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Dear all who are associated with Sunnydown,

Sunnydown is an exceptional school, where the Senior Leaders work in partnership with Governors to ensure that we are always striving to offer the best possible educational experience for your son.

To support this endeavour, all staff, students, governors and parents are being asked to stop and think about Sunnydown to recognise our **Strengths** but also identify our **Weaknesses**. We believe that there are also **Opportunities** for further development, and finally some potential **Threats**. We are seeking your views through a SWOT (Strengths/Weaknesses/Opportunities/Threats) survey. This will be released on Monday 11th November and finalised by Friday 15th November.

Your constructive responses to this survey are appreciated as I lead the school through ongoing improvements and developments.

The final question on the survey asks what you would invest money in (if it was no object) to make Sunnydown even better than it is.

At the completion of the survey, all responses will be analysed for trends and then this information summarised and used to inform our future planning. There will be an opportunity for some parents to join a workshop before the end of term, to be involved in this process of analysis and goal setting, with more information explained in the survey and coming weeks.

In advance of your support and time in completing this SWOT analysis, thank you. While some of your feedback may be difficult to read, my commitment is to reflect on it professionally, and where possible, use it to shape our future.

Remembrance Day, the 11th day of the 11th month, falls on Monday this year. This ceremony is our opportunity to come together and reflect on the efforts and contributions of all of our mothers and fathers, brothers and sisters, uncles and aunts, grandparents and friends who have and continue to serve our country.

Lest we forget.

I look forward to seeing the families who are represented tonight at our Family Quiz night. This fun event, coordinated by Friends of Sunnydown (FoS), is one of the highlights for me of the entire year. This is where we see the competitive spirit of our boys complemented by the support of family members. Best of luck to all who are competing.

Regarding Friends of Sunnydown, I understand that we are continuing the search for a Chair. If you are interested in and able to support in coordinating a few events through the year, raising some funds at the same time, then please reach out to Kelly Barnes who has recently finished her role as Chair.

Have a wonderful weekend. Paul Jensen

Remembrance Day - Monday 11th November



On Monday 11th November, Sunnydown are holding a Remembrance morning here at school. We have invited any students who participate in uniformed clubs such as Cadets, Explorers etc to come dressed in their uniform that day. On the completion of our traditional Remembrance Service we will be hosting our annual Global Peace Games Football tournament which will be contested by two Key Stage 4 teams, a staff team and two local charity teams. We have a guest of honour David Razman joining us from the Childrens FA. Students not participating will have the opportunity to watch and cheer on the student teams. Students not wanting to be involved in the football can engage in a variety of activities on site such as Inter-House Chess, board games and a creative art activity. The event will conclude at lunch time and the students will then return to the normal timetable for the afternoon.

Mr Wright

Parents' Voices Matter Survey – Toolkit to Help Promotion

Are you a parent or carer of a child **with additional needs and disabilities in Surrey?**



A ParentMail went out on Tuesday regarding this survey. As members of the Surrey Additional Needs and Disabilities (AND) Partnership, we have been made aware that a survey is currently live on the Local Offer website asking for the views of parents and carers of Surrey children and young people with additional needs (including Special Educational Needs) and disabilities: [Parents' Voices Matter Survey 2024](#)

The survey aims to understand parents and carers' experiences of accessing help and support related to Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) in Surrey. This is to ensure they get the views of as many people as possible, as your feedback can inform improvements to local services and in turn families' experiences.

A toolkit is attached to this newsletter (please note that the survey closes at 23:59 on Sunday 24th November 2024).

The Surrey Speech and Language Therapy Team Web Page



We know that some families would like to be able to find out more information about the Surrey Speech and Language Team online and Surrey are working on their webpage.

Please could you complete this short form (<https://forms.office.com/e/5sQ4Y8N6zF>) to help them understand what you would find useful.

Sunnydown School Christmas Raffle

It is getting close to that time of the year again - the Sunnydown Christmas Raffle! Firstly, a massive thank you to everyone for your continued generosity in supporting our school activities and fundraisers. Your past generosity has helped ensure that we could go on a variety of trips and days out for the boys as well as investing in resources and

interventions such as Learning Space. With your ongoing kindness, we have an exciting list of projects and events to offer the boys that they will always remember and be grateful for.

Your support in providing gifts and donations, and distributing tickets is appreciated.

Gift and prize donation days at school, where students can attend in Mufti for a contribution to the raffle prizes and Christmas shopping experience are:

Friday 6th December for chocolate and sweet donations

Friday 13th December for gifts

For larger gifts, we would be happy to arrange a collection if needed.

Regarding tickets, two (2) books (5 tickets in a book) have already been sent home this week to all families. Whether you can help by buying and selling tickets, all support will be gratefully received. Each ticket costs £1 (£5 per book) and ticket stubs along with the money can be returned to your son's Form Tutor. More tickets are available on request from the school office.

The grand draw for the raffle will be on Thursday 19th December, the day of our Christmas shopping event and Christmas lunch here at school.

Thank you again for all your support, very best wishes and good luck! And of course, Merry Christmas.

Gabe

Friends of Sunnydown

As Christmas is fast approaching we would appreciate your support with regards to the following:

Donation/Mufti Days - Do you have any unwanted gifts and or wrapped sweets/chocolate that you could re-gift/donate? We are holding donation days on Friday 6th December and Friday 13th December at school ahead of the boys' Christmas shopping day and would gratefully receive any good condition and unwanted gifts which can be suitable for women, men or children and sweet treats for the Tombola. The boys can wear Mufti on these days, in return for their donations can we ask for the following:

Friday 6th December - wrapped chocolates/sweets (for the boys' Tombola)

Friday 13th December - gifts ready for Christmas shopping

Christmas Raffle - Tickets should have made their way home this week. If tickets haven't been received or you would like more, please contact the office. If you own a small business or know of someone who does and would be happy to donate a raffle prize, please could you email: friends@sunnydown.surrey.sch.uk

WhatsApp Group - In case you missed the previous mention, we have started a Friends of Sunnydown Community WhatsApp group so that we can keep you in the loop with what's going on. This group will purely be for us to post announcements and keep you up to date, this is not a group where you can comment or converse. If you haven't joined yet but would like to receive reminders about what's happening and when, scan the QR code on the attached flyer and jump in.

Apprenticeship Open Evening



Invitation to Thales Crawley Insight Event – 19 November 2024

Would you like to learn more about the Thales apprenticeships? If so, join us for the Crawley Insight Event on Tuesday 19 November.

The Crawley Thales UK Insight evening will give you the opportunity to learn about our different business areas and what our apprenticeship programmes can offer you. Come and meet some of our current apprentices and find out what it is really like to be an apprentice at Thales. Our Early Careers team will also be there to give you advice on the application process and assessment centres and answer any questions you may have.

This event is for anyone interested in an apprenticeship with Thales, either ready to apply now for our September 2025 intake, or for future years.

Entrance is by invitation only, and we are only able to accept ticket requests from a school email address.

The following time slots will be available:

- Session One 17.00 – 17.45
- Session Two 18.00 – 18.45
- Session Three 19.00 – 19.45

To register for tickets please follow the link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/thales-crawley-apprenticeship-insight-event-19-november-2024-tickets-1050486532497>

This event is by invitation only. Spaces are restricted so tickets will be issued on a first come first served basis. For any enquiries please contact suppearlycar@uk.thalesgroup.com

Due to our strict security requirements, all attendees must be registered in advance, have photo id, only arrive during the designated time slot and only register for one slot. We will also be operating a no bags policy on the night.

We have a range of apprenticeship roles available, for more details and to apply, please follow the link <https://careers.thalesgroup.com/global/en/search-results?keywords=2025%20apprentice>

For more information about roles this year or future years, we have a graduate and apprentice future talent platform, where our future talent can engage with digital buddies and access information about Thales. Buddies will be able to offer insights on our roles, share information on what it's like to work at Thales and help develop their skills and knowledge on how to make a good application, as well as how to best perform at an assessment centre. To register scan the QR code

Welcome to Thales Future Talent Connectr platform.



<p><u>Thought for the Week</u> (W/C 4th November 2024)</p> <p>Looking after ourselves: Movember & emotional health</p>	<p><u>Thought for the Week</u> (W/C 11th November 2024)</p> <p>Remembrance: Remembering those lost</p>
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<u>Mathematician of the Week</u>	<p>The recipient of Mathematician of the Week, awarded by Mrs Webb is</p> <p>Zack Harrison <i>For excellent engagement & work this week</i></p> <p>& awarded by Mr Zadok is</p> <p>Thomas Illman <i>For excellent engagement & work</i></p>
<u>Scientist of the Week</u>	<p>The recipient of Scientist of the week, awarded by Ms Hristova is</p> <p>Toby Chapman <i>For excellent practical work</i></p> <p>Callum Duff <i>For creativity</i></p>
<u>Writer of the Week</u>	<p>The recipients of Writer of the Week, awarded by Miss Newcombe are</p> <p>KS3</p> <p>Elliot Palmer Ollie Hall</p> <p><i>For their excellent teamwork in organising events</i></p> <p>KS4</p> <p>Jacob Kelly For his amazing inference</p>
<u>Chef of the Week</u>	<p>The recipient of Chef of the Week, awarded by Mrs Hull</p> <p>Teddy Foster <i>For consistent effort & confidence</i></p>
<u>Reader of the Week</u>	<p>The recipient of Reader of the Week, awarded by Miss Thomas</p> <p>Kye Lawrence <i>For completing his book and getting top marks in the quiz</i></p>
<u>Musician of the Week</u>	<p>The recipient of Musician of the Week, awarded by Mr Smith is</p> <p>Leo Sumsion</p>
<u>Artist of the Week</u>	<p>The recipient of Artist of the week, awarded by Mrs Ogle is</p> <p>Freddie Phillips <i>For his effort & preparation in Art GCSE</i></p> <p>Callum Truttero <i>For his kindness in helping others in art</i></p>

House Points

<u>House Points</u>	
Nathan Small	950 House Points
Alfie Monk	750 House Points
Sam Lopes	400 House Points

Frankie McSorley	400 House Points
Alexander Thompson	300 House Points
Isaac Benn	50 House Points
William Elliot	50 House Points
Thomas Illman	50 House Points
Elliot Palmer	50 House Points
Harry Salter	50 House Points
James Titchner	50 House Points

Forthcoming Events 2024-2025

Autumn Term 2024	
Friday 8 th November 2024	Friends of Sunnydown Family Quiz Night (7PM)
Wednesday 13 th November 2024	PW2 Theatre trip - An Inspector Calls
Wednesday 20 th November 2024	Year 9 Parents' Evening
Monday 25 th November 2024	KS3 Badminton
Monday 25 th November 2024	KS4 Fulham football
Wednesday 27 th November 2024	KS4 Come Dine With Me (3.30-7pm)
Wednesday 4 th December 2024	KS4 Come Dine With Me (3.30-7pm)
Monday 9 th December 2024	KS3 Fulham football
Wednesday 11 th December 2024	KS4 Badminton
Friday 6th December 2024	Christmas Donation Day - MUFFY
Friday 13th December 2024	Christmas Donation Day - MUFFY
Thursday 19th December 2024	Christmas Dinner
Thursday 19th December 2024	Christmas Shopping Event
Monday 23 rd December - Monday 6 th January 2025	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY (1.20pm finish on 20 th Dec)
Spring Term 2025	
Monday 6 th January 2025	INSET DAY
Saturday 18 th January - Friday 24 th January 2025	Ski Trip
Wednesday 28 th January 2025	Open morning (9.30-11am)
Wednesday 5 th February 2025	Year 8 Parents' Evening
Monday 10 th February	Fulham football
Monday 17 th February - Friday 21 st February 2025	HALF TERM
Monday 10 th March 2025	KS3 Fulham football
Wednesday 12 th March 2025	Year 7 Parents' Evening
Summer Term 2025	
Monday 7 th April - Tuesday 22 nd April 2025	EASTER HOLIDAY (1.20pm finish on 20 th April)
Wednesday 30 th April 2025	Year 11 Parents' Evening
Tuesday 6 th May 2025	Year 10 Kenley Bike Challenge
Wednesday 7 th May 2025	Year 11 Kenley Bike Challenge
Friday 9 th May 2025	Year 8 Kenley Bike Challenge
Monday 12 th May 2025	KS4 Fulham football
Friday 16 th May 2025	Year 9 Kenley Bike Challenge
Friday 23 rd May 2025	Year 7 Kenley Bike Challenge
Monday 26 th May - Friday 30 th May 2025	HALF TERM
Monday 9 th June 2025	Fulham football
Wednesday 18 th June 2025	Year 10 Parents' Evening
Friday 20 th June 2025	INSET DAY
Thursday 26 th June 2025	FoS Golf Day
Wednesday 2 nd - Friday 4 th July 2025	Year 9 Residential
Friday 18 th July 2025	END OF TERM
Monday 21 st July 2025 (Was 4 th November 2024)	INSET DAY
Tuesday 22 nd July 2025 (Was 14 th March 2024)	INSET DAY