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Friday 25th February 2022

Dear all who are associated with Sunnydown

As a leader (though on a relatively small scale) I stand united with other leaders across the globe in condemning the violence unfolding in Ukraine at the hands of Putin. Having met with all students and staff on Thursday morning, several students have approached me and said thank you for talking to us. In these times of uncertainty, it is so important that our young people are given reassurance, not false hope nor promises that cannot be kept, but reassurance.

SCC information for education leaders following government Living with Covid-19 announcement - 22.02.2022

As you will be aware the government has announced their plans for Living with COVID-19, and the DfE has emailed schools and settings with an outline of these changes.

The key messages include:

- Pupils/Students and staff should attend if they are well
- Pupils/Students and staff should stay at home if they are unwell – schools/settings should refuse entry to those that are symptomatic or unwell
- Have a PCR test if you have COVID-19 symptoms and stay at home and avoid contact with other people if you test positive for at least 5 full days and then continue to follow the guidance (tests will remain available until the end of March 2022)
- Get vaccinated
- Let fresh air in if meeting indoors, or meet outside
- Wash your hands and follow advice to “Catch it, Bin it, Kill it”

From 21st February the government has recommended that:

- Staff and students of secondary age and above in SEND settings, alternative provision settings, and SEND units within mainstream settings, or equivalent in further education colleges, are currently advised to continue twice-weekly testing.

From 24th February the government:

- Removed the legal requirement to self-isolate following a positive test. Adults and children who test positive will continue to be advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least 5 full days and then continue to follow the guidance until they have received 2 negative test results on consecutive days.
- No longer asks fully vaccinated close contacts and those aged under 18 to test daily for 7 days, and removed the legal requirement for close contacts who are not fully vaccinated to self-isolate.

Updated guidance regarding Covid can be found at:

Actions for schools during the coronavirus outbreak - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

Actions for FE colleges and providers during the coronavirus pandemic - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

Actions for early years and childcare providers during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

Parent Governor Vacancy

Please find attached a copy of the letter regarding a vacancy for a Parent Governor. The deadline to nominate has been extended to 4th March 2022.

Friends of Sunnydown

Quiz Night: Friday 4th March

We are so excited that there's just one more week to go until the Sunnydown Family Quiz Night on **Friday 4th March!** If you are joining us, please arrive by 7pm for a 7.30pm start. If you haven't already booked your tickets, there's still time! Please email us to confirm how many team members will be attending (friends@sunnydown.surrey.sch.uk). Click here to book tickets: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/sunnydownevents>

An Invitation from East Surrey College

East Surrey College, working with London South East College, East Sussex College and C2C are running an event to help provide students an insight into new and emerging career pathways.

This is a fantastic opportunity for students, parents and staff alike to engage and interact with employers, learning about training and career opportunities and evidencing the support available in developing the skills and confidence for transitioning into work.

All you have to do is register: <https://changemakers21.springpod.com/talks/special-education-needs/>

Students can register individually. The sessions available are

Monday 28th February: 4.00pm - 6.00pm

Please see below for details as to who will be presenting and for more detail about the presentation. East Surrey College welcomes students/parents/staff to get involved.

Presentation Schedule:

Welcome	Springpod	4pm
Careers & Enterprise Company talk including a student journey (resources, LMI, support for schools and FE)	Kelly Dillon	4.05pm
Wates	Danielle Buckley	4.20pm
Surrey County Council	Eamonn Gilbert	4.35pm
Surrey Choices	Christina Earl	4.50pm

Construction Industry Training Board	Anthony Frayne	5.05pm
BREAK		5.20pm
Case study on supported internship	ESCG contact	5.25pm
Talk from ex-SEND student	LSEC contact	5.40pm
Closing remarks and provision of contacts	Springpod	5.55pm
END		6pm

Briefing for SEND Learners and Parents

Date: Monday 28 February 2022

Time: From 4pm to 6pm

The digital and sustainable economies are developing at such a pace which is revolutionising the way in which businesses operate. Within the SEND provisions at our colleges we are very aware of this and actively promote particularly the sustainable economies within our delivery to ensure our learners are aware of how they can contribute and also be equipped to be employed within the industries.

This event will give you an insight into the new and emerging career pathways of the future. You will hear from a wide range of top employers about the knowledge, skills and behaviours they are looking for in their future workforce. You will get a better understanding of how employers provide a supported environment for employees with SEND needs to ensure success in the workplace. We will provide case studies and the support available in developing the skills and confidence for transitioning into work.

To register your attendance, please click on the following link:

<https://changemakers21.springpod.com/talks/special-education-needs/>

Mr Wright

World Book Day: Thursday 3rd March 2022

The 25th anniversary of World Book Day is on Thursday 3rd March 2022 and the theme this year is 'You are a reader.' All pupils have been offered a £1 National Book Token. The £1 book token can be used to get one of the free 'World Book Day Books' or can be used to get £1 off any book or audiobook worth £2.99 or more in participating book sellers. Vouchers are valid from Thursday 17th February to Sunday 27th March 2022. Happy reading!

Mrs McCarthy

100% Attendance

Congratulations to 7N for achieving 100% attendance for w/e 11th February 2022.

Sunnydown Whole School Literacy



We are launching a **500-word writing competition!**

If you would like to enter the competition, you must write an **original story** on any subject or theme in **500 words or less**.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/500words>

Three winning stories will be chosen from each of the following categories:

- **KS3**
- **KS4**
- **Parents, Carers & Staff**

Prizes & Certificates!

All entries must be submitted to Mrs Jensen either in person or email: ajensen@sunnydown.surrey.sch.uk.

DEADLINE: Thursday 24th March

<p><u>Thought for this week</u> (W/C: 21st February)</p> <p>What does heritage mean to you?</p>	<p><u>Thought for the week</u> (W/C: 28th February)</p> <p>World Book Day 2022 - You are a reader</p>
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<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 style="text-align: center;">Josh Benton (9M)</p>	<p><u>Chef of the Week</u></p> <p>The recipient of Chef of the Week, awarded by Mrs Hull is:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">George Hodgson (11Z)</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 fantastic work with the Pop art project is:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Callum Lagan (9C)</p>	<p><u>Mathematician of the Week</u></p> <p>The recipient of Mathematician of the Week for consistency and work completion is:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Elvinas Sermuksnis (10J)</p>
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Certificates for this week

<u>House Points this week</u>	
Reece Wood	450 House Points
Max Gibbins	300 House Points
Alfie Monk	100 House Points

Friday Curriculum (4/3/22)

A timetable of events will be sent out next week.

