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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 26th January 2018

Inspiring All

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'Knowing when to STOP is almost as critical as knowing how to START'. – Twyla Sharp

CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS

An amazing well done to our Footballers who played valiantly on Tuesday at home against Southfield Park School. It was a closely fought match with an unfortunate goal being conceded towards the end leaving a final result of 3-2 to Southfield Park. A great effort was put in by all involved and superb sportsmanship.



We do enjoy celebrating the successes of all our pupils. Many of our pupils attend extra-curricular activities e.g. swimming lessons, dance classes, football, judo, instrumental lessons etc. outside of school and we would love to hear how they are getting on. We currently have quite a bit of space on our achievements display board which would be ideal to fill with swimming badges; competition certificates; music or dance exam certificates and the like. If your child has an achievement to recognise please do send them into school with it so that their class teacher can take a photo and copy for us to display.

CONGRATULATIONS

Many congratulations to the McMullon family on the arrival of baby Toby. Oscar will make an excellent big brother!

MATHS PARENTAL WORKSHOP

Thank you to all those parents who attended our Maths Mastery workshop evening to discuss and find out about some of the changes we have made to how we deliver maths across the school. These changes have been made in line with the needs of the National Curriculum and to improve outcomes and lifelong success in maths for all our learners. **If you were unable to attend the meeting, the relevant presentations and resources are now available on our school website.**

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Well done to:

Sun: Ezra, Marena

Moon: Albie, Cole

Star: Jamie, Mollie

Eclipse: Dennis, Lewis, Alex

Solar: Lola, Noah

Comet: Yasmine, Dulcie-Lea

Apollo: Lexie, Toni

Voyager: June, Jess

FAMILY COUNCIL

Our next Family Council meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday 31st January at 2.30pm**. All parents are invited to come along to the hall and have coffee with the Co-Headteachers and there will be an opportunity to discuss any questions or concerns with regards to school attainment and achievement data.



E-SAFETY

Safer Internet Day has the theme this year of 'Create, Connect & Share Respect: A better Internet starts with you' and is later in the half term. We will be running two e-safety workshops for parents to help support your children in staying safe online. One will be on **Tuesday 6th February at 2.30pm** or the other will be on **Wednesday 7th February at 8.45am**. Please do attend the one most convenient for you.

LIBRARY BOOK REQUEST

A plea has been made to see if anyone has any of the 'Tom Gates' or 'Harry Potter' series of books in their collections at home, that may no longer have need for them. The school library would love to receive donations of these so that more of our children could borrow and enjoy them.

ATTENDANCE

Our weekly attendance figures are listed here.

Week beginning 22nd January:

Sun Class	94.80%
Moon Class	87.73%
Star Class	95.33%
Eclipse Class	93.60%
Solar Class	94.58%
Comet Class	98.89%
Apollo Class	97.50%
Voyager Class	92.67%

POLITE REQUEST

Many of the trips and events we have planned for this term and residentials for this academic year, to enrich the learning in school, have outstanding payments to be made. Please may we remind all parents to check they are up to date. Please do not hesitate to contact us, if you wish to discuss support with this.

HALL HIRE

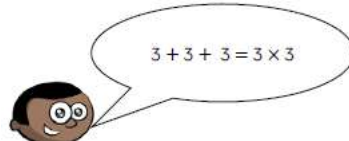
Our hall is available for hire over the weekend. It makes a great venue for parties from £12 per hour plus a £6 insurance charge. There is a minimum hire of 3 hours, for example a half hour set up, 2-hour party and half hour clear up. Please contact Mrs Potter if you are interested.

HOW TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILDREN AT HOME

TIMES TABLES

Please keep practising! Try timing yourself with 10 random x table questions from the x table you are learning. Then try doing the same thing again and see if you can beat your time!

MATHS PROBLEM OF THE WEEK



Is he correct? Explain why.
Draw an image to help you.

Use <, > or = to make the statements correct.

$$3 \times 5 \quad \underline{\quad} \quad 5 + 5 + 5 + 5$$
$$2 \times 2 \quad \underline{\quad} \quad 2 + 2$$
$$4 + 4 + 4 \quad \underline{\quad} \quad 2 \times 2$$

Think of a multiplication sentence to complete:
 $6 + 6 + 6 > \underline{\quad} \times \underline{\quad}$

SPELLING STRATEGY

Use sayings to help with tricky letters.



or.....1 Coffee – 2 Sugars!

Can you make a saying up for the spelling:
accomodation?

LETTERS THIS WEEK

Parentmail

Hardcopy

Bourne Hall activities
PTA Disco



COMMUNITY NEWS

Friday 2nd February

Surrey Mental Health Conference

This day will include speakers from Surrey County Council and CAMHs. Please do see the flyer for additional detail about topics, location and timings.

Thursday 15th February

Epsom & Ewell's Rainbow Group – A group for children from 0-5yrs with additional needs will be held at St Martin's Sure Start Children's Centre. Please see the attached flyer along with the current timetable of other services and groups provided by the centre.

March	Evening for Y2 and Y6 parents	
Tuesday 27 th March/Wednesday 28 th March	Epsom & Ewell Music Festival for Infant Choir	Evening
Thursday 29 th March	End of Term	1.30pm
SUMMER TERM		
Monday 16 th April	Start of Summer term	8.30-8.50am
Monday 28 th May – Friday 1 st June	HALF TERM	1 week
Friday 29 th June (additional date)	INSET: no school for children	Day
Friday 20 th July	End of Term	1.30pm

WRIGGLES & GIGGLES

Each Tuesday our local 'stay and play' community group meet in our school hall from 9.30am to 11.45am. It is a popular group for parents and carers for babies to pre-schoolers and open to everyone. For a small fee of just £2 for children aged over 1, £1 for children under 1 and siblings, visitors have a range of toys and activities on offer. Please spread the word and come along.

Cathy Browne and Sarah Leyland
Co-Headteachers

JANUARY 2018		
Wednesday 31 st January	Family Council	2.30pm
Friday 2 nd February	PTA Infant/Junior DISCO	TBC
Wednesday 7 th February	Woodland Tree Planting for Y4,5 and 6	Morning
12 th – 16 th February	HALF TERM	1 week
Friday 2 nd March	World Book Day	Day
Monday 5 th March	Junior Citizen for Y5 & 6	Day
Tuesday 13 th March	Pedals for Y2	Morning
Wednesday 14 th March	Parents Consultations	Afternoon/Evening
Tuesday 20 th	SATs Information	6pm

