and fabric. It was awesome seeing the final print, when I peeled off the polystyrene."



Growing your own healthy smoothie



Year 1 and 2 have been getting their hands dirty this week. We are lucky enough to be working with 'Grow, Cook, Enjoy!' again this year. The infants have been planting raspberries, gooseberries, strawberries and blackcurrants. They will be looking after

them and harvesting in the summer so that they can make fruit smoothies to enjoy. What a great way to learn where food comes from!

Watch this space for news about the Junior 'Grow, Cook, Enjoy' Project which is also starting soon.



Football Action at the Chelsea Foundation Tournament

Well done to the girls from Years 5 and 6 who played their socks off, and had loads of fun!



Here be Dragons!

Y4 have been writing their own adventure stories, based on this term's text 'Darwin's Dragons', and as part of National Storytelling Week the children in Groves have been reading their own stories to children in Reception and Year3.



They have also been celebrating the Chinese New Year—which this year is the Year of the Dragon—with some super decorations around the classroom. It looks so bright and colourful!



3, 2, 1... Lift Off!

As part of their 'To Infinity and Beyond' topic in Art this term, the children in Reception have not only been creating some wonderful space rockets, but some fantastic planets and moons to visit in them. This is such a colourful display—where would you explore in space?



Update on Batik in Y6



In the last newsletter you saw how Y6 have been learning about the processes involved in batik. They explored different resist techniques first, and then created a pattern using one of them, before developing ideas for their own patterns and experimenting with the batik process on different cloths.



The patterns are fantastic and with the use of resist techniques they show up really well against the ink. What do you think of them?

We're looking forward to seeing their final pieces of work in a few weeks.



Our Blue Planet...



Y3 have been making sea creatures out of mod roc as part of their 'Blue Planet' topic; there have been turtles hammerhead sharks and jellyfish swimming around the classrooms!



There's even been a penguin relaxing on its iceberg.



We're proud of you!

Well done to Arabella and Nathan who recently competed in the Pentathlon GB National Schools Biathlon, representing Southfield Park.

They did a 25m swim and a 400m run, and although they are still waiting for the results to come through they both did very well!!





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News from the Friends

SAVE THE DATES

HAND IN BOOKS

19 FEB - 1 MAR

EASTER DISCO TICKETS GO ON SALE

26 FEB

WBD BOOK SWAP

7 MARCH

EASTER DISCO

22 MARCH

SUMMER FAIR

15 JUNE

... And THANK YOU to all of those who were able to support us with our Doughnut Sale this afternoon. Hope the yummy treats were enjoyed by all!

Have an enjoyable half-term break!! 😊

Jobs for the half term break

Please remember to check the contents of **PE kits**, and ensure that suitable clothes are included for outside PE during the winter months, and that everything is labelled, including normal school uniform.

EQUIPMENT NEEDED FOR JUNIORS

Please ensure that everything is named and replenished each term



Juniors need to have a **pencil kit** in school every day, which should include the items shown in the picture to the left.

School meal patterns can change for the start of the half term. Please email Mrs Catling as soon as possible on: sarah.catling@southfield-park.surrey.sch.uk

Clubs continue the first week back after the half term break, and carry on until the last week of term. As we break up on Thursday 28th March at 1.30pm, the last clubs run on Wednesday 27th March.

A **named water bottle** needs to come to school every day, with fresh water in them. They can be refilled by the children at the sinks in each classroom

SHINE

Well done to the children who received a SHINE certificate:

Kinsella	George and James	Rashford	Naitik and Zakariyya
Tuilagi	Hailey and Hugo	Joshua	Esma and Mia
Federer	Harvey and Marco	Simmonds	Mina and Zayne
Daley	Emilia and Zakaria	Wilmot	Manaal and Millie
Groves	Ellie and Lilly	Kenny	Rosie and Sophia
Holland	Ektoras and Thea	Peacock	Amaya and Raza
Hamilton	Ella and Holly	Anderson	Harriet and Riley

Phone: 01372 743104 (select option 1 for absences and option 2 for the office)

E-mail: info@southfield-park.surrey.sch.uk
 Polly Sawyer After school club: 07921 147335



Volunteers Needed

Do you have parental experience? Could you spare 2-4 hours a week to help a local family in need? Our home visiting volunteers work alongside families to give compassionate and confidential support, tailored to each family. Full training and expert ongoing support given.

Courses starting throughout Surrey in Spring 2024, contact us today to register your interest.

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volunteers@homestartsurrey.org



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Vernon House,
28 West Street,
Farnham, GU9 7DR
Registered charity no. 1154913 Company limited by guarantee no. 8619881

Mindworks
Surrey

Support poster

Emotional & mental health crisis line for children, young people and parents.
Free to call and open 24/7.
Call: 0800 915 4644

Neurodevelopmental helpline for parents of children with ADHD and/or ASD. Open 5pm to 11pm every day.
Call: 0300 222 5755

Scan me for other helpful support



Scan me to visit My Safety Plan



Mindworks website
www.mindworks-surrey.org



T L G make lunch

Pull up a seat, you are welcome!

Where?

St Barnabas Church, Epsom
Temple Road, KT19 8HA

When?

Tuesdays and Thursdays during
half terms and school holidays.
11:30am-1:15pm.

Check out the QR-Code or
www.st-barnabas-epsom.org.uk
for more info

What?

Our free sessions help you to answer the 2 big questions most kids have during the holidays: “What are we going to do today?” and “What’s for lunch?”

At your local **Make Lunch Club** you’ll get to meet a friendly team of volunteers, who make sure that there’s plenty of food and fun activities to go around.



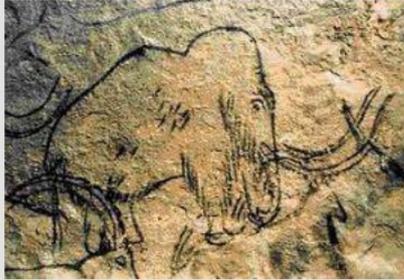
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CAVE PAINTING

Thursday 15 February

11am-12pm & 2pm-3pm

Bourne Hall Museum
Kids Club
bringing history alive



In the deep time of prehistory early men crawled down into the darkest caves and used light from primitive candles to paint pictures of themselves and the animals they hunted.

They left behind a vivid record of their way of life and some clues of what they believed in. Discover how and why these paintings were created.

Then by flickering light try to create your own cave painting in our very own 'caves'

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

Contact: David Brooks, Bourne Hall Museum, Spring Street, Ewell, Surrey, KT17 1UF. Tel 020 8394 1734.

Email dbrooks@epsom-ewell.gov.uk

Myths, gods and monsters

Saturday March 9

1pm to 2.30pm

Bourne Hall Museum
Kids Club
bringing history alive



Think myths, gods and monsters are things of the past? Learn how they pop up everywhere from brand names to days of the week. We look at cosmic turtles, the Norse gods, and the Odyssey, with storytelling and poems from all over the world. You can take part in the popular World Cup of Mythological Monsters, and choose the victor of several rounds of monster fights. It's a fun way to learn about the origins and evolution of legendary dragons, yetis, gorgons, the sphinx, the minotaur and the bunyip, a creature originally from Australian Aboriginal mythology but now part of Australian culture.

£5 per child. Contact:
David Brooks, Bourne Hall Museum,
Spring Street, Ewell, Surrey KT17 1UF
Tel 020 8394 1734.
Email

dbrooks@epsom-ewell.gov.uk



Ewell Library Children's Book Festival week

Join us at Ewell Library from Tuesday 13 February to Saturday 17 February, for a week of author events for this exciting children's book festival with a variety of authors for all ages!

All tickets cost £4.

For more information and to book your place, please select an event:

[Animal stories with Holly Webb](#) on Tuesday 13 February at 10.30am

[A Swift Return with Fiona Barker](#) Wednesday 14 February at 2pm

[A journey through the world of Serendib with Nizrana Farook](#) on Thursday 15 February at 1pm

[Treasure Storytime with Lesley Crowther-Smith](#) on Friday 16 February at 11am

[Musical Storytime with SP K-Mushambi](#) on Saturday 17 February at 10am

[Denny's Books](#) in Thames Dittons will be supporting with Booksales.

[Book tickets here:](#)

[Ewell Library Children's Book Festival Week | Eventbrite](#)



World Thinking Day is a celebration of ten million girls worldwide that has taken place on every 22 February since 1926. It remains a day for all Guides and Girl Scouts to think of each other and celebrate their sisters all around the world.

If you are a Rainbow, Brownie, Guide or Ranger your school has kindly said that to celebrate World Thinking Day you can wear your Girlguiding uniform to school on Thursday 22 February!

If you are interested in Girlguiding in Epsom please visit our website: www.girlguidingepsom.org.uk



Workshops

YMCA East Surrey's Community Wellbeing Team invites you to attend our free online workshops for parents/carers:

- ▶ Talking to your child and supporting them to cope with worries
- ▶ Understanding, expressing and managing emotions

These workshops are suitable for parents/carers with children aged 8+. Our Community Wellbeing team will provide you with information and key strategies to support your child. There will also be time for you to ask any questions that you have via the online chat function.

For dates and times and to book your place, please visit our website: www.ymcaeast Surrey.org.uk/parent-workshops/



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Here for communities
Here for you



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Talking to your child and supporting them to cope with worries

- ▶ Wednesday 14 February 2024 | 18:30-19:30
- ▶ Wednesday 17 April 2024 | 18:30-19:30
- ▶ Wednesday 12 June 2024 | 18:30-19:30
- ▶ Wednesday 18 September 2024 | 18:30-19:30
- ▶ Wednesday 13 November 2024 | 18:30-19:30

Book your free place for Talking to your child and supporting them to cope with worries

Understanding, expressing and managing emotions

- ▶ Wednesday 13 March 2024 | 18:30-19:30
- ▶ Wednesday 15 May 2024 | 18:30-19:30
- ▶ Wednesday 17 July 2024 | 18:30-19:30
- ▶ Wednesday 16 October 2024 | 18:30-19:30

Book your free place for Understanding, expressing and managing emotions

If you have any questions about these events, please email us at communitywellbeingteam@ymcaeast Surrey.org.uk

Supporting your child with the transition from Primary to Secondary school

Join YMCA East Surrey's Community Wellbeing Team for these informative and supportive online workshops about the transition from Primary to Secondary school and how you can support your child.

There will be an opportunity for discussion and questions. These workshops are suitable for parents and carers with children in school Years 5-7.

- ▶ Wednesday 1 May 2024 | 18:30 - 19:30
- ▶ Wednesday 5 June 2024 | 18:30 - 19:30
- ▶ Wednesday 3 July 2024 | 18:30 - 19:30

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Surrey Family Learning offer **FREE** courses and workshops to help you create a better family life.

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Courses available

- **Parenting** Help understand your children and teenagers' behaviour, anxiety and mental health.
- **English as an Additional Language** Support for you and your child with English and how education in England works.
- **Maths** Learn about methods used in schools today.
- **Literacy** Learn about how English is taught in schools today.
- **Cookery** Be inspired and cook healthy family dishes together.



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