

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



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Headteacher's Message

It has been lovely to see so many of our families attending the parent/teacher interviews this week. These meetings are invaluable in discovering how your children are progressing academically and socially and are an essential part of the communication between home and school. The teaching staff have fed back positive comments from parents about how happy their children are at Sutton and how pleased they are, not only their own child's achievements, but also the positive journey the school is on.

On Monday, David Brown came to update all of the children about his latest visit to Budalangi, Kenya, and the progress being made to build a church/school for the local community. The children asked some interesting questions and were amazed about the contrast between our school and the building there. The Year 5/6 children also received responses to the letters they had sent the children from Budlangi and this is a communication we hope to sustain, as it is an invaluable part of our children developing more global awareness. The School Council are planning a bake sale to raise funds to send to Budalangi, so watch this space for more details.

It was a pleasure to show Mr Hall, our Chair of Governors, and Mrs Gale (Governor) around school on Thursday, allowing them to see the school in action. I was able to show them the progress that has been made in ensuring the classrooms are purposeful, exciting learning environments for the children, whilst also sharing future plans to develop this further.

I am sure you will agree that the playground looks much more colourful and inviting for the children and adults! It has been wonderful to see the children more engaged in their play during break times. The markings were paid for using the Sports Premium money that is allocated to each school to promote activity and sport in school.

From the beginning of December, we will be replacing Mathletics with MyMaths. They are similar in approach, but we felt the children needed a change from Mathletics to ensure that they are motivated to use it. We have also subscribed to BusyThings for the children in Class 1, which is an excellent online resource that supports all areas of the curriculum in EYFS/KS1.

Lastly, I would like to say how proud I was of the children who took part in the Remembrance Parade on Sunday. They marched from Huby in the pouring rain and were still smiling. The display in the village hall looked wonderful and there were many positive comments from the local community.



<u>Superstars</u>	
<u>Headteacher Award</u>	<u>Happy Birthday!</u>
Elijah, for being an active participant in all we do in school	14th November—Caydon
<u>Stars of the Week</u>	<u>Golden table</u>
<u>Reception</u> —Eva, for super sound-blending in Phonics	Flora, Toby Tr., Charlotte, Toby Th., Joshua P., Genevieve, Henry Ho.
<u>Year 1</u> —Flora, for a super independent write	<u>House points</u>
<u>Year 2</u> —Sammy P., for working very hard at his writing	This week the joint winners are Rievaulx (Red), Byland (Blue) and Kirkham (Purple)
<u>Year 3</u> —Maisy, for fantastic addition work in Maths this week	<u>Attendance</u>
<u>Year 4</u> —Joshua V., for being especially helpful in class	<u>Highest average attendance</u> - Year 1, Year 6 (both 98%)
<u>Year 5</u> —Joshua P., for working extremely hard to write a flashback in English	<u>Whole school average</u> - 95%
<u>Year 6</u> —Henry Ho., for fantastic vocabulary in his flashback writing	<u>National attendance average</u> - 96%

Other news

Bag2School funds raised

A fantastic £205.20 was raised from our recent Bag2School collection, which is an all-time record! A huge thank you to all those at school and in the local community who were able to contribute bags and to FOSS for all their hard work organising.

FOSS meeting next Tuesday

The next FOSS (Friends of Sutton School) meeting will take place next Tuesday, 20th November, at 7pm at school. All are welcome—FOSS would be grateful of any input into fund-raising ideas for school, and for any help time-wise, however big or small. All funds raised by FOSS go directly into making sure that each child has a fantastic experience during their time at Sutton. Thank you in advance to those who are able to attend.

Chocolate in packed lunches

If your child brings a packed lunch to school, please could you ensure that they do not bring chocolate bars as part of their lunch. Biscuit-based bars are acceptable, but we do not encourage children to eat chocolate bars in school. Thank you for your cooperation.

Forthcoming Events - Autumn Term

20th November - Class 2 trip to Temple Newsam House,

Reception Parents' Lunch at school (12pm)

FOSS meeting (7pm)

21st November, 9:30-11am - Years 3-6 Cluster Cross Country (leave school 8:45am)

29th November - Whole school cake sale to raise money for Budalangi School

2nd December, 12-3pm - Sutton Pre-School Christmas Fair

3rd December, 2pm - Christmas tree-decorating

7th December, 12:15-2:45pm - Year 5/6 Cluster Sportshall Athletics

11th December - Christmas dinner

11th December, 1:30pm - Rec/KS1 Christmas Play dress rehearsal

12th December, 2pm & 6pm - Rec/KS1 Christmas Plays

13th December, 5-6:30pm - Christmas disco

14th December - Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day

14th December - FOSS Wreath-Making Evening (time TBC)

18th December, 2-3pm - KS2 Christmas Performance

19th December, 1:30pm - Christmas panto at Grand Opera House

20th December - FOSS non-uniform day,

School Christmas parties,

Mrs Pye's Christmas sing-along (2:45-3:30pm),

LAST DAY OF TERM

21st December - Training Day

7th January - Training Day

8th January - SCHOOL REOPENS