

Newsletter 13 15/03/2024

Dear Families,

I was lucky enough to visit the Year 4 dance club auditions on Monday last week. It was great to see such enthusiasm and a supportive group of children working together. We are in for a treat in June when the children will perform at the Dance Festival at Epsom Playhouse.

Miss Foley is running Glee club on a Friday after school and I know the children are incredibly excited to be performing at Epsom Playhouse before the Easter Break. I haven't yet seen what they are doing, so I am especially looking forward to seeing them when they are up on the stage.

Our Year 4 children were fantastic during their bikeability training last week. The children left their bikes outside my office each day and I overheard such positive encouragement for each other.

Mrs Smith and I have been popping into classrooms over these last few weeks. We have seen some really exciting things happening.

Reception absolutely wowed us with their magnificent writing about Mermaids and Pirates. The children were describing what these characters looked like from pictures and were doing such a great job.

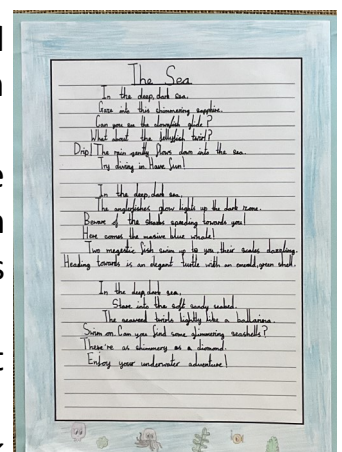
Year 1 were having some interesting conversations about what was the same and different about the animals they were looking at – we agreed that crocodiles and sharks both have sharp teeth but only alligators spend time out of the water.

I had a lovely time with year 2 trying to identify what a super zoomed in picture was showing us. We guessed slug, hippo, the inside of an elephant's trunk, statue, turtle until we finally found out it was a dog.

Year 3 were writing poetry about different habitats. They were focusing on the use of figurative language – speak to your children about the difference between similes and metaphors and what does onomatopoeia mean?

Year 4 have been doing lots of exciting things with tasting of different foods. I have overheard some really interesting description.

In year 5, I enjoyed listening into the discussions about which book character they would like to invite to their dinner party. There were lots of interesting choices and the children really thought carefully about which would be a good match or not.



Year 6 have been flying through their maths learning and speaking with ever increasing confidence about the how and the why when discussing outcomes.

We had a wonderful time celebrating World Book Day in school last week. A special mention goes to the parents who gave up their time to come in and support in some way – thank you. Also, a huge thank you for the book donations. We thoroughly enjoyed abandoning our learning and getting the chance to drop everything and read throughout the day. Thanks to the families who were able to join us to look at our Fairy Tale doors after school on Friday too!



It was lovely to see so many of you at Reception Parent Consultations at the start of this week. It is great for us to be able to share with you how far your children have come since the start of the year. Thank you for all of your support helping your children to settle in. We know what a huge step starting school is.

Wishing you a lovely weekend – here's hoping spring has sprung!

Lauren Clogg

Headteacher

Attendance

Every term we have a visit from the Inclusion Team who work with families to improve attendance. Prosecution regarding attendance really is the last resort now. This week's visit was really positive and we were able to celebrate superb attendance for the vast majority of our children.

It is important that we continue to maximise attendance so that the impact of absence on children's learning and well-being is as small as possible. When children have a broken pattern of attendance, it can make it difficult to get back into a regular routine. Our aim at Southfield Park is to work with families that are struggling with attendance. If you need advice and support or are finding it difficult to get your child in to school, we are here to help. Please talk to the class teachers and you are very welcome to contact me through the school office or by emailing: Sally.smith@southfield-park.surrey.sch.uk

The Government counts children who have an absence rate that is below 90% as persistently absent. This is the equivalent of having half a day of absence a week. We have 64 children who are currently falling into this category which is just above the National and Surrey average. We'd like to see all of our children coming out of this category. Remember that we will always contact you if your child is in school and we are concerned about them.

Obviously, there are times when a child needs to be off school and it can be difficult to make those early morning decisions. This link might help: [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/when-should-i-call-the-doctor/). If your child is off school because they are unwell, please ring the school office each morning (tel: 01372 743104, option 1).

Thank you for helping us to keep our attendance levels high and prioritising your children's education.

Mrs Smith

Dates to look out for:

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 (Except for Peacock class – 15 th April)
Thur 28 th Mar 1:30pm	Break up for Easter (school closes at 1:30pm)

Data Protection

We have appointed an external Data Protection Officer (DPO) to oversee the School's compliance with data protection. Their assistance will help us meet our obligations and they will be the first point of contact for any help you require.

Please see below their contact details should you have any data protection related queries as well as an overview of their duties and responsibilities.

Contact Details

You can contact the DPO on the details below: -

DPO: [Judicium Consulting Limited](#)

Address: [72 Cannon Street, London, EC4N 6AE](#)

Email: dataservices@judicium.com

Web: www.judiciumeducation.co.uk

Telephone: [0203 326 9174](tel:02033269174)

Duties and Responsibilities

Judicium's role includes the following: -

- Informing and advising the School in regard to obligations to comply with the UK GDPR and other data protection laws;
- To assist in complying with data protection;
- To advise on all data protection related matters that may come up in the course of your day-to-day work; and
- To act as the main contact point for the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and with other individuals.

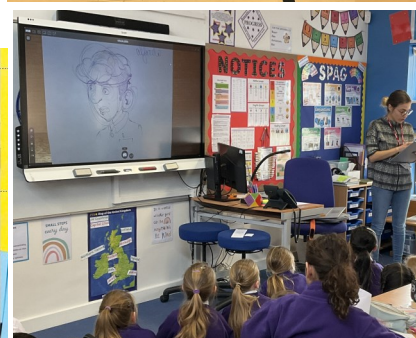
They will audit the School annually to ensure we meet compliance.

If you have any questions about data protection or Freedom of Information, please contact them on the details above.

If you would like further information on how we use your data, please see our privacy notice which can be found on our website.



World Book Day Fun!



Did you unmask the Readers?





Spot the Fairy Tale Door.....
Which is your favourite?



Southfield Park Creative Arts Week



We are pleased to announce that **during the week beginning 24th June**, our school will be hosting a Creative Arts Week. This week-long event aims to foster creativity and will be a chance for us to explore the Arts in many forms, including theatre, drama, art, textiles, printing, music, opera, creative writing, dance and photography. There are many exciting experiences in the planning stages.

We are hoping to provide you with lots of opportunities to get involved that week. Why not pop in to see a workshop or come to a mini-performance? We will also be asking for volunteers to help for trips, events and workshops. Please put the week in your diary and we will be in touch with more details nearer the time.



We are also reaching out to our community to see if anyone works in the creative arts field and would be interested in contributing to our event by leading a workshop or giving a talk to groups of children. We'd love to welcome parents, grandparents, auntie, uncles, and friends in to share their

expertise and passion for the arts to really enrich the experience for our pupils. If you or someone you know works in any area of the creative arts and would be willing to volunteer some time to lead a workshop or give a talk during Creative Arts Week, we would love to hear from you. Workshops/talks can range from



hands-on activities, demonstrations, discussions, performances, or any other engaging format that would inspire and educate our children. The duration of each session can be flexible based on your availability and preference.



If you are interested or have any questions, please contact me by popping into the office or by emailing sally.smith@southfield-park.surrey.sch.uk



Please put the week in your diary and we will be in touch with more details for each year group nearer the time.

Mrs Smith





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1110233

friends@southfield-park.surrey.sch.uk

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and enter the code

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www.stikins.co.uk

And use the code 36381

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<http://bit.ly/STAMPKT198TF>

News from the Friends



Easter Disco

A reminder that the Easter Disco is next Friday (22 March). We have three sessions:

1. Phase 1 (YR and Y1): 16:45—17:45
2. Phase 2 (Y2 and Y3): 18:00—19:00
3. Phase 3 (Y4, Y5 and Y6): 19:15—20:15.

Children will need to be signed in and out from the disco.

Drop off and sign in will be near the office entrance (exact location will be weather dependant). There will be class signs up indicating where the sign in sheet for your child's class is.

Collection and sign out will be through the hall exit closest to the bike shed. Please be on time as there is a short turnaround time between the various discos.

Please ensure all children bring their named water bottle with them to the disco.

Phase 3 Waiting List

Good news! All children currently on the Phase 3 waiting list WILL be able to join us at the disco. An email will be sent out with details on how to pay for your ticket.

The waiting list is now closed though.

Volunteers

Thank you to everyone who has signed up as a volunteer for the disco through PTA Events—the event cannot run without your help.

Please keep an eye on your emails later today as additional information will be emailed out to all volunteers.

Questions

As always, if you have any questions please email the friends at friends@southfield-park.surrey.sch.uk

About us

Epsom & Ewell Safer Neighbourhood Policing Team provides community engagement, targeted foot patrols and collaborate problem solving to tackle the issues that cause the greatest harm in our communities.

The team is made up of Sergeants, Police Officers and PCSOs, led by the Borough Commander with further support from other teams.

"Creating a Safer
Epsom & Ewell"

 **CRIMESTOPPERS**
0800 555 111

Meet The Team



I am Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) Dublin-Cumberbatch. I have served Epsom & Ewell for three and half years and have worked in the Longmead area for the majority of the time. I enjoy serving my community and helping others. I am very passionate about engaging with young people and want to encourage them to be good citizens.

Current Trends

We have seen an increase in the number of children and young people wearing balaclavas and hoodies. Wearing balaclavas is closely linked to criminality and is not suitable for your children to wear. As a result, if seen in a balaclava your children may be subject to a Police Stop and Search.

This is intimidating for members of the public and has negative connotations associated with it. Open conversations with young people about the consequences of wearing balaclavas are a great way to discourage their use.



If you've witnessed or been the victim of crime, please us contact via:

 Website: www.surrey.police.uk  101 or 999 in an emergency

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Anti-social Behaviour (ASB)



ASB is any aggressive, intimidating or destructive actions which causes alarm and distress to someone's quality of life. This includes wearing balaclavas and criminal offences such as damaging property, graffiti, taking drugs, rowdy and threatening behaviour.

We have had reports of school children causing disruption in groups around Epsom Town Centre after school times. This behaviour is not tolerated and will be dealt with robustly by the police.

Events



MEET THE BEAT

Location
Ashley Centre Ashley
Road Epsom KT18 5AB

DATE
Tuesday
12 March 2024
Time: 3-5pm

PCSO Dublin-Cumberbatch and PCSO Wells will be available to answer questions and help with Crime Prevention advice.

If you've witnessed or been the victim of crime, please us contact via:

 Website: www.surrey.police.uk  101 or 999 in an emergency

Changing your child's meal patterns

School dinners: remember that the children can only change their meal patterns for the start of a new half term, so please email Mrs Catling on sarah.catling@southfield-park.surrey.sch.uk as soon as possible if a pattern is changing for after the Easter break

The 3 week rotating menu will be different for the summer term, so please have a look at the Spring/Summer Menu which was also attached to the email with the newsletter before deciding on whether your child will be having a school dinner or a packed lunch from home.

Remember that although it is a 3 week menu, the meal pattern must be the same for each week.

Children in Reception are given option 1, unless they have a special dietary requirement.

In Years 1-6 children with a special dietary requirement will be given a suitable meal from options 1 or 2. Everyone else is offered option 1 or 3, which is generally pasta or a jacket potato. Only a certain amount of option 3 is available, and Jackie puts out sufficient to make sure that both Infants and Juniors are able to choose it if they wish. It is available on a 'first come, first served' basis, but the year groups come into lunch on a rotating basis, and so will be able to make a choice of meal at some point.



Look at our brand new keyboards being used for the first time!

Thank you to the Friends!

SHINE

Well done to the children who received a SHINE certificate:

Kinsella	Arthur and Penelope	Rashford	Ishetha and Marcus
Tuilagi	Erin and Max	Joshua	Lola and Oscar
Federer	Amber and Aoife	Simmonds	Emily and Serene
Daley	Amelia and Ved	Wilmot	Noah and Victor
Groves	Leo and Shino	Kenny	Eva and Roman
Holland	Lara and Macie	Peacock	Anjni and Lola
Hamilton	Harvey and Rundong	Anderson	Jacob and Tyara

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



Free activity sessions

**For 7-11 year olds
Local to you, after Easter
Sign-up from 1st March onwards**

**Book your place
- scan the code**



- Join with friends!
- Dance, Girls Touch Rugby, Judo, Tennis, Boccia
- Friendly, supportive coaches
- Everyone's a beginner
- Make new mates local to you

"It's fun, its free and there's loads and loads of activities you can do" - Lara

"We were blown away with the games and what was available" - Parent



Book now



Get your kids active with FREE local activities this Spring!

Do you know about the FREE, FUN and LOCAL weekly activities on offer for kids and teenagers in Surrey?

You can [search by town or postcode](#) to see what's on offer near you.

The 6-8 weeks of activity training kick off across 9 of Surrey's boroughs and districts (excluding Tandridge and Surrey Heath) after Easter.

All the coaches have been handpicked to be friendly and supportive - the emphasis is on having fun and taking part. There's SO MUCH on offer for 7-16 year olds, including:

- Dance
- Judo
- Girls' Touch Rugby
- Boxing
- The Run, Ride, Row Challenge
- Boccia (a type of seated bowls accessible to all)
- Street Basketball

Families LOVE the Specsavers Surrey Youth Games:

"My daughter absolutely LOVED every week from the first time." - Parent

"My son looked forward to attending every session." - Parent

"The other kids are all really nice. I've made friends I didn't know before." - Charlie, 12

"9 out of 10 children who took part in the Specsavers Surrey Youth Games last year said they were happier for doing so and their confidence had been boosted", according to Lil Duggan, MD of Active Surrey.

She added, "Daily physical activity is vital for children's happiness and physical and mental health. The cost-of-living crisis has exacerbated the challenges faced by Surrey's children, making it even more crucial for families to have access to free, fun and local activities."

Registration for the FREE, FUN & LOCAL activity training is open now!

Places are limited so BOOK NOW to avoid disappointment.

To sign your child up, visit the Active Surrey website at <https://bit.ly/30FQlbH>

Or use your phone to scan this code:



**COME JOIN OUR
EASTER EGG
TRAIL**

**at Rosebery Park
on Saturday 23rd March 10am - 1pm**

**FOR UNDER 12S
CHILDREN MUST BE SUPERVISED AT ALL TIMES**

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<https://www.jumblebee.co.uk/eastereggtrailatroseberypark>
OR YOU CAN TURN UP ON THE DAY
SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY

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to support
Age Concern Epsom & Ewell.
A local charity helping our
older community to feel
less alone.
Registered Charity 1139652*

Upcoming Easter Egg Trail in Rosebery Park, Epsom

We are delighted to announce that our Easter Egg Trail returns this year in Rosebery Park on Saturday 23rd March, from 10am - 1pm. Under 12s are invited to find the clues hidden around the park to reveal a mystery prize.

This fun activity is a fundraising event for local independent charity, Age Concern Epsom & Ewell, who provide services for our older generations such as Information and Advice, Befriending, Social Support, IT Group & Volunteering.

In addition to our Easter activities we invite those attending to have a conversation about the work we do. Along the route there will be fun and informative visuals, pitched for younger children to understand. Our aim is to encourage positive messages around supporting our older generations.

The Worst Jobs at Sea

April 13 1pm to 2.30pm



Discover the worst jobs at sea, including the roles of the Scrubber, the Cook, the Powder Monkey and the Surgeon. Can you escape to become a Navigator? We look at the equipment they used, as well as the Boatswain and Carpenter. We have objects for each and willing volunteers can demonstrate each job. We go aboard the *Nonsuch* galleon. She was built by Queen Mary in 1555 as the *Philip and Mary*, renamed *Nonpareil* in 1584, and commanded by Sir Francis Drake in 1588. In June 1602 the English fleet with the *Nonpareil* defeated a Spanish galley fleet, taking a ship loaded with treasure valued at over a million ducats. In 1603 she was renamed *Nonsuch*, rebuilt as a great ship of 454 tons carrying 32 guns.

£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

**Bourne Hall Museum
Kids Club**
bringing history alive

Epsom and Ewell history talk on WW2

Wednesday 3 April 11am to 12.30pm

The Borough suffered heavily in World War 2 and from 1940 to 1944, 890 alerts were sounded, 384 people were injured by enemy action and 33 killed. There were more than 200 incidents with 12,234 houses slightly damaged, 413 devastated and 192 destroyed, while thousands of incendiary and anti-personnel bombs were dropped with 440 high explosives, 64 oil and 30 flying bombs falling on the Borough.



£5 per person Contact: David Brooks, Bourne Hall Museum,
Spring Street, Ewell, Surrey KT17 1UF Tel 020 8394 1734.
Email dbrooks@epsom-ewell.gov.uk

Easter walks and talks

Ewell History walks April 4 10am to 12pm
and April 10 1pm to 3pm

Peel back time and discover Ewell's hidden past and unseen history with a guided walk around the village. A settlement since pre-historic times, Ewell has a rich history concealed beneath the modern village.

Visit Bourne Hall's sacred lake where Bronze, Iron Age and Roman folk made offerings to ancient gods. Tread in the footsteps of the Romans on Stane Street and hear about their sacred shafts. Discover the village's Saxon cemetery and its lost church. Relive the terror of exploding gunpowder mills and hear the area's connections with Saxon Kings, Queen Elizabeth I and William IV. Meet at the entrance to Bourne Hall

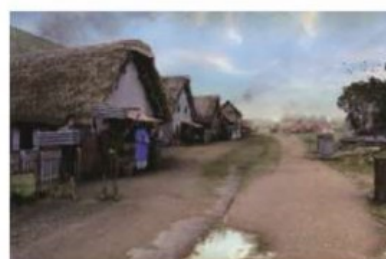


£5 per person. Limited to 20 persons
Contact: David Brooks, Bourne Hall Museum, Spring Street, Ewell, Surrey KT17 1UF Tel
020 8394 1734.
Email dbrooks@epsom-ewell.gov.uk

Roman Ewell History talk

Thursday 11 April 2pm to 3.30pm

The Romans are coming, building that newfangled thing called a road through the area, and changing a way of life forever. Discover what life was like in Roman Ewell, find out. Discover how people learnt to live with Roman power as a small native village became a busy roadside town. Learn how the building of a road brought a new world of ideas, food, pottery, trade, and strangers to the area and gave locals a chance to see the world. Learn something of their beliefs. Hear tales of the Roman underworld, sacred springs and sacrifices sealing deep sacred shafts full of gifts to the gods. Learn about what was uncovered during a recent dig, even more strange than earlier discoveries!



£5 per person Contact: David Brooks, Bourne Hall Museum,
Spring Street, Ewell, Surrey KT17 1UF Tel 020 8394 1734.
Email dbrooks@epsom-ewell.gov.uk

Epsom Social

FOOD HALL

EAT. DRINK. CHILL.

EASTER FRIDAY

Kids workshop

Friday, 29th March



JOIN US FOR A VERY SPECIAL EASTER FAMILY EVENT

11:00AM - 1:00PM EASTER BASKET CRAFTS

Let your little one's creativity bloom as they create & decorate their Easter Baskets.

Kids will also have the chance to decorate and colour eggs for our egg and spoon race, we've heard adding lightning bolts makes them go faster!

1:00PM - 2:00PM EASTER EGG TREASURE HUNT

With a map in hand your littles will set off on an exploration of Epsom Social looking for eggs! They will have to use their map to locate the treasure boxed and collect the eggs.

2:00M - 3:00PM EGG AND SPOON RACE

Get ready for the ES egg and spoon race.

A race that's all about skill, balance, and a whole lot of giggles! So, get ready to hop, skip, and jump your way to victory in this egg-cellent challenge!

Let the games begin!

