



## Partnership and Parking (2)

### PFOS (Parents and Friends of School)

The AGM was held this morning. *We were delighted to hear that PFOS have raised £6713.63 in the past year!* Huge thanks go to the committee and all those who supported each event.

Special thanks go to Mrs Sarah Aspland, who after 8 years of being chair of PFOS, has now resigned as chair, since both her children have left Holy Trinity. Mrs Aspland has given an extraordinary amount of time and effort behind the scenes, to enable funds to be raised for every child's benefit. We are very grateful for all the work she has done, and been such good fun to work with! Huge thanks to the treasurers, Mrs Novelle and Mrs Jones, who are continuing in their role, and to our new joint chair persons Mrs Leah, and vice chair, Miss Smith, who have been involved with PFOS for a few years now. Thank you so much!

This week PFOS handed over £4000 to the school, which is used for special events in each year group and to reduce the costs of trips for every year group, so every child really does benefit.

One of the events in the year was the Easter disco. The disco raised £727.82. We were very grateful to Bonnie Juett, mum of Sienna in year 4, who was able to get match funding for this from the company that she worked for. If anyone

else is able to do this with their company, please do let us know. It is a great opportunity. Future PFOS Dates for your diary: October cake sale -19th October after school; Christmas disco NOW 30th November; Christmas Gift day is the same day as Christmas dinner day -Tuesday 19th December. Thank you PFOS!

### Parents' meetings in September 2017

Huge thanks to those who came to the parents' meetings this year. The aims were to inform parents regarding certain very important things about our school (e.g. how we deal with bullying) and for parents to be in their child's classroom, hearing about the curriculum.

The role of the governors was one of the things explained, and there were governors present each day. They had two key questions: How is your child settling in to their new year group and is there any further information we can share that is helpful.

Overall, feedback was that the children are happy and settling in well, which is great news. Questions from parents seemed to fall in to four categories: academic progress, supervision, school organisation and general. *Below are the rest of the questions asked. Feel free to ask more.*

**Academic progress, School organisation and Supervision** - These questions were answered last week.

### General

***How are rooms allocated on school journey for Year 6?***

At Mill Rythe, Hayling Island, which is the venue of the residential, the children sleep in rooms of 4.

The children are asked to write down who they would like to share the room with. Staff try to accommodate the children and their friendship groups where possible. However, there are sometimes reasons why certain children should not be together and this is also taken in to account. It can take staff several hours to work out the room allocations so that they are in every child's best interests.

### ***Should there be a school choir?***

Yes—there is one that meets every Thursday afternoon. Please see the office staff if you'd like more information.

### ***Why don't children in Year 6 use pens?***

At key stage 2 there is a great emphasis on proof-reading and editing work, every day. Due to that, it is easier to use pencil.

The next meeting for parents will be in November. On the following dates parents/carers will be able to meet with teachers individually to discuss their children's progress. Year 3 and 4 Monday 6th November from 1.30—6.55pm and Wednesday 8th November from 3.30pm—5.45pm.

Year 5 and 6 will be Tuesday 7th November from 1.30-6.55pm and then Wednesday afternoon from 3.30pm—5.45pm.

### **New focuses on the school development plan**

Last week we published the annual report from the governors on the last academic year. With the newsletter we are attaching the targets for this year. This is the very short version of the school development plan. The targets come straight from Ofsted criteria,

## Golden Book

**Year 3:** Max Brain, Kayla Hoedoafia, Richard Kingsley for brilliant spelling home learning using their growth mindset. Millie McFarnon, Barinda Rana and Max Spillane for excellent Maths home learning using their growth mindset and Isla Quarrington for using her growth mindset. Ruby Guainere and Sweatha Surendran for reading 7 x this week.

**Year 4:** Isla McDermott for showing great progress in writing and Abigail Taylor and Georgia Jones for excellent research in DT. Abigail Taylor, Darcy Whaley, Samuel Wenham, Alfie Brady, Ruou Carroll-Ito and Hadi Hussain for a fantastic digestive system model.

**Year 5:** Janna Imo and Imasha Werakkody for clearly spending a lot of time on their homework. Katie Bartram for writing a really nice diary extract for her homework and Bruklin Velia for trying really hard with his work. Aimee-Louise Causon for using her growth mindset and showing great resilience in maths. Olive Fairclough and Jaiden Man for their creative and colourful pollination cartoons and Nicole Choong for her resilience in English. Maison Ducasse for his beautiful handwriting and Nicky Giddings for his fantastic imaginative story about a 'venomous viper'.

All of School Council for making boxes for the Children in Need appeal to collect old £1 coins.

### **Well Done Everyone!**

#### **Quiet area**

We are reinstating the gazebo as being a quiet area during play and lunch times. To support this if anyone has rubiks cubes, top trump cards, or suitable children's magazines that could be donated, please give them to the office staff. Thank you.

**Photos—please return your photo orders to the school office by Friday 13th October if you are paying by cash**

### **Thinking Board**

#### **Reflective question:**

Last weeks questions. How can I say things that encourage? Keep on trying, you should never give up. Eleanor Spruce

If I borrow £1000,000 am I a millionaire? No because it is not your money. Attalia Spruce Mystery pic was a blueberry, correct guesses from:-Alessandro Y5, Jenny Y5, Brooke B Y4 Rosie Jean Y4

Next weeks questions

1. How can I be kind when I have been hurt?
2. Can you have a friend you don't like?
3. If you could change one rule that your family have, what would it be?
4. Mystery pic.

## Other news...

aiming to be outstanding and focus on how these targets should manifest for the children—Excellent Progress, Engagement, Enjoyment and Empathy. In the next few weeks we will be launching our new school website and these focuses on Excellence will be key features. More detail of the SDP will also be on the new website for those who might like to read the detail. Thank you for your co-operation and support.

### Spruce class assembly

Today Spruce class took us on a journey through their learning so far this year. They showed us all they're wonderful technical English work with prepositional phrases and expanded nouns. Then they delved into how their bodies work and the digestive system. Finally they talked about their R.E. learning and drawing comparisons between Jewish and Christian festivals. Well done Spruce!

**Tissues and glue** Please can all children bring their own named glue stick to school and a box of tissues. Many thanks for your help. It would be a big help to the stock and budget, benefitting everyone. Thank you.

**Swimming**—Oak class are still in need of helpers to walk to Westcroft on Tuesdays at 2pm. Please let the office know if you can help.

### Projects

Year 6 will be handing in their science projects next Friday. There will be an opportunity for parents to come in and have a look at their children's work on Monday 16th October from 3.25 - 3.45p.m.

### Parking Concerns

Parking issues have once again become a concern. When there are problems, residents tend to come in to school to complain to the school staff. The issue is of concern to school staff, but we are unable to solve it. It takes everyone to act reasonably and responsibly. To try to find a long term solution, there will be a meeting with the police, Sutton council, the residents and a staff member from Wallington Boys Grammar and Beddington Infants. I would also like concerned parents to be involved. If any parents would like to be part of this group to discuss possible solutions to the problems of parking, in particular in Stannet Way, please let the school office know. The meeting is on the 31st October from 3pm—4.15pm.

### Holy Trinity Church will be holding a special 150th anniversary service on Sunday 15th October at 10.30a.m.

This is a very special event for the school and the community. The choir will be singing. Because of this special event, Year 5, who study the Victorian period, hope to visit the church and explore the Victorian heritage of the church.

Whilst it would be great to invite everyone to the service, we would like the invitation to be focused on the families of the children in year 5 and those of the families of the choir, who are taking part. Leaflets have gone home with those children.

The choir's song will be early in the service and then all the children will leave the service during the talk for special activities in the hall. Afterward there will be a BBQ, traditional church fete games, a quiz, treasure hunt and live music. They are planning to release 150 balloons and hope to have some classic cars on show. There will be no charge for anything. It sounds like a great event.



**Please note that our last day of term is Wednesday, 20th December at 1pm and not 21st as previously informed**

### Inset days for 17-18

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Oct

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2018

Friday 25th May 2018

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2018

### Class assemblies this term:

**Chestnut 13th October**

**Elm 10th November**

**Holly 17th November**

**Oak 1st December**

**Pine 15th December**

**Class assemblies are from 10.50a.m.—11.10a.m. and parents are welcome.**

**Year 5 will lead a Remembrance service on Friday the 10th November in Holy Trinity church at 10a.m. (This will involve only Year 5 and their families)**

**Year 3 will lead the Christmas service in Holy Trinity church on Monday the 18th of December at 2p.m.**

**In Church** - You are welcome to attend the services in Holy Trinity, St Patrick's or Springfield church on a Sunday morning—all of which start at 10.30a.m. and St Patrick's also have a family service at 4pm

## Reminders

**Lateness in the morning and at pick-up** Every minute of the day is carefully planned to maximise learning opportunities. Please make sure that children arrive at school on time. There are children who are also persistently late being picked up. Parents will now be sent a warning letter if their child is collected after 3.45pm. After three warning letters, reminding of the system, a fine of £5 will be charged to parents on ParentPay. This will offset staff supervision costs.

**LOST PROPERTY** Please name all of your children's belongings and come in and look for items your child has lost before or after school—located in the corridor outside Elm class

**Illness:** Please remember that if children are ill with sickness or diarrhoea they must not return to school until 48 hours after ceasing to have these symptoms. We are also reminding children about the importance of hand washing. Thank you for your co-operation.

**IMPORTANT:** medicines must not be sent into school with children under any circumstances. If your child needs to take medicine during the day, please bring it to the office with a completed medicine form. This form can be downloaded from our website or obtained from the office.

**NUTS**—please note that nuts should not be sent in to school under any circumstances since we have children who are very sensitive to them and can have severe allergic reactions. **Healthy snacks**—please can children bring only fruit for snacks at play time. Thank you.

### Newsletters

The newsletter comes out every Friday and will go on the school website for you to look at. All copies of letters also go on the website.

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***NB Dogs must not be brought on to the school site***