

*Small school, big heart,  
aiming high together*



*Sutton News*

*14th December 2018*

### **Headteacher's Message**

As I am writing this, I am still buzzing about the fantastic disco that was held at school last night. It was a brilliant evening full of dancing, games and lots of fun. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and it was great to see all age groups mixing together so well and getting into the Christmas spirit. DJ Lynne and her husband commented on how polite all of our children were. Enormous thanks to FOSS who pulled the evening together - another successful event.

Huge congratulations to Class 1 who performed 'Shine Star, Shine' this week to three packed audiences. The singing was incredible, speaking clear, and acting brilliant. To see children from the age of five perform so confidently and enthusiastically was a joy to see, and I was incredibly proud of them all. Well done to the Class 1 team who pulled everything together and again big thanks to parents and Anne Williams for providing costumes.

Christmas lunch was an enormous success and it was lovely to welcome Pre-school for the first time as well as Governors, volunteers and Rev Steve. We all tucked into a Christmas dinner with all of the trimmings and an ice-cream Christmas tree for pudding. It was all delicious, so a big thank you to Mrs Hodgson and Mrs Wagstaff in the kitchen.

When Rev Steve was in school on Tuesday, he presented the school with a cheque for £5000, which was left to the school by Jenny Mitchell, a former Governor of Sutton School and Headteacher of Huby. The money was left for both Huby and Sutton schools to promote the church mission for children up to the age of twelve. We are incredibly grateful that this money has been given to the school and we look forward to honouring Jenny's wishes.

This week in school, we have borrowed some VR (virtual reality) equipment from Vital, our IT support company. The children have had the opportunity to go on underwater adventures and climb rocky mountains. We will have this equipment in school next week too, so all of the children have a chance to experience using this state-of-the-art technology.

Our Year 5/6 children were victorious at the Cluster Sportshall Athletics last Friday, coming second out of the cluster group. The children took part in a range of events from javelin to sprinting, and demonstrated good sportsmanship throughout the whole event. Well done, all!

Lastly, we are very much looking forward to our fun week next week, which starts with Christmas crafts on Monday. School Council are ready to judge the talent show on Tuesday, and then we finish the day with KS2's Christmas performance. Wednesday is our panto day and then it's party time on Thursday! We will finish on Thursday with our informal sing-along, which will set us all up nicely for the beginning of the holidays.

To those who are attending the wreath-making tonight—enjoy! Have a lovely weekend.



## **Superstars**

### **Headteacher Award**

Madeleine, for brilliant reading and writing and a great attitude to learning

### **Stars of the Week**

**Reception, Year 1 and Year 2**—Everyone, for a fantastic nativity performance

**Year 3**—Oscar, for excellent use of the inverse in Maths

**Year 4**—Thomas M, for writing a great recipe and evaluation in DT

**Year 5**—William Hi, for super effort and concentration in all lessons

**Year 6**—Jacob C, for super effort with his writing this week

### **Happy Birthday!**

10th December—Freya

### **Golden table**

Tiffany, Amelia, Grace B, Orla, Rebecca, Jacob C, Jess

### **House points**

This week the joint winners are Kirkham (Purple) and Byland (Blue)

### **Attendance**

**Highest average attendance** - Reception, Year 1, Year 2 (all 100%)

**Whole school average** - 96.3%

**National attendance average** - 96%

## **Other news**

### **No school clubs next week**

Please note that there will be NO after-school clubs next week, for the last week of term.

### **KS2 (Years 3-6) Christmas performance, Tuesday 18th December at 2pm**

Parents/carers and other relatives are all welcome to attend this festive performance in the school hall.

### **Whole school panto trip, Wednesday 19th December**

Please could all children come to school in school uniform as usual, with a school jumper/cardigan. No spending money is required, and lunch will be eaten at school as normal before the panto. Arrival time back at school after the panto will be confirmed early next week.

### **Christmas parties and Christmas Sing-along, Thursday 20th December**

All children can wear party/festive clothes next Thursday for the last day of term and Christmas parties, and may bring games in to play (no electronics or Pokemon cards, please). Please could each child bring one savoury and one sweet snack for themselves, in named bags.

Our Christmas Sing-along will be held at 2:45pm in the school hall. Parents/carers and other relatives welcome!

### **New term commences Tuesday 8th January**

School reopens for the spring term on **Tuesday 8th January** (Monday 7th is a Training Day for staff).

### **Young Voices, 8th January**

Full details for those children taking part in Young Voices have now been sent home. Please remember to encourage your child to practice the songs and dance moves over the Christmas break, as this will really enhance their experience of the concert on the day.

## **Forthcoming Events - Autumn Term**

- 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2pm** - Years 3-6 Christmas Performance  
**19<sup>th</sup> December, 1:30pm** - Christmas panto at Grand Opera House  
**20<sup>th</sup> December** - Class Christmas parties (party clothes & own snacks),  
Mrs Pye's Christmas sing-along (2:45-3:30pm),  
LAST DAY OF TERM

## **Forthcoming Events - Spring Term**

- 7<sup>th</sup> January** - Training Day  
**8<sup>th</sup> January** - SCHOOL REOPENS, Young Voices at Sheffield Arena  
**15<sup>th</sup> January** - NYCC deadline for Reception 2019 primary school applications  
**18<sup>th</sup> January, 10-11:30am** - Grandparents' Coffee Morning  
**21<sup>st</sup> January** - After-school clubs to restart this week  
**23<sup>rd</sup> (or 30<sup>th</sup>) January** - Year 2 Cluster Multi-Skills Sports (TBC)  
**28<sup>th</sup> January** - Year 3/4 DIG/Jorvik trip  
**4<sup>th</sup> February** - Year 5/6 York Minster trip  
**14<sup>th</sup> February** - Year 3/4 Cluster Quick Sticks Hockey (TBC)  
**19<sup>th</sup> February** - Tempest class photos  
**22<sup>nd</sup> February** - LAST DAY OF HALF TERM
- 4<sup>th</sup> March** - SCHOOL REOPENS  
**7<sup>th</sup> March** - World Book Day  
**15<sup>th</sup> March** - Red Nose Day  
**20<sup>th</sup> March** - Year 5/6 Cluster Quick Sticks Hockey (TBC)  
**1<sup>st</sup> April** - Bag2School bags available  
**3<sup>rd</sup> April** - Year 5/6 Cluster Netball Tournament (TBC)  
**5<sup>th</sup> April** - Science Day  
**10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> April** - Year 5 Robinwood residential trip  
**12<sup>th</sup> April** - LAST DAY OF TERM