



Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear all who are associated with Sunnydown,

I genuinely do not know where the past week has gone. What I am pleased to report though, is I am ever grateful that the world is made up of wonderful people.

During a training cycle on the weekend, I stopped and talked with a family who had some paving tiles at the front of their house. When I explained that I was preparing for a cycle ride to raise money for Sunnydown, and that we do landscaping projects, the family donated the spare pavers to us. This random donation saved us approximately £300 and will be put to good use.

The roof materials have arrived for the outdoor chess set, and with a good run of weather the last of the stepping stones to the BBQ hut should be set in place soon.

Regarding the Gibb Challenge ([www.thegibbchallenge.com.au/](http://www.thegibbchallenge.com.au/)) cycle ride, I can confirm that a Just Giving page will be set up, including the Sunnydown Down Under Logo and shared with families and businesses. **100% of the money donated goes directly to the Friends of Sunnydown** which is then invested in your son. So, as I cycle 660km across the Kimberley region of Western Australia, please do dig deep to raise money for the Friends of Sunnydown.



Many thanks are extended to Helen Gower who has supported the process of finalising the details of the winning entry for the logo. It is intended that this logo will feature on some clothing and advertising as we work towards securing a corporate sponsor for future Gibb Challenges.

I have often reflected on, and sought your collective support in addressing and modifying behaviours which cause concern in this newsletter. It has been shared with me that there remains some online communications and interactions which are less than appropriate among various groups. We regularly remind students that their behaviours have consequences. Your ongoing support in reminding your sons of this fact is appreciated, and will only help them develop into the wonderful young men I am confident they can become.

Thank you for supporting a calm response to the coronavirus situation. We continue to follow Public Health England advice and will keep you as up to date as we can via ParentMail, should any substantial changes be imposed or suggested.

The advice for Education settings was updated on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March, with two points summarised below.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

Currently, even if a case is suspected in an educational setting, the advice clearly states ‘there is no need to close the setting or send other learners or staff home.’

Further, if there is a confirmed case, a risk assessment will be undertaken by the educational establishment with advice from the local Health Protection Team. **In most cases, closure of the childcare or education setting will be unnecessary** but this will be a local decision based on various factors such as establishment size and pupil mixing.

We will continue to monitor this advice and the impact it may have on any school trips and activities. It is important that we all expect further updates.

### **New Website and Facebook Page**

We are working towards launching our new school website in the coming weeks. We hope this will enhance the experience of those visiting the site and make navigating and finding the information you need even easier.

Sunnydown has also created a Facebook page that will be linked to the school website. This will mostly be used for our work in the community and all key messages will still be posted on our school website. If you would like to view and like our new Facebook page, the link is:

<https://www.facebook.com/SunnydownSchool/>

### **Golf Day**

We have unfortunately had a few teams decide that attending the golf day is now not possible due to current events. Sadly, this reduction in numbers would impact on the wonderful day we had planned for our guests. With this in mind, the reduction in teams has meant that we are not meeting the threshold to carry on with the event, and as such we must cancel. We will certainly update you on future event dates.

### **Boarding News**

It's been a busy week in boarding as usual. We have been to see Sonic the Hedgehog at the cinema - the boys had a lovely time. We have played gym games, cooking, biking, music, sport, life skills, DT and ICT. We also had a visit on Monday from the Police Community Officers who came for tea and a chat with the boys.

Just a reminder that it is an Inset Day on Friday so there won't be any boarding on Thursday night. Have a lovely weekend.

**The Care Team**



## 100% Attendance

Congratulations to 10C, 9M and 8P for achieving 100% attendance for w/e 6<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

## Friends of Sunnydown

We held a FoS Committee meeting last night. It was good to report that the quiz night raised £720 towards your son's new minibus and other projects.

But to help towards all the goals we have for all the boys, we need your assistance simply by showing your support towards the Race Night scheduled for 24<sup>th</sup> April. Please read the details and donate through the attached flyer. Pupils will be shown how a Race Night works during tutor time on Monday. We have approximately 30 horses left to sell.

**Lesley Anderson**  
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## Forthcoming Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	Inset Day – <b>Golf Day CANCELLED</b>
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	Careers Evening (5.00pm – 7.00pm)
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> April 2020	Race Night at Sunnydown
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> May 2020	Music Festival at Sunnydown (Gibb Cycle Challenge)
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2020	Family camping event at Sunnydown
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2020	Weekend Working Bee (10.30am – 1.30pm)
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June 2020	Year 11 Graduation
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> June 2020	Year 11 Barcelona Trip departs (returns 19 <sup>th</sup> June)
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> June 2020	Years 7 – 10 Cross Curriculum Week
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June 2020	Inset Day (School Development Planning)
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> June 2020	Barn Dance at Sunnydown (TBC)
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> July 2020	Weekend Working Bee (10.30am – 1.30pm)
<b><u>Trips Next Week</u></b>	
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	Year 11 ASDAN Geocache (10.15am-11.35am)
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	Year 10 ASDAN Geocache (9.15am-10.15am)

## Thought for the Week – Managing time – why is it important?

Time management is not just an essential skill to use during revision and exams, it's a great life skill as well! Not sure where to start? Find out top tips to improve your time management.

## Word of the Week

**Ethos (noun)** – please see end of newsletter (w/c 16<sup>th</sup> March 2020).

**Mrs Palmer**



## Artist of the Week

The recipient of Artist of the Week, awarded by Mrs Ogle is Kal-El Harris (9M). Last week's winner was Adi Dasbiswas (10C).

## Chef of the Week

The recipient of Chef of the Week, awarded by Mrs Hull is Harvey Moore (10C).

## Scientist of the Week

The recipient of Scientist of the Week, awarded by Mr Cybuch is Varen Estwick (7D) for Resilience.

## Science guess the picture competition

Picture of the week is shown below. Last entry's answer was a fossilised ammonite.

This is a picture taken with a microscope of a virus attacking a cell



**Mr Cybuch**

## House Points

A certificate of achievement from Mrs Persaud for learning to spell the Sunnydown words correctly goes to:

Miles Eliatamby                  All 200 Sunnydown words

Certificates and prizes for earning house points this week go to:

Ryan Gellett	50 House Points	Tomas Bodkin	150 House Points
Callum Lagan	50 House Points	Joshua Tucker	200 House Points
Max Mahboobani	50 House Points	George Hodgson	300 House Points
George Whatling	50 House Points	Callum Holloway	450 House Points
Kal-El Harris	100 House Points	Kyle Robinson	850 House Points



The weekly top scorers are also detailed below:

KS3	Burntwood	George Hodgson
	Buxton	Daniel Linney
	Portley	Henry Hilton
	Whyteleaf	Alfred Delaney
KS4	Burntwood	Declan Giddings, Oscar Robson, Monty Rose, Lewis Turner, Ben Watts
	Buxton	Marcus Thomas
	Portley	Kyle Robinson
	Whyteleaf	Callum Holloway, Morgan Reene

Yours sincerely

Paul Jensen  
Headteacher

### Word of the week w/c 16<sup>th</sup> March 2020

## ethos

noun

- The character or fundamental values of a community, group or person

e.g. The ethos at Sunnydown School is supportive and nurturing.

