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Dear all who are associated with Sunnydown,

I saved last week's newsletter for today so I could capture a few events and reflect on them.

Sports Day on Friday was another resounding success. Temperatures approached levels which I am more accustomed to, but they did bring a few changes to the events offered to our boys such as the level of care afforded them by my team. Having families be part of a celebration and gathering like Sports Day is so welcome.

Of course, the celebration of all that our young men have achieved over the course of the year took place during the Monday Presentation event. It is difficult to know how such events are received by the online audience because we are live and in the thick of it here at school. Some really positive feedback to date though from parents - thank you. When we went 'off air' I again congratulated the young men on their individual achievements and the staff unanimously gave them a round of applause. Trying to capture all that happens in the lives of our boys over the course of the year provides a logistical challenge, but seeing how many certificates were awarded I believe the boys received due recognition.

Following a request made in January to modify my work commitments at Sunnydown, Governors recently approved a Flexible Working Request for me. From September and for the duration of 2024 - 2025, I will be working three (3) days per week, usually a Monday, Tuesday and Friday though on occasion these will change. This of course creates challenges but also opportunities for the school and members of my team. A more comprehensive digest of the impact on roles and responsibilities will be shared in due course. For clarity, I remain the Headteacher of Sunnydown with ultimate accountability and responsibility for the running of the school.

I take a moment to say a huge thank you to staff who have taken an alternative career path. Mrs Erika Petruska has been a Teaching Assistant for 13 years, and more recently focussed her attention in the Academic Support Hub. Joseph Oringo has worked with us before, and may again, as our computing teacher. Claire Brooks returned for some part time commitment in the Pastoral team but has secured a role closer to home, and is able to employ her incredible skill set in another school. Sarah Meredith has in a short space of time made a huge impact among the TA team and more recently Academic Support. To one and all, you will be missed. Thank you for being part of the wonderful Sunnydown journey that our boys travel, for your guidance and support of them, and for your collegiality. The door is open.

With today being the last day for the academic year, suffice to say that I wish you all the safest and happiest of summers. I look forward to stories of lazy days, sleep-ins, holidays, meals out, walks in parks and any other adventures our young men engage in when we return in September. By way of reminder, return dates and times are below.

Paul Jensen

These are the times for September

Wednesday 4th September	Start of Autumn Term HT1 - Years 10 & 11 (Arrival 8.30am - 9.00am)
Thursday 5th September	Start of Autumn Term HT1 - Years 8 & 9 (Arrival 8.30am - 9.00am)
Monday 9th September	Start of Autumn Term HT1 - Year 7 (Arrival 10.00am)

Congratulations

Well done to Jacob Ryan whose team recently won the Godstone Farm Pan Disability football Tournament at Dorking Wanderers. Jacob spends a great deal of his breaks on the school astro where he has shown that he is quite talented, which has resulted in him being the only Year 7 student selected to play with the more senior KS3 side. It is great to see him using his skills outside of Sunnydown as well. Well done Jacob.

Mr Lord

Kenley Cycle Challenge

We did it! Regardless of the weather, we finished the Kenley bike event. An event that started on 5th May and was supposed to finish on 14th May finally came to an end on the 12th July. Again a massive thank you to everyone who supported either financially, with help on one of the days or both. Of course a massive well done to all the boys. They cycled a total of 75 laps with a special mention going to Jacob Ryan who managed 10. Added to the:

Year 8 total 67
Year 9 total 82
Year 10 total 91
Year 11 total 68

... means we smashed the target of 236 laps and 660.8km. Our final total was 420 laps and 1176km. Plus the 37 staff laps (special mention for Mr Moody finishing top out of the staff cyclists).

Well done to everyone involved, walking, cycling, marshalling and supporting. Roll on next year.



Gabe

Online Safety

Please see the flier attached to this newsletter re 'What Parents & Educators Need to Know about worry & anxiety.'

Mr Cassim

Summer 2024 Reading Achievers

Many congratulations to all our reading achievers below!



Summer 2024 Reading Achievers

100% (5 House Points)

Felix D
Andrew H-S
Sonny C
Logan E
James H
Charlie Mc
Freddie Ph
Nathan S
Callum J
Lithar P-B
Leo S
Luke D
Dominic H
Jacob K
Alfie M
Noah A
Jack B
Robert H
Zac H
Freddie P
Callum T
Jaden D
Callum D
Zack H
George Mc
Hayden H
Luke L
Matthew M
Kai B
Kye L
Daniel L
Sam W



Mrs Wood



90% + (3 House Points)

Harry V
Michael H
Charlie H
Ollie T
Charlie C
Freddie C
Freddie D
Thomas E
Harrison W
Oscar G
Eddie S
Jack G
Frankie Mc
Jacob N
Jacob R
Alexander T



80% + (1 House Point)

Finley M
Jayden S
Toby C
Edward G
Jonathan E
Kasra A
Harvey C
Ethan L
Kamauri C



Huge Congratulations to all students who achieved reading success this term

Miss Wood

Thought for the Week
(W/C 15th July 2024)

Reflection on the year

Mr Peters' Award
Progress - Lunch Time Football Club

Zack Harrison
(7P)

Callum Truttero
(8W)

Scientist of the Week

The recipients of Scientist of the week, awarded by Ms Hristova are

Milo Baker
(7P)

For effort & creativity

House Points

House Points	
Felix Drummond	1000 House Points
Charlie Histed	800 House Points
Jacob Napier	300 House Points
Jacob Ryan	250 House Points

Forthcoming Events 2024

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
Tuesday 23 rd July	12.30 depart with packed lunch from school - END OF TERM
Wednesday 11 th September	KS3 Trip to Houses of Parliament

Sunnydown School Caterham Cycle Challenge



The Community Needs You!

Between 3rd & 14th June, all Year 9s of Sunnydown School will be cycling 660km around Kerley Aerodrome.

Year 9s—28th June

We want to raise £10,000 to support local schools by providing additional Specialist Mental Health and Wellbeing Practitioner hours for those families in need.

Year 7s—5th July

**[www.justgiving.com/campaign/
sunnydowncyclechallenge24](https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/sunnydowncyclechallenge24)**

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