

***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 Budalangi 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.





## **Forthcoming Events - Autumn Term**

**20<sup>th</sup> November** - Class 2 trip to Temple Newsam House,

Reception Parents' Lunch at school (12pm)

FOSS meeting (7pm)

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

**29<sup>th</sup> November** - Whole school cake sale to raise money for Budalangi School

**2<sup>nd</sup> December, 12-3pm** - Sutton Pre-School Christmas Fair

**3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2pm** - Christmas tree-decorating

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

**11<sup>th</sup> December** - Christmas dinner

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

**12<sup>th</sup> December, 2pm & 6pm** - Rec/KS1 Christmas Plays

**13<sup>th</sup> December, 5-6:30pm** - Christmas disco

**14<sup>th</sup> December** - Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day

**14<sup>th</sup> December** - FOSS Wreath-Making Evening (time TBC)

**18<sup>th</sup> December, 2-3pm** - KS2 Christmas Performance

**19<sup>th</sup> December, 1:30pm** - Christmas panto at Grand Opera House

**20<sup>th</sup> December** - FOSS non-uniform day,

School Christmas parties,

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

LAST DAY OF TERM

**21<sup>st</sup> December** - Training Day

**7<sup>th</sup> January** - Training Day

**8<sup>th</sup> January** - SCHOOL REOPENS