

# SUNNYDOWN SCHOOL

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## Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Dear all who are associated with Sunnydown,

Developing future leaders in education is part of the excitement of being a Headteacher. It allows for recognition of talent and offers opportunities for succession planning, staff growth and of course ever improving outcomes for our children.

I am incredibly proud to announce that Mrs Jensen and Mr Wright underwent a rigorous application and interview process and were appointed as Assistant Headteachers at Sunnydown for the remainder of this academic year. These roles recognise the talents of both staff members, but also builds some capacity for a review of the Senior Leadership Team over coming months. Mrs Jensen and Mr Wright will strengthen the Senior Leadership Team through their respective skills. Huge congratulations to them both.

National Professional Qualifications (NPQs) are also a means of recognising the aspiration of our staff while providing opportunities for their growth. Last year the following staff completed NPQs:

- Mr Cybuch
- Ms Hristova
- Mrs Jensen
- Miss Newcombe
- Mrs Ogle
- Mr Odia (Gabe)
- Mr Zadok

This year we have four dedicated staff working towards the completion of additional NPQs. These are:

- Mrs Jensen - NPQ Headship
- Mrs Hull - NPQ SENCo
- Mrs Pletts - NPQ - SENCo
- Miss Wood - NPQ - SENCo


I am grateful to those staff who are investing time and energy in their own development, enhancing their skills and abilities but also providing opportunities for even better outcomes for our young men.

Year 7 has the first of two Parent evenings on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October. This is a wonderful opportunity for families to meet staff and discuss the first half term of life at Sunnydown for them and of course their sons. Mrs Wermig and her team will be on hand to respond to questions. Following the meeting, a parent survey will be released and we ask all families to respond. This helps us to be reminded of what we are doing well but importantly, helps identify areas we can improve on. Thank you in advance for completing this survey which is for all Year 7 families, even if you could not make the parents evening. However, I know that a vast majority will be attending.

Below is some information about a free online webinar. This is being presented by Charlotte Clarke from 'When the Adults Change' (<https://www.whentheadultschange.com/>). Charlotte will be providing highly practical and incredibly effective strategies that will help you hold firm boundaries and nurture positive behaviours without arguing with your children; without feeling exhausted and without compromising the quality of your relationship. This is a Surrey wide opportunity and not targeted at any specific school nor family. Having researched the work of Charlotte and the team at 'When the Adults Change' I would strongly recommend this to all parents.

Paul Jensen

### Free online support for families



The poster features a light green background. At the top left, the text 'WHEN THE PARENTS CHANGE EVERYTHING CHANGES' is written in a mix of blue and orange, with a small starburst graphic. To the right, the title 'BEHAVIOUR CONVERSATIONS' is in large, bold, blue letters. Below the title, it says 'FREE ONLINE SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES' in blue, followed by 'With Charlotte Clarke from When the Adults Change' in orange. The main text describes the workshop as a tricky business and offers practical strategies. It states the workshop is free and open to all Surrey Special Schools parents, carers, and families, with registration via QR code or email. A QR code is provided on the left. On the right, a cartoon illustration of a woman with long brown hair and a blue headband is holding a blue book titled 'WHEN THE PARENTS CHANGE EVERYTHING CHANGES' by PAUL DIX.

**WHEN THE PARENTS CHANGE EVERYTHING CHANGES**

# BEHAVIOUR CONVERSATIONS

**FREE ONLINE SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES**  
With Charlotte Clarke from *When the Adults Change*

Understanding and supporting the behaviour of children and young people is a tricky business. Lots of our intuitive responses to challenging behaviour can be damaging to our children's mental well being and can have a negative impact on our own mental health, too.

Charlotte will share highly practical and incredibly effective strategies that will help you hold firm boundaries and nurture positive behaviours without arguing with your children; without feeling exhausted and without compromising the quality of your relationship.

The workshop is **FREE** and open to all Surrey Special Schools parents, carers and families. You can register by scanning the QR code below, or by emailing [Clare@whentheadultschange.com](mailto:Clare@whentheadultschange.com) for more information.



The first 'Behaviour Conversations' workshop will be held online on **22nd October at 10:00am.**



## Readathon - November 2024

*'The more that you read, the more things you'll know.  
The more that you learn, the more places you'll go.'*  
- Dr. Seuss



We are running a Read for Good Readathon during the whole month of November and we'd love for all Sunnydown students to join.

It's been proven that children who read for pleasure are more likely to be successful and happy throughout their lives (OECD, 2002). The charity Read for Good encourages children to read through its unique motivational approach that inspires reluctant readers to give reading a go and keen readers to read more widely. Pupils can choose whatever they want to read - from comics to classics and audiobooks to blogs - they are not being assessed, it's all about reading for fun! They are motivated to read because the money they raise in sponsorship helps to provide a regular supply of brand new books and a resident storyteller to every major children's hospital in the UK as well as a percentage of money towards our own library here at Sunnydown.

In Form time, assembly and English lessons next week, your son will be informed about this initiative and provided with a sponsorship form to bring home and start fundraising. We would really appreciate it if you could support your sons finding sponsors amongst friends and family.

**Miss Newcombe**

## Inter-House Pumpkin Carving

Well done to everyone who took part in the Inter-House pumpkin carving.



## Cross Country Event

Yesterday Key Stage 3 and 4 teams took part in the first sports competition of the new school year, a cross country event at The Royal Alexandra and Albert School. Experienced athletes and ones competing for the school for the first time took part and all performed admirably with both Key stages winning their team event. Well done to all the boys who took part:

### Key Stage 3

Alexander Thompson  
Daniel Leonard  
Ethan Lyons  
Frankie McSorley

Jack Bristow  
Jack McDowell  
Jonah Mee  
Kai Bagwell

Matthew Marenga  
Thomas Emms  
Thomas Illman

### Key Stage 4

Antony Harper  
Callum Jordan  
Finley Marley  
Harry Franklin

Jayden Peters  
Lithar Po-Ba  
Max Gibbins  
Michael Hanley

Ollie Taylor  
Teddy Foster

Gabe

## Greenhouse Cup

Last week our latest Greenhouse Cup winner was Tekai Lewis. Tekai has been working really hard to master cycling independently over the last few weeks and last week his hard work and determination paid off. Happy cycling and well done Tekai!



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One in fourteen people suffer with DLD which is the condition known as Developmental Language Disorder. People who suffer from this condition will battle with the long term challenges of talking and or understanding words and using spoken language. It is something that emerges in early childhood but can continue to cause challenges for those who suffer from the condition into adulthood.

**How frustrating would everyday life be if you couldn't communicate your ideas and thoughts?**

DLD matters. It can affect everyday life from social and emotional wellbeing as well as a child's academic progress and adult professional life. The more we raise awareness and develop our understanding the more we will know about how to best support our students at Sunnydown who suffer from DLD.

For more information or guidance please refer to [radld.org](http://radld.org)

Miss Thomas

### Sean's Southern Fried Chicken Recipe - Back on the menu after Christmas!



#### **Method:**

- 1) Mix chicken thighs with herbs, spices, salt, pepper and yoghurt
- 2) Mix flour, baking powder and cornflour together
- 3) Coat the chicken with the flour
- 4) Deep fry 200° until juices run clear/or if you have a temperature probe 83°

#### **Ingredients:**

Chicken Thighs X 6  
Greek Yoghurt X 1 Cup  
Chilli Powder - 2 Tsp  
Smoked Paprika - 2 Tsp  
Garlic Powder - 1 Tsp  
Mixed Herbs - 2 Tsp  
Cumin Powder - 1 Tsp  
Cracked Black Pepper  
Rice Flour - 1 Cup  
Salt - 2 Tsp  
Baking Powder - 2 Tsp  
Cornflour - 2 Tbsp

### Friends of Sunnydown

Thank you so much to those of you who attended our AGM this week, it was really encouraging to see how much we have raised over the last year and what that has been able to bring to the school. We discovered that donations to the 50/50 Club have raised the most funds over the last year which in turn has contributed to both the mental health support work in the school and also the drama club. Your donations really do count!

Dates for your diary - The countdown is on to our first Family Quiz Night of the school year - bring the whole family for a night of fun and food at our Family Quiz Night on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November (6.30pm arrival for a 7.00pm start). Tickets are £15 for adults and £8 for children (under 11) and includes fish and chips and lots of fun. Bring your own drinks and nibbles. Book your tickets here: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/sunnydownevents> or contact: [friends@sunnydown.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:friends@sunnydown.surrey.sch.uk) for more information, or complete the attached form return to the office.

Donation 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 6<sup>th</sup> December and Friday 13<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> December - Wrapped chocolates/sweets (for the boys' Tombola)
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December - Gifts ready for Christmas shopping

Many of you have fed back to us that you do not always get to see what we are up to, so with that in mind 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.

## Online Safety

Please see the flyer attached to this newsletter re 'What Parents & Educators Need To Know About Horror Films & Age Ratings.'

Mr Cassim

**Thought for the Week**  
**(W/C 14<sup>th</sup> October 2024)**

Recycle Week

**Thought for the Week**  
**(W/C 21<sup>st</sup> October 2024)**

British Values

**Mr Peters' Award For Progress At Lunch Time Football**

Thomas Emms

**The Baton**

Jayden Smurthwaite

**Employability Award**

Jayden Peters  
Callum Jordan

**Sportsmanship Award**

Kai Bagwell

**Mathematician of the Week**

The recipient of Mathematician of the Week, awarded by Mrs Webb is

**Jacob Ryan**  
*For concentration & volume of work - a fantastic effort this week!*

& awarded by Mr Wright is

**Zac Hoad**

**Scientist of the Week**

The recipient of Scientist of the week, awarded by Mr Cybuch is

**Noah Atkins**  
*Resilience*

**Writer of the Week**

The recipient of Writer of the Week, awarded by Miss Palmer is

**KS3**  
**Jack Bristow**  
*For his attitude to learning and consistent approach*

& awarded by Miss Newcombe is

**KS4**  
**Charlie McSorley**  
*For his engaging narrative themed as a documentary*

**Chef of the Week**

The recipient of Chef of the Week, awarded by Mrs Carew is

**Harry Franklin**  
*For consistent effort & progress*

<b><u>Artist of the Week</u></b>	The recipient of Artist of the Week, awarded by Mrs Ogle is <b>Jaden Doorga</b> <i>For his fantastic digital art work this week</i>
<b><u>Reader of the Week</u></b>	The recipient of Reader of the Week, awarded by Miss Newcombe is <b>Nathan Small</b> <i>For consistent commitment to reading</i>
<b><u>Musician of the Week</u></b>	The recipients of Musician of the Week, awarded by Mr Smith are <b>Eddie Smith</b> <b>Jacob Ryan</b>

### House Points

<b>House Points</b>	
Charlie Histed	850 House Points
Charlie Carter	650 House Points
Freddie Dunne	550 House Points
Matthew Marenga	350 House Points
Sam Walsh	300 House Points

### Forthcoming Events 2024-2025

<b>Autumn Term 2024</b>	
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	Inter-House morning
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	Year 11 Life Skills trip
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2024 (4pm - 6pm)	Year 7 Parents' Evening
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	Diversity Equity & Inclusion morning
<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2024</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	Start of Autumn Half Term 2
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	Friends of Sunnydown Family Quiz Night (7PM)
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	PW2 Theatre trip - An Inspector Calls
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	Year 9 Parents' Evening
<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024</b>	<b>Christmas Donation Day</b>
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2024</b>	<b>Christmas Donation Day</b>
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2024</b>	<b>🎄 Christmas Dinner 🎄</b>
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2024</b>	<b>Christmas Shopping Event</b>
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December - Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY</b>
<b>Spring Term 2025</b>	
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> January - Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Ski Trip
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Open morning (9.30-11am)
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Year 8 Parents' Evening
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2025</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Year 7 Parents' Evening
<b>Summer Term 2025</b>	
<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April - Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025</b>	<b>EASTER HOLIDAY</b>
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	Year 11 Parents' Evening
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	Year 10 Kenley Bike Challenge
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	Year 11 Kenley Bike Challenge
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	Year 8 Kenley Bike Challenge
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	Year 9 Kenley Bike Challenge
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2025	Year 7 Kenley Bike Challenge
<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2025</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	Year 10 Parents' Evening
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	FoS Golf Day
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> - Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Year 9 Residential
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	END OF TERM

