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Friday 13th December 2024

Dear all who are associated with Sunnydown,

Assembly this afternoon afforded the opportunity of recognising the amazing achievements of Ollie Taylor in Year 10. Within four years at Sunnydown, Ollie has already amassed 1000 House Points. To put this into perspective, this equates to more than 250 House Points per year. Those that have achieved it in the past have done so predominantly in Year 11, at the rate of 200 per year. However, this is so hard to achieve that in some years, no students do achieve 1000 House Points.

Ollie is a perfect example of a young man who is developing his resilience, his independence and cooperation, clearly evidenced by his award today. Huge congratulations to Ollie - the school record is now in his sights!

During assembly I reminded the young men that they had shared their views on some things that they felt were weaknesses. Keeping the young men informed of the work we as a school are doing to help address those issues reminds them that their voice is important and it is heard. I explained my desire and intention to continue to improve Sunnydown on a continual basis. I also acknowledged that some things they have asked for would not be possible - being a co-educational school for example. What we can do however is increase further the opportunities to socialise with girls from other schools. This is an example of compromise.

Regarding listening to the feedback of the SWOT, all staff met on Thursday afternoon and considered the weaknesses identified as part of the process, and the next steps needed to address those weaknesses that we can. We will continue to work through this SWOT analysis, culminating in a plan that steers the school through the ensuing several years.

I appreciate the voice of parents who were able to respond to the SWOT survey and will continue to address the points raised, but also celebrate the strengths.

A busy week next week, with a 1.20pm finish on Friday. Mr Lord has kindly summarised the outline of events below.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Paul Jensen

Christmas Week Plans: Monday 16th December - Friday 20th December 2024

Please see below details of the plans for next week. Should there be any changes to these activities then we will ensure that the boys are informed in advance. PLEASE NOTE STUDENTS SHOULD BE IN HOUSE TOPS ON WEDNESDAY.

Monday 16 th December	Uniform
Report Read Through: 9.30am - 10.45am Normal Timetable: 10.45am onwards	School uniform
Tuesday 17 th December	
Normal Timetable	School uniform
Wednesday 18 th December	
House Activities - Details shared with students	Please arrive in sports clothing with House tops
Thursday 19 th December	
Form Time activities with Sunnydown Shopping - 9.00am - 12.30pm Christmas Lunch: 12.30pm - 1.20pm Sunnydown's Got Talent: 1.40pm - 2.40pm	School uniform
Friday 20 th December	
Form activities until lunchtime: 9.00am - 12.30pm Normal Lunch plans: 12.30pm - 1.20pm Taxis - 1.20pm	School uniform

Online Safety

Please see the online safety flier attached regarding '12 Top Tips for Children & Young People to Enjoy a Tech-Free Christmas.'

Friends of Sunnydown

Thank you all so much for your kind donations!! The boys are going to have a brilliant Christmas Shopping Day next Thursday and you will definitely be receiving some lovely gifts from them!

Raffle Tickets - Just a reminder that the raffle tickets need to be sent back to school with cash by Tuesday 17th December. We really do have some wonderful prizes this year - including 4 tickets to Chessington World of Adventures, Amazon Fire Smart TV, Echo Spot + Alexa and Sony Wireless Bluetooth Headphones as well as gift vouchers, hampers and much more! Tickets are £1 each or £5 a book. If you need any more, please contact the school office.

Christmas Staff Fund - ALL of the staff at Sunnydown are incredible and give so much to our boys throughout the year so if you would like to donate to the staff fund so that every member of staff receives some Christmas love as a token of our appreciation, then you can do so online or via online banking. Follow this link: [Friends of Sunnydown Christmas Staff Fund 2024](#) or email: friends@sunnydown.surrey.sch.uk for banking details (don't forget to send your note of thanks for the staff Christmas poster).



Sunnydown School

Christmas Cake Sale

Thursday 19/12 2024

Cookies, cakes and festive treats will be on sale! Chance to win some prizes in various exciting games!

9:00-12:00
Next to the fair

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Christmas Cake Sale

As part of the Christmas shopping morning next Thursday, I will be holding a cake sale. There will be some crafts also for sale and games for all students to participate in!

If you would like to donate any cakes I would really appreciate this. Can I ask that all cakes are donated by Wednesday 18th December.

If you would like to bake any treats we would welcome this however, may I ask that the ingredients are clearly labelled!

Just a gentle reminder we are a nut free school.

Mrs Kiddier

<p><u>Thought for the Week</u> (W/C 9th December 2024)</p> <p>Role Models - How do others see us? How do we want to be seen?</p>	<p><u>Thought for the Week</u> (W/C 16th December 2024)</p> <p>Reflection - Spiritual</p>
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House Points

<u>House Points</u>	
Ollie Taylor	1,000 House Points
Freddie Collins	750 House Points
Kamauri Craig	750 House Points
Oscar Gregory	400 House Points

Mr Peters' Award For Progress At Lunch Time Football

Ross Smallman

<u>Mathematician of the Week</u>	The recipients of Mathematician of the Week, awarded by Mrs Webb are James Titchner <i>For excellent engagement & result in his assessment</i> Isaac Benn <i>For exceptional engagement in maths</i>
<u>Writer of the Week</u>	The recipient of Writer of the Week, awarded by Miss Palmer is KS3 Harrison Williams <i>For his excellent Mice & Men newspaper article</i> & awarded by Miss Newcombe is KS4 Ollie Taylor <i>For superb active learning & recall to support answering GCSE questions</i>
<u>Chef of the Week</u>	The recipient of Chef of the Week, awarded by Mrs Hull is James Hall <i>For a consistent positive approach to work</i>
<u>Artist of the Week</u>	The recipient of Artist of the Week, awarded by Mrs Ogle is Michael Hanley <i>For his amazing drawing & focus in Art this week</i>
<u>Reader of the Week</u>	The recipient of Reader of the Week, awarded by Miss Wood is Eddie Smith <i>For his consistent approach to strive for success in reading</i> Charlie Histed <i>For his commitment to being an active reader</i>
<u>Musician of the Week</u>	The recipients of Musician of the Week, awarded by Mr Smith are Edward Gair Freddie Ponsford Eddie Smith
<u>Computer Scientist of the Week</u>	The recipient of Computer Scientist of the Week, awarded by Mr Amzart is Kye Lawrence

Forthcoming Events 2024-2025

Autumn Term 2024	
Thursday 19th December 2024	CHRISTMAS DINNER & CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY
Thursday 19th December 2024	Christmas Shopping Event
Friday 20 th December	(1.20pm finish on 20 th Dec)
Monday 23 rd December - Monday 6 th January 2025	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
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 2025	Fulham football
Tuesday 11 th February 2025	Year 11 Apprenticeship Show
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 4 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 2 nd - Friday 6 th June 2025	Year 10 Work Experience
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

**FRIENDS OF SUNNYDOWN
CHRISTMAS SHENANIGANS**

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE - We have some incredible prizes to be won! Top prizes include an Amazon Fire Smart TV, Echo Spot, Alexa and Sony wireless Bluetooth headphones as well as gift vouchers, hampers and much more! Tickets are £1 each or £5 a book. All tickets must be returned to school with cash by Tuesday 17th Dec ready for the draw on Thursday 19th Dec.
(Please remember to keep the long part and return the stubs with your name & contact details) If tickets have not been received, please contact the school office.

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CHRISTMAS SHOPPING DAY - Thursday 19th December, the boys will get to use their Sunnydown Pound cards to come & choose some gifts for their loved ones.
If you have any good condition and unwanted gifts which are suitable for women, men or children and sweet treats for the tombola, and would be happy to donate them, we would greatly receive and repurpose them. Please send them on the following days:
Friday 06th December - wrapped chocolates/sweets (for the boys tombola)
Friday 13th December - gifts ready for Christmas shopping
The boys can wear mufti on these days, in return for their donations

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