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Dear all who are associated with Sunnydown,

Feedback is one way all organisations can seek to demonstrate improvement. I have been so heartened by the uptake of several opportunities recently that I want to draw attention to some here.

By way of reminder, parents will be surveyed at least once per year regarding their perceptions of Sunnydown School. These are offered to families immediately after respective parents' evenings. Year 9 families are being surveyed currently since their parents' evening was on Wednesday of this week and closes at 5pm tonight.

Regarding Year 9 parents' evening, thank you to the families able to be here in person. The face to face collaboration between my dedicated staff team and parents is invaluable, with the outcome of even better outcomes for our children. I encourage all families to make every effort to attend their respective parents' evenings.

A Surrey wide survey is mentioned further along this edition of the newsletter. I would encourage all families to try and find the time to respond to this as it will inform future SEND services across the county.

Finally, staff, students, governors and families have recently been invited to undertake a SWOT analysis. I will present some initial findings and feedback to governors on Monday evening. I cannot thank the families who shared their views enough. A brief summary of major trends is offered below.

Regarding the tables below, I offer no context nor explanation. This is deliberate so that respondents can feel reassured that their voices are being heard.

Summary of Strength of Sunnydown, as identified by parents and students are as follows

Parents' 28 responses (all forms were represented)	Responses were either individual via a survey or as part of a group/form response
Caring, supportive environment for students -	Trips and Opportunities
Personalised and tailored education -	Support and Pastoral Care
Outstanding pastoral support -	Teachers and Teaching Quality
Strong leadership and staff commitment	Special Activities and Facilities
Inclusive, community-oriented environment -	School Environment and Atmosphere

One family commented '*the commitment of the staff at Sunnydown which is fed down from the leadership team is shown in the students progress and attainment.*'

Students shared that '*when I'm going through a hard time they help me,*' '*teachers and TAs are nice and helpful,*' '*the Friday curriculum ... Go Kart building project ... are great.*'

Summary of Weaknesses of Sunnydown, as identified by parents and students are as follows

Parents 28 responses (all forms were represented)	Responses were either individual via a survey or as part of a group/form response
Communication with parents	Behaviour and discipline issues
Behaviour and peer conflict	Limited diversity and inclusivity
Curriculum and academic support	School facilities and resources
School facilities and resources	Issues with school structure and scheduling
Emotional and mental health support	Food and lunchtime experience

One family commented that *'whilst we appreciate the communication from the school regards to day to day events, at times it feels parents/carers could do with more notice and more communication from the office as messages can get lost in translation through my son.'*

Students felt comfortable in sharing the following observations (not an exhaustive list).

- *Too much swearing from students*
- *No opportunities to socialise with girls*
- *Trips are mainly sport-focused*
- *Not enough animals*
- *Classrooms are plain/need updating*
- *Length of school day on Monday and Friday*
- *Packed lunch students sitting inside*

As the leader of Sunnydown School, I will continue to explore ways to celebrate the strengths, rectify the weaknesses, take advantage of the opportunities and mitigate the risks. Thank you to all who have shared their views.

Greenhouse T Shirts

Last week two Year 8 students were the latest to receive our all-new Greenhouse T-shirts. Luke Luo and Loui Salliss showed great determination and progress in their swimming lessons and I am looking forward to their continued development and progress in swimming.

Well done to you both!



Gabe

9W Trip to Items Sugarcraft Shop

It was a pleasure to escort 9W to Items to buy their Christmas cake decorations. We had a pleasant walk down to the train station, all students purchased their own train tickets and made their individual purchases at the shop. The shop owner commented on how polite and courteous the students were. We then returned on the train and had a brisk walk back up to school. Well done 9W for being great representatives of Sunnydown.

Mrs Hull

Parents' Voices Matter survey – toolkit to help promotion

As members of the Surrey Additional Needs and Disabilities (SAND) Partnership, we are 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' experience of accessing help and support related to Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) in Surrey and they want to ensure they get the views of as many people as they can so their feedback can inform improvements to local services and in turn families' experiences.

The survey closes at 23:59 on Sunday 24 November 2024.

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



Year 10 Work Experience

We are excited to announce that Year 10 Work Experience will take place from Monday 2nd June to Friday 6th June 2025. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to explore career interests and develop valuable skills. Parents and carers are encouraged to start planning and arranging placements early. If you have any questions or need support, please don't hesitate to contact the school. Parents of Year 10 students please see the letter sent home today for more details.

Mr Wright

Outdoor kitchen

We want to say a huge thank you to Mr Hoad - who has not only given up his time to design an outdoor kitchen but has also been on site for 4 days in these arctic conditions building it! The Year 10s were helping with the pizza oven yesterday and today the Year 9s were helping build the BBQ. Our utmost gratitude to Mr Hoad.



Mr Moody

Caterham Rotary Christmas Activities

We are pleased to attach details of Caterham Rotary's Christmas activities which includes a link to their website highlighting their House to House collection commencing on Monday 25th November caterhamrotary.org.uk



Caterham Rotary Christmas Activities – Volunteers welcomed.

We're thrilled to share details of our Christmas activities this year. Last year, thanks to your incredible support, we raised around £10,000 through our festive events, all of which went directly towards meeting the needs of our community.

Here's how you can get involved this year:

Street Collections: 10th – 18th December 6pm to 9pm.

Join us as we accompany Santa and his sleigh around local streets during weekday evenings. It's a fun way to spread some holiday cheer! You can find full details of the 12 routes on our website: www.caterhamrotary.org.uk.

We're always looking for extra hands to help with the collections, so if you'd like to volunteer, we'd love to hear from you.

Weekend Collection at Knights Garden Centre: 23rd November – 22nd December

We'll be collecting outside Knights Garden Centre Chelsham every weekend from Saturday, 23rd November, to Sunday, 22nd December. If you have an hour or so to spare, why not join us? We always collect in pairs, and it's a great opportunity to chat with fellow volunteers and the lovely Knights customers.

Carol Sing-Alongs in Local Care Homes

Nothing spreads Christmas joy like a good carol sing-along! We visit local care homes for an hour or so to sing with the residents, who always enjoy joining in. We welcome more singers—no need to worry about the quality of your voice, it's all about spreading joy!

Collection outside Tesco Thursday 5th and Friday 6th December.

We are happy to say that we have managed to get enough volunteers for this however if you are nearby please stop by for a chat, the collectors always enjoy it.

If you're interested in volunteering or hearing more about any of these activities, please don't hesitate to get in touch! You can reply to this email at events@caterhamrotary.org.uk

Thank you for your continued support, and we hope to see you at one of our Christmas events!

As always if you don't want to receive any more of these emails please reply and we will delete you from our distribution list.

Best wishes,

President and members of Caterham Rotary club.



Friends of Sunnydown

REMINDERS

Christmas Shopping Day - Is always a highlight for the boys. They all really enjoy choosing gifts for their loved ones and having them specially wrapped to take home.

Donation/Mufti Days - 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

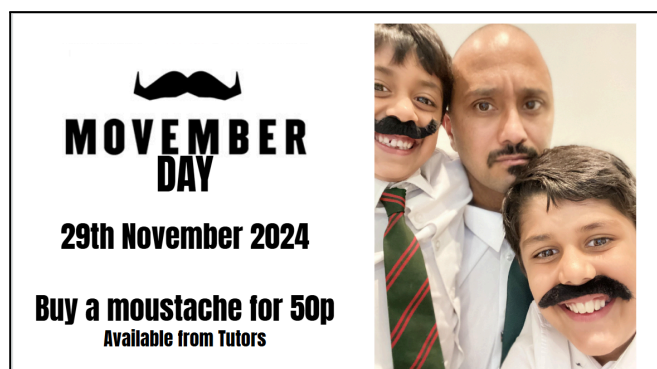
Christmas Staff Fund - If you would like to donate to the staff fund so that every member of staff receives some Christmas love as a token of our appreciation, then you can do so online or via online banking. Follow this link: [Friends of Sunnydown Christmas Staff Fund 2024](#) or email: friends@sunnydown.surrey.sch.uk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



We would like to remind you that 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.

Movember Fundraiser

This November we are proud to support Movember, raising awareness and funds for men's health. Stick-on moustaches will be on sale next Friday 25th November for just 50p each. All proceeds will go towards this fantastic cause. Let's come together to make a difference - don't forget to grab your moustache and join the fun!



Mr Wright

Thought for the Week
(W/C 18th November 2024)

Anti Bullying Week

Thought for the Week
(W/C 25th November 2024)

Tolerance - How to tolerate each other

Mr Peters' Award For Progress At Lunch Time Football

Thomas Illman

The Baton

Harley Schooling

Sportsmanship Award

Max Gibbins

Mathematician of the Week

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

George McGookin

For his positive attitude to assessment & excellent completion

Scientist of the Week

The recipient of Scientist of the week, awarded by Ms Hristova is

**Jonah Mee
Harvey Caruana**

For active learning

& awarded by Mr Cybuch is

Alfie Monk
For resilience

Writer of the Week

The recipients of Writer of the Week, awarded by Miss Newcombe are

KS3

**Harley Schooling
Jonah Mee**

For their excellent first PEE paragraph

KS4

Charlie Carter
For his excellent independent language analysis

Chef of the Week

The recipient of Chef of the Week, awarded by Mrs Hull

Harry Origgi-Fernando
For great recall of information & consistent effort

Reader of the Week

The recipient of Reader of the Week, awarded by Mr Ogle is

Zac Hoad
For making the most of his dedicated reading time

& awarded by Miss Adams

Milo Baker

	<i>For his focus & concentration during reading</i>
<u>Musician of the Week</u>	The recipient of Musician of the Week, awarded by Mr Smith is Eddie Smith
<u>Artist of the Week</u>	The recipient of Artist of the Week, awarded by Mrs Ogle is Loui Salliss <i>For his effort and improvement in Art</i>

House Points

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Harvey Caruana	800 House Points
Oliver Hall	50 House Points

Forthcoming Events 2024-2025

<u>Autumn Term 2024</u>	
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)
Friday 29 th November 2024	Movember Day
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
<i>Friday 6th December 2024</i>	<i>Christmas Donation Day - MUFTI</i>
<i>Friday 13th December 2024</i>	<i>Christmas Donation Day - MUFTI</i>
<i>Thursday 19th December 2024</i>	<i>🎄 Christmas Dinner 🎄</i>
<i>Thursday 19th December 2024</i>	<i>Christmas Shopping Event</i>
Monday 23 rd December - Monday 6 th January 2025	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY (1.20pm finish on 20 th Dec)
<u>Spring Term 2025</u>	
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
<u>Summer Term 2025</u>	
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 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

