

***Small school, big heart,
aiming high together***



***Sutton
Standard***
7th September 2018

Headteacher's Message

Welcome back to a brand new academic year at Sutton School! It is great to see all of our children and families safely returned after a long, relaxing break. I'd also like to extend a huge welcome to all of our new starters and their families. We not only have new faces in our Reception class, but also in Years 1, 2 and 4, and all of these children have made a fantastic start at their new school, becoming part of the Sutton family.

It has been a real joy visiting each class this week and seeing lots of happy faces- children and staff! Huge credit to the staff who have worked hard before we broke up, and over the summer holidays, to make the learning environments so inviting and purposeful. Over the coming weeks, these environments will be enhanced further by the brilliant work I know the children will produce. We look forward to inviting parents into school later in the term to share and celebrate what we have been doing.

Staff had a very busy training day, with plans and dates for events being put in place for the year ahead. Even though there may be changes throughout this year, you'll be pleased to know that many traditions that the children and you hold dear will remain, with a few added extras! We are also in the process of planning visits and experiences to bring the children's learning to life. A letter with further details will follow in the next couple of weeks.

Homework

We have discussed homework as a team, and considered the feedback that parents have informally given to staff. As a result, the school's approach to homework over this term will be different, and hopefully more beneficial for the children. In a typical week children will be expected to:

- Read nightly for 10-15 minutes, with an adult signing their reading record/planner. This can be a school reading book, own book/magazine etc., or Bug Club
- Phonics/Spellings - given out on a Friday and tested the following Thursday
- Athletics
- Times Table Rockstars for those children who are learning times tables

More details will be given at the parents' meetings next week, as there may be variations of activities dependent on year group. Any feedback on the new arrangements would be gratefully received.

We are lucky to have a number of volunteers who come into school to listen to readers, help with music lessons, or generally be involved with the children in the classroom. If you have any spare time and would like to volunteer in school, then we would love to hear from you. In line with our safeguarding policy, all volunteers will be required to have a DBS check; this will be arranged by school. Please speak to me or Mrs Berthinussen if you are interested.



Superstars

Headteacher Award

Neve, for caring for our new-starter children at lunchtimes

Stars of the Week

Reception—All of Reception, for a great first week at school

Year 1—Lucy, for excellent writing

Year 2—Lucas, for super adding in Maths

Year 3—Oscar, for getting stuck into learning, especially in Maths and Literacy

Year 4—Oliver S., for an excellent start to the year and brilliant writing, and for being helpful

Year 5—Alex, for great Roman numerals work

Year 6—Alfie, for a great start to term and a positive attitude

Happy Birthday!

8th September—Arthur

Golden table

All of our new Reception starters

House points

Watch this space!

Attendance

Highest average attendance - Reception, Year 1, Year 3, Year 4

Whole school average - 98%

National attendance average - 96%

Other news

Easingwold Library Summer Reading Challenge

The Summer Reading Challenge run by Easingwold Library finishes tomorrow, Saturday 8th September. Certificates for those who completed the Challenge will be presented by Easingwold Library in school assembly next Tuesday.

FOSS Tesco bag-packing

The FOSS Tesco bag-packing fundraiser in August raised a fantastic £270 for school. A huge thank you from us all to those who gave up some of their holiday time to help out with this! Some photos above.

Parent-Teacher Meetings next week, all to be held at 3:30pm

Wednesday 12th September—Class 2 Parent Meeting

Thursday 13th September—Class 1 Parent Meeting

Friday 14th September—Class 3 Parent Meeting

Music lessons in school

We have music instructors in school each week to teach: piano, violin, cello, brass and woodwind instruments, and guitar (acoustic, electric, or bass). If your child is interested in learning an instrument in school, please contact the school office and we can provide contact details. (Please note, instructors are external providers and charge for lessons).

Ai Martial Arts Judo classes after school

For those who attend Judo, please note a change of day and time—sessions will now be held on Tuesdays, 4:45-5:45pm.

School water bottles

School water bottles are on sale in the school entrance hall for £1.75 each. Please drop payment into the school office.

Forthcoming Events - Autumn Term

- 12th September, 3:30pm** - Class 2 Parents' Meeting
- 13th September, 3:30pm** - Class 1 Parents' Meeting
- 14th September, 3:30pm** - Class 3 Parents' Meeting
- 26th September, 10am-12pm** - Year 5/6 Cluster TAG Rugby (TBC)
- 3rd October, 4-6pm** - Year 5/6 Cluster Netball and Football 1 (TBC)
- 10th October, 4-6pm** - Year 5/6 Cluster Netball and Football 2 (TBC)
- 12th October** - NSPCC "Speak Out, Stay Safe" assemblies/workshops - wear green or non-uniform
- 17th October, morning** - Sutton Preschool & Toddlers session at school
- 17th October, 4-6pm** - Year 5/6 Cluster Netball and Football 3 (TBC)
- 18th October, 3:30-5pm** - Year 5/6 Cluster Girls Football (TBC)
- 22nd October** - Flu vaccinations Rec-Year 5 children (details TBC)
- 24th October, 2:30pm** - Harvest Festival (venue TBC)
- 25th October, 2-3:30pm** - School Open Afternoon (open to all)
- 26th October** - FOSS non-uniform day, LAST DAY OF HALF TERM
- 5th November** - SCHOOL RE-OPENS
- 9th November** - Bag2School collection
- 9th November, 2pm** - Remembrance Assembly
- 14th November** - Parents' Evening 1
- 15th November** - Parents' Evening 2
- 21st November, 9:30-11am** - Years 3-6 Cluster Cross Country (TBC)
- 7th December, 12:15-2:45pm** - Year 5/6 Cluster Sportshall Athletics (TBC)
- 10th December, 2pm** - Christmas Play dress rehearsal
- 12th December, 2pm & 6pm** - Christmas Play
- 14th December** - Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day
- 19th December** - Christmas Panto trip
- 20th December** - School Christmas parties
- 21st December** - FOSS non-uniform day, Talent Show, LAST DAY OF TERM

Sutton-on-the-Forest CofE Primary School

Term Dates 2018-19

Autumn Term Tuesday 4th September to Friday 21st December 2018

Half-term Monday 29th October to Friday 2nd November 2018 (reopen Monday 5th November)

Spring Term Tuesday 8th January to Friday 12th April 2019

Half-term Monday 25th February to Friday 1st March 2019 (reopen Monday 4th March)

Summer Term Tuesday 30th April to Friday 19th July 2019

May Day Monday 6th May 2019

Half-term Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May (reopen Monday 3rd June)

Teacher Training Days -

Monday 3rd September 2018

Monday 7th January 2019

Monday 29th April 2019

Monday 22nd July 2019