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## Newsletter 14 28/03/2024

Dear Families,

It has been an incredibly busy spring term with lots of things going on in school. Trips, assemblies, World Book day and lots of growing for our growing project. We have also started lots of new curriculum units with all of the children studying new books in English and learning in different ways during maths lessons. We have focused on the use of talk in lessons and the children have tried out different models for talk including the onion!

A huge thank to the Friends and the team of volunteers who supported at the Easter Disco last week. The DJ had the children up and dancing the whole time and lots of fun was had. Thank you for supporting these events when you can – the children had a great time!

Last week Yellow House were announced as this term's house cup winners. It was right down to the last week and due to the many acts of kindness that children in Yellow House were spotted carrying out they were victorious! A huge thank you to the House Captains who diligently count the house tokens every week and keep us all up to date with each house's progress. The children from Yellow House voted and they chose a movie afternoon for their reward. It was fantastic to see the children coming together to celebrate.



Thank you to all the families who have responded to acknowledge receipt of your reports. Please click on the link in the body of the email and it will take you to the Google form. It was lovely for me to hear from the children in the playground on Tuesday how proud they were of what they have achieved so far this year. Another thank you for coming to Open Classrooms and report response on Wednesday evening. The children are so delighted to be able to show off their learning to you.

Our wonderful Glee Club performed at the Epsom Playhouse music festival on Tuesday and Wednesday evening. I was lucky enough to get a ticket for Tuesday evening and Southfield Park opened the show in brilliant style. They not only sang and danced beautifully, but they also worked so well as a team. Thanks Glee Club (and Miss Foley, Mrs Florence and Miss David) you were fabulous.



Wednesday afternoon saw much excitement for Phase 3 as the children were auditioning for the summer production. It was a pleasure to see how supportive the children were towards one another. Parents of phase 3 children are in for a treat in the summer if the standards of the auditions is anything to go by.

Today we say farewell to Miss Valbuena and wish her luck with her next adventure.

Wishing you a relaxing Easter break with hope that the weather improves. We look forward to seeing all the children back in school on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April at the normal start time.

Lauren Clogg

Headteacher

### Dates to look out for:

Date	Time	Event
Mon 15.04.24	First day of summer term all children in	
W/C Mon 22.04.24	Inclusion week (no dressing up)	
Fri 26.04.24	9:15am	Y4 Assembly
Fri 03.05.24	9:15am	Y1 Assembly
Mon 06.05.24	Bank Holiday – school closed	
Mon 13.05.24-Fri 16.05.24	08:15	SATs breakfast for year 6 children
Mon 13.05.24-Fri 16.05.24	KS2 SATs window	
Fri 17.05.23	KS1 Sports Day (AM)	
Tue 21.05.23	Class Photographs	
Thur 23.05.24	3:30pm	Year 5 PGL meeting
Fri 24.05.24	Normal time	Break up for half term
<b>Half term – 27<sup>th</sup> May-31<sup>st</sup> May</b>		
Wed 05.06.24	World Environment Day (wear something green)	
Thur 06.06.24	P.M	Open Classrooms (all)
Fri 07.06.24	KS2 Sports Day (Harriers)	
Mon 10.6.24	Rashford Class Farm visit	
Wed 12.06.24	Kinsella Class Farm Visit	
Fri 14.06.24	9:15am	Y3 Assembly
Mon 17.06.24-Fri 21.06.24	All Day	L2 Bikeability (Y6)
Mon 17.06.24-Fri 21.06.24	Y5 to Liddington (PGL)	Y5 to Liddington (PGL)

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W/C Mon 24.06.24	Arts Week	
Thur 27.06.24	7:00pm	Y3 Sleepover
Fri 28.06.24	1pm	Y3 dismissed
Mon 01.07.24	15:00-18:30 16:00-18:00	Y1-6 Parent Consultations (no clubs in Hall or Music Room)
Tues 02.07.24	15:00-18:30 16:00-18:00	Y1 -6 Parent Consultations (no clubs in Hall or Music Room)
Mon 08.07.24	09:15am	Y2 & Y3 Summer Singalong (Year 2 Parents watch)
Tue 09.07.24	09:15am	Y2 & Y3 Summer Singalong (Year 3 Parents watch)
Wed 10.07.24	09:15am	YR & Y1 Summer Singalong (Year 1 Parents watch)
Thur 11.07.24	09:15am	YR & Y1 Summer Singalong (Year R Parents watch)
Thur 11.07.24	6:00pm	New Reception Parents' information session
Fri 12.07.24	INSET day – school closed to children	
Tue 16.07.24	6:00pm	Phase 3 performance
Wed 17.07.24	Reception reports out to parents	
Wed 17.07.24	6:00pm	Phase 3 performance
Thur 18.07.24	9:00am	Reception sports day
Fri 19.07.24	A.M	Move Up morning
Fri 19.07.24	A.M	New Reception Stay and Play session
Mon 22.07.24	5:00pm-7:00pm	Y6 leavers' party
Tue 23.07.24	11:30am	Year 6 leavers' assembly (Y6 children dismissed after assembly)
Tue 23.07.24	1:30pm	Break up for summer holidays

Click on the link to read Family First:

<https://familyfirst.co.uk/magazines/family-first-issue-2-2024/>

## Well Done!

Nathan and Arabella both went through to the Pentathlon GB National Schools Biathlon Final which was held in Bath last weekend, once again doing a 25m swim and a 400m run.

They both performed well and beat their own previous times.





## SOUTHFIELD PARK NEWS

By I sabelle

### A ROARING REPTILE VISIT

On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March, Tom's Talking Reptiles came to Southfield Park School and brought new animals so that the children could see them and hold them.

As the children entered the room, it was filled with excitement. Tom happily introduced himself and explained the rules on what to do when around his exotic animals.



(Child holding geko)

Before long, Tom carefully lifted the first animal out of its box. Tom told the children lots of interesting facts about the animals. The first exciting animal was

a stick insect, she could camouflage in the trees and looked very similar to a stick. There was also a millipede called Millie. She had so many legs it felt like a toothbrush! Explained a child.

Once the minibeasts were safely back in their boxes, Tom took a heavy and dilapidated tortoise called Harry out of a clear plastic box. The children were not allowed to hold Harry but were allowed to stroke him. Mrs Kirk explained, the visit really brought our learning to life!

Later on, a geko called Jumping Jack came out of the box. A lot of the

children held Jack, most of the children thought Jack was the best. He was sticky and was good at jumping.

Finally, there were snakes, they were all very long and felt a little slimy. All of the children had the opportunity to hold the first snake but only four brave people could go to the front and have a snake curl around their neck.

Before long Tom and his animals left they said a big thank you for sharing amazing facts and for such an excellent experience to remember.

Read All About it..... Read All About it..... Read All  
Rampaging Reptiles Running Riot (in year 4)

## SOUTHFIELD PARK NEWS

By Mia

### Real Roaring Reptiles Rampage In School

On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March Tom's Talking Reptiles visited Southfield Park Primary School and they brought reptiles for year 4 to discover and feel an amazing experience.

As soon as the students entered and sat down, Tom began to explain his rules about the students' exotic animals. He explained how to be kind and careful around them.

He first introduced us to them to his minibeasts. The first one they met was the stick insect Pixie and Tom told



This is a child holding a geko.

them how she could camouflage. After, they made contact with a millipede named Milly who felt like armour and she had an accident on an innocent pupil.

Within minutes it was time to

see Harry the tortoise. He had no teeth but harshly kicked his legs out. As Harry was going round Tom told the pupils that the animal with the most teeth is a snail with 14,000 teeth. Harry had no body under his shell, just organs.

Eventually they saw a geko/dragon crawl on their hands and jump on them. He was called Jumping Jack. They all adored him.

Finally, they met the royal python Shay. She was heavy, beautiful and gold. "I adored the python because it hissed at me!" exclaimed Sophie a pupil. Some students got another snake around their neck!

Elsie a student reported she loved the visit so much she'll

have it for her birthday.

After the visit the students thanked Tom for the unforgettable memories. They all desperately wanted the reptiles to come again and definitely would recommend the visit.



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# News from the Friends

## Easter Disco

Thank you again to everyone who was able to attend the disco, especially our parent volunteers. And a massive thank you to Miss Clogg for staying late to enable the disco to happen, even with a migraine!



## Bag2School



We have our next Bag2School collection on **Thursday 18 April** so if you are doing a sort out this holiday, please bag up any eligible items and bring to school. Your child should hopefully have brought home a clear bag provided by Bag2School, with a flyer. However any bag is accepted.



## PRE-LOVED UNIFORM SALE

We are hoping to hold a pre-loved uniform sale after school on **17 April** (the first Wednesday back from the holidays).

If you have any decent items to donate, please leave them in the school office reception area ahead of the sale.

All items are £1, apart from white items which are 50p.

## Summer Fair



A reminder that the Summer Fair is on **Saturday 15 June**. We really hope you and your family will be able to join us for a fun day, in the sunshine (hopefully).

We have booked an external company who will be bringing something new and different to the fair this year!



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## SHINE

Well done to the children who received a SHINE certificate:			
Kinsella	Emily and Jasper	Rashford	Annabell and Jaxon
Tuilagi	Elizabeth and Yien	Joshua	Esma and Isla
Federer	Eesha and Kamarli	Simmonds	Matilda and Poppy-Ifé
Daley	Amy and Shayla	Wilmot	Jonathan and Zara
Groves	Digby and Emilia	Kenny	Bella and Leo
Holland	Harley and Penny	Peacock	Charlie and Nikki
Hamilton	Khushi and Libby	Anderson	Amelie, Harriet and Kayla

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*All Saints*  
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Good Friday - 29th March

## Easter workshop

10am-12pm

Age 4 - 11, £4 per child

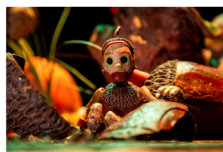
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crafts home.

followed by

## Family Reflection

12.15pm - 12.45pm

the  
**HORTON**  
ARTS CAFE HERITAGE



### **Breathe - Children's Theatre Show**

Saturday 30th March

Breathe explores the inner workings of trees, all beautifully realised through puppetry, beautiful sets, and live camera work. Underscored with unique blend of drum & bass and live ethereal folk songs.

Ages 5+ | Family Ticket £48\*

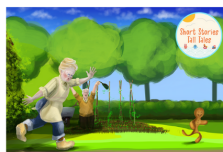


### **Film - The Song of the Sea**

Thursday 4th April, 11.30am

Beautifully crafted animation from Irish studio Cartoon Saloon draws on Irish folklore. Discover what happens in Ben's family when he realises his sister is a mythical creature – a sea-dwelling Selkie.

Ages 6+ | 93 minutes plus interval | Tickets £5\*



### **Short Stories Tall Tales - The Gingerbread Man**

Friday 5th April, 1:30pm

Immerse your little ones' imagination through live performance, interactive role-play, props, music and creative drama.

Ages 0-5 | Parent and child ticket £12.50\*



### **Film - The Red Turtle**

Friday 12th April, 2pm

Prepare to be swept away with exquisite scenes of the remote island and the powerful storytelling. From the iconic Japanese Studio Ghibli of *My Neighbour Totoro* and *Spirited Away* fame.

Ages 8+ | 80 minutes plus interval | Tickets £5\*

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\*A £2 booking fee applies per ticket when booking online and in person. The booking fee covers costs charged to the charity for the booking system and payment processing.