

SUNNYDOWN SCHOOL

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Dear all who are associated with Sunnydown,

At a thorough Governors meeting on Thursday evening, one topic was the introduction of animals and animal care to Sunnydown. Having explained the benefits of having animals, Phase A - Chickens - was unanimously agreed. The Weekend Working Bee on Saturday 25th September will allow for the final stages of preparation so we can welcome some feathered friends to the school site imminently.

Governors were also excited about the prospect of goats (and wallabies?) but these will be later Phases of our project. The reassurance that I gave Governors was that the welfare of the animals cannot be compromised. However, we cannot safeguard against every eventuality and I do have to remind all readers that we live in a fox neighbourhood. The presence of foxes alone can cause stress in animals, so we will start small, monitor the situation, and develop the plan over time.

The introduction of animals was a direct response to listening to and hearing the voices of the young men. A survey was undertaken during Summer, and welcoming animals featured as the highest priority. Other areas that will continue to be explored in coming months include a raised forest walkway with possible raised platforms or tree house like structures (quotes have already started coming in) and the restoration / building of the war bunker. None of this happens overnight, but I can reassure all young men and families that we will work hard to continue to enhance our already exceptional Sunnydown experience, knowing what will have greatest impact on the boys and of most interest to them.

Part of what makes us so special is the extensive support we provide to your sons to meet high expectations regarding behaviour, communication, completing tasks in lessons, handing in homework and the wearing of uniforms. On occasions your son may not meet these expectations. When this does happen, the situation is addressed responsibly, maturely and professionally so that the young men learn from the experience, can develop a sense of responsibility for their part in the situation and improve in the future. This process however can be a cycle and does take time. Thank you for working with the incredible staff team as we support your sons through their Sunnydown journey.

I look forward to seeing some families on Wednesday evening (6.30pm - 8.30pm) at the Westway Common where a celebration and thank you has been organised for everyone who has supported the Caterham vaccination effort. During lockdown, one of our chefs baked cakes on a daily basis and we delivered them to the Westway volunteers but also local nursing homes. The burger van will be at Westway handing out burgers to volunteers. The Friends of Sunnydown will be around in the evening as well as this was scheduled to be their meeting night.

Should you be interested in helping at the weekend working bee (Saturday 25th September, 10.30am - 12.30pm followed by lunch), please register using office@sunnydown.surrey.sch.uk. Be sure to include how many people are

coming so we have enough lunch for you all.

School Lunches

From September 2021, we are moving to a register system on ParentMail which will show you your exact balance at any given time. If your son has a school lunch, he will be recorded on the system's register and the balance on your account will be deducted with £2.40 for that day. With this new system, you will be able to monitor your school lunch balance more accurately. Also, if your balance falls below a certain point, you will be sent a reminder to top up your account. To access this part of ParentMail, you just need to click on **Accounts** in the left hand menu. This will show your current balance. I will be inputting all of the current balances onto the ParentMail account next week.

I was unable to follow up payments for the Summer Term, so if you still have a balance outstanding from then, I will be in contact separately to advise how to settle this amount. If you are in credit from the Summer Term, this will be shown in your account for this year.

For those Year 7 students who have a school lunch, you will be able to see your balance under the Accounts tab also.

I hope this new system will make the school lunch payment system a lot easier for yourselves and also us as a school. You are still able to pay different amounts each term, be it daily, weekly or for the whole half term. We will continue to advise you of the half termly school lunch costs so that you have an idea of how much each half term will be for lunches.

For your information, the amounts due for this half term are as follows:

Year 7 (Monday 13th September - Thursday 21st October 2021) - £67.20

Years 8 & 9 (Monday 6th September - Thursday 21st October 2021) - £79.20

Years 10 & 11 (Thursday 2nd September - Thursday 21st October 2021) - £84.00

For your information, there is a copy of the menus for this term attached.

Consumables


We believe in giving our young men every opportunity we can to develop their life skills, and this includes enhancing subjects like DT, Art and Food Technology. These subjects require the purchase of an array of consumable ingredients and items.

To continue to offer these subjects in the interactive and engaging way we do, we ask for a contribution towards consumables. This fee is set at £20 per term (a total of £60 for the year) and is payable via ParentMail.

Please note that this contribution is below the actual cost of the consumable items, but we believe that this is a reasonable amount to ask.

School Fund

The school fund is an important source of revenue which allows us to maintain our standards of inclusion, delivery of quality experiences for all, and to reward achievement for all young men. Thanks to parental



donations we are able to ensure that our House Point system is well funded, prizes and awards are available for sporting events and that all school trips and educational outings are subsidised to some degree.

All contributions are, of course, voluntary. The suggested figure of £10 per half term may seem surprisingly high but the majority of our parents feel it is very good value for money and some contribute more than the suggested sum. Donations to the School Fund can be made via ParentMail.

With your help we can continue to provide the standard and quality of care and education that is presently offered. Sunnydown is unique among Surrey's provision and is a specialist school with an excellent reputation and your child will benefit from the support you give.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Andrea Lawson in the school office.

Unique Art Awards

We are super proud to announce that on the 4th September we attended the unique Art Awards in central London where Connor Mason and Alex Hennessey were awarded the bronze and silver award for their photographic achievements.

There were over 250 applicants for this award and it took great courage for the both to attend and note their achievements publicly. A huge congratulations from all of us at Sunnydown School!



Mrs Ogle

The House System

The new Year 7s will be welcomed into their Houses on Monday during the school meeting after they have selected their House from the Harry Potter sorting hat.

Mr Wright

Friends of Sunnydown

A separate newsletter will follow.

Greenhouse T Shirt

This week's Greenhouse T shirts are the first of the new academic year. They were given to Elvin for being a great role model and supporting the younger students to settle back into Sunnydown life and to Josh for consistently being helpful throughout the school day and supporting school projects out of school hours. Well done both and keep up the good work.



The last Greenhouse T-shirt this week goes to Henry for always being kind to classmates, being a good friend and being helpful and supportive. Consistent good work Henry.



Gabe

KS3 Friday Curriculum - 24th September 2021

A separate Parentmail will follow next week detailing events.

<p><u>Chef of the Week</u></p> <p>The recipient of Chef of the Week, awarded by Mrs Hull is:</p> <p><u>Leon Punjabi (11W)</u></p>	<p><u>Scientist of the Week</u></p> <p>The recipient of Scientist of the Week, awarded by Mr Cybuch for independence is:</p> <p><u>James Dean (9M)</u></p>	<p><u>Artist of the Week</u></p> <p>The recipient of Artist of the Week, awarded by Mrs Ogle and Miss Adams for great effort in the art lesson is:</p> <p><u>Taylor Conway (8T)</u></p>
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<p><u>Thought for this week</u> (W/C: 13th September)</p> <p><u>How can I make a difference and put my mark</u></p>	<p><u>Thought for next week</u> (W/C: 20th September)</p> <p><u>Emotions - what are they? Are they</u></p>
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on Sunnydown?

Feedback from 11Z - We are nearly at the end of our journey at Sunnydown and some different ways we think we can leave our mark here could be by working hard every week. Helping the new Year 7's find their feet, in order to gain House points. To have our names etched into the 1000 point board in the main building is something very exciting that we look up to and one way to leave our mark at Sunnydown.

Mr Zadok

important?

Mr Lord will be speaking to the boys on Monday about different emotions they may experience.

Mr Lord

House Points

Anthony Harper	200 House Points
Harry Vaughan	200 House Points
Joe Harley	300 House Points
Alexander Neale	450 House Points
Joshua Barnes	550 House Points
Daniel Linney	900 House Points



SUNNYDOWN LUNCH MENU

WEEK 1		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
LUNCH Homemade Soup Everyday	FRESH HOT MAINS	Sausage & onion gravy	Beef meatballs Sub roll cheese, tomato sauce	Roast pork	Chicken Tikka Masala	Fish Fingers
	MEAT FREE	Veg, sausage & onion gravy	Macaroni cheese	Veg & lentil bake	Veg Tikka Masala	Roast veg quiche
	SIDES	Mashed potato Peas	Pesto pasta Peas	Roast potato Stuffing Broccoli	Poppadoms Rice Mango chutney	Chips Peas
	DESSERT	Marble cake	Raspberry jelly	Chocolate rice pudding	Summer fruit muffin	Chocolate mousse
WEEK 2		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
LUNCH Homemade Soup Everyday	FRESH HOT MAINS	Pasta carbonara	Chicken kiev	Roast turkey	Sweet & Sour crispy chicken	Beef burgers & burger sauce
	MEAT FREE	Veggie carbonara	Roast pepper & pesto pasta bake	Homemade falafels	Crispy Sweet & Sour veg	Veggie burgers & burger sauce
	SIDES	Garlic bread	Sliced carrots Parmentier potatoes	Roast potatoes Peas & corn Stuffing & gravy	Noodles Prawn crackers	Chips Cheese Salad
	DESSERT	Millionaires shortbread	Jam & coconut sponge	Knickerbocker Glory	Bakewell slice	Ice cream
WEEK 3		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
LUNCH Homemade Soup Everyday	FRESH HOT MAINS	Creamy chicken and ginger pasta bake	Sausage roll	Southern fried chicken bap	Beef Chilli Enchilada	Pizza Day Meat feast
	MEAT FREE	Pasta bake	Veggie sausage roll	BBQ Jackfruit bap	Veggie Chilli Enchilada	Pizza Day Margarita
	SIDES	Green beans Rocket pesto foccacia	Baked beans Roast new potato	Wedges Corn	Salsa, cheese, sour cream, salad	Chips Salad
	DESSERT	Chocolate chip cookies	Cabinet pudding & cream	Strawberry mousse	Flapjack	Fruit yoghurt

Link to Sunnydown Form Page for all other updates:

<https://sites.google.com/sunnydown.surrey.sch.uk/sunnydown-learning-hub/home>