



Friday 27th November 2020

Dear all who are associated with Sunnydown,

I wrote last week with confirmation from SCC that our PE changing rooms are being redeveloped. Work commences on Monday 30th November and is likely to continue until February half term. Part of the work will be noisy, and some will involve the removal of old plasterboard with some asbestos in it. This will of course be undertaken to the highest safety standards. We have been advised that the indoor gym remains safe and able to be used throughout the process. When we have a clear indication of exact dates for asbestos removal, I will communicate with families again. During this short window of time, some workers will be wearing full hazmat suits. While it is unlikely that students will see them, it is important to know what is happening.

I will offer updates when substantial progress is made with the project. A rough timeline is:

November to Christmas - Asbestos removal and completely stripping out  
Christmas to February - Refurbish and fit changing rooms

Some things to be aware of include:

- During asbestos removal, there will be workers in white hazmat suits on site
- No workers associated with the refurbishment will access the school area without direct school staff supervision
- The gym can be used by staff and students throughout the works
- Heras fencing will be erected between the log cabin, science lab and the changing rooms so students and staff can still access both
- Log cabin access is from the science lab side as opposed to end of the gym
- A hole in the brick wall near the log cabin is being cut out on the first day. Site contractors will access the gym via this entrance
- Flint shed and 'canoe shed' remain accessible for students directly supervised by staff

Last week I shared some feedback from parents regarding our Covid response over the summer. These sentiments certainly provided a boost to staff and I am sure reflect the sentiments of a vast majority of families. This week, Mr. Quartermain, CEO and Artistic Director of Pro Corda wanted to feed back just how impressed he was with our Year 7s effort last Friday. Staff from Pro Corda come here every two weeks on a Friday to support Fine and Performing Arts.

I had the privilege of meeting with all of Year 8 for an assembly on Monday in the gym. We discussed the impact of Covid, the new blinds around school (when you next visit school please do look at the entrance to the Cloisters), as well as the Thought for the Week - Tolerance. This is a British value - one that if demonstrated world wide we may see more global happiness. I look forward to meeting Year 9 on Monday to discuss the Thought for the Week - Racism: Accepting and respecting differences by welcoming people of different colour, ethnicity, nationality or race.

### **2021 Calendars - We have them here at school now - Contact us directly**

The Children with Special Needs Foundation (CWSNF) who sponsored our Florida trip and have supported many of our schemes have developed a calendar for 2021 as a way of raising some money to donate to families. These cost £5.00 with no charge for postage as long as we can send the calendars home with your son.

If you are interested in supporting this charity, for the benefit of your son and other children across Surrey, please **phone the school directly on 01883 342281 or email [office@sunnydown.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:office@sunnydown.surrey.sch.uk)** with your order. As the charity is celebrating 25 years of raising funds, I would encourage you to visit their website and look at some of the work they have undertaken. A genuinely inspirational team.

<https://www.childrenwithspecialneeds.co.uk/>



Have a wonderful weekend.

Paul Jensen

### **PE Kit**

With the weather starting to get a little cooler we would appreciate your support in ensuring that the boys are prepared for PE. Although we are not accessing the changing rooms at the moment to protect our bubbles, the boys are still able to change into some PE clothing in their rooms. We would be extremely grateful if you could ensure that the boys arrive fully prepared for their PE lesson. Firstly to save on time but also because we are not loaning out any kit at present to protect against any contamination.

The boys will all need trainers, shorts or tracksuit bottoms and their House PE shirt. If the activity is outdoors we would encourage you to pack an underlayer, either a sweatshirt or thermal top to go under their House shirt, to avoid getting cold. We would also recommend gloves as the winter sets in. If you have any questions regarding this or require any support then please do not hesitate to contact me.

**Mr Lord**

## **100% Attendance**

Congratulations to 9P and 8M for achieving 100% attendance for w/e 20th November 2020.

## **School Council**

In the meeting this week we held the annual election for the School Council Chairperson. Five of the boys put their names forward and all Council members cast a vote. It was very close, with all candidates receiving at least two votes. We would, however, like to congratulate George Hodgson (10M) on being voted in as this year's School Council Chair. We would also like to congratulate Jack Pinsent (11D) on being elected as the Vice Chairperson. Cameron Castle, last year's Chair, will continue to support as a mentor following the incredible job he did last year. A final congratulations to all the boys who put their names forward and did a short speech on why they felt they should be Chair, not an easy task to do but done very well.

**Mr Lord**

## **Greenhouse T-Shirts**

This week's Greenhouse T-shirt goes to Teddy Foster (7D). A young man I almost always see smiling and cheerful, who is always quick to offer help and to volunteer, sometimes even before he knows what he is volunteering for! He is also happy to push himself, try new things and step out of his comfort zone which is really important for all the young men embarking on this new journey at Sunnydown. Teddy, keep smiling and keep up the good work.



**Gabe**

## **Boarding News**

A chilled week in boarding. We have put our Christmas decorations up, watched some Christmas films and had lots of singing! We have also played football, found sweets on the treasure hunt and spent time in the kitchen whipping up some culinary delights! Chess has taken off again and Mr Worsfold is brushing up on his skills. Next week we have an online visit from our Standard 20 inspector, Caroline Lucas, so it will be great to catch up with her.

Have a lovely weekend.

**The Care Team**



## **Year 7 Flu Vaccinations**

Just a reminder that the Year 7's who have given consent will be receiving their flu spray on Wednesday 2nd December. If you have not yet responded, the deadline is **Monday 30th November**. Most of the young men will have had this spray in primary school so will know how quick and painless it is, but please give your son a reminder on Wednesday morning, just so he is aware it will happen.

## **Thought for THIS week was: How to tolerate each other**

Here is 11D's summary of this week's Thought for the Week.

- Good will, patience, lenity, humanity
- understanding, acceptance
- tolerance is the ability to accept other people's differences
- respectful of religious beliefs
- understanding, acception
- tolerance is the ability to rise above other people's bad decisions and to grit your teeth and keep on going with your day.

## **Thought for NEXT week: Racism - Respecting differences**

Racism is where someone thinks you are inferior because of your colour, ethnicity, nationality or race. This can result in them treating you differently or unfairly and is called racial discrimination.

When we respect each other we accept those differences and treat people fairly.

**Mrs Palmer**

## **Congratulations to Year 8**

Well done to all the pupils in 8C and 8M for achieving an AQA Award for making a model of a volcano.



**Mr Cassim**

## **School Photos**

Please see the flier at the end of the newsletter as a reminder to order your photos, if you haven't already done so. Social media links: @pretaportrait on Twitter or Instagram, or #pretaportrait on Facebook.

### **Science guess the picture competition**

Picture of the week is shown below. Last week's answer was a Crab Nebula and the winner is Edward Gair (7D). A prize will be delivered on Monday!



**Mr Djehiche**

### **Scientist of the Week**

The recipient of Scientist of the Week, awarded by Mr Djehiche and Mr Cybuch is Harry Monkhouse (11D) for resilience.

### **Musician of the Week**

The recipients of Musician of the Week, awarded by Miss Tomcova are Finley Marley (7T) and Freddie Phillips (7D).

### **Word of the Week**

**Tranquility (noun)** – please see end of newsletter (w/c 30th November 2020).

**Mrs Herring**

### **Chef of the Week**

The recipient of Chef of the Week, awarded by Mrs Hull is Ben Aldous (10M).

### **KS3 Friday Curriculum - 4th December 2020**

Class	Activity	On/Off site	Activity
7D	Outdoor Adventurous Activities	On site	Cycling and climbing activities. School uniform with trainers and a coat.
7T		On site	
8C	School Project	On site	School Uniform - Please bring a coat plus a change of old clothes to work outside in.
8M	Food Experience	On site	Christmas Cake Decorations - School uniform
9J	Performing Arts	On site	A mixture of music with ProCorda and cultural film appreciation - School uniform.
9P		On site	

## House Points

Certificates and prizes for earning House Points this week will be handed out on Monday and go to:

Felix Drummond	50 House Points
Andrew Hendry Smith	50 House Points
Kieran Kirk	250 House Points
George Smith	350 House Points
Jacob Connery	550 House Points

A list of the Top Scorers will be updated on Monday.

A huge congratulations to the following students who have worked hard to achieve the following certificates:

Ollie McEvaddy	50 Sunnydown Words
Joshua Tucker	50 Sunnydown Words
Josh Barnes	150 Sunnydown Words
Reece Williams	150 Sunnydown Words

A special thank you to Josh for his artistic support in deciding on the new certificate design.

**Miss Wood**


Word of the week w/c 30th November 2020

# Tranquility

noun

The quality or state of being tranquil; calm.

I love the peace and tranquility of the lake.



what are other words for tranquility?

serenity, quiet, quietness, quietude, calm, calmness, placidity, repose, stillness, peacefulness

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