

*Small school, big heart,  
aiming high together*



*Sutton News*

*7th December 2018*

### *Headteacher's Message*

We had a lovely start to the week with Pre-School and Class 1 coming together for a Teddy Bears Picnic in the school hall, where a fun time was had by all. In preparation for the picnic, the children in Class 1 were very busy: Reception wrote a shopping list for Mrs Fineran, Year 1 wrote invitations for the Pre-School children, and Year 2 wrote persuasive letters to Treetops to borrow some toys. This is an excellent example of how the children in Class 1 can access the same theme or topic at an age-appropriate level.

I had a lovely time last Sunday at Pre-School's Christmas Fair and was privileged to help on the cake stall! It was good to meet some new faces and also chat to existing parents in a fun, festive environment. Debbie, Delphine and all those involved with Pre-School would like to extend their thanks to all those who supported the event—they raised £700.

After Christmas, we will be welcoming Pre-School on Monday afternoons for their transition sessions into school. As well as sessions by themselves, there will opportunity for the children from Pre-School and our current Reception children to join together in sessions involving music, soft play, phonics, craft and much more. We are looking forward to welcoming them in January.

We welcomed Jess into Year 6 on Monday and she has settled in brilliantly. It is great to see our school community growing, and I am very proud of our children who welcome new faces with compassion and friendship.

There were delicious smells wafting down the corridors as Class 2 made mince pies on Wednesday. They have researched and tasted over the last few weeks as part of their D&T lessons and finally produced their own. The verdict was that they were yummy!

On Thursday, our Worship Team visited the children of South Kilvington CE Primary, who had created an Advent trail in St Mary's Church, Thirsk. Their write-up is below in 'Other news'. We look forward to inviting their Worship Team to Sutton in the spring term and exploring other ways to work collaboratively.

As part of our drive to further improve facilities at Sutton School, we are looking at developing the courtyard area outside Class 1 to ensure it is a purposeful and engaging area for our younger children to learn in. We would like to form a working group to look at ways to drive this forward. If you have expertise in: sourcing funding, building, joinery, or any other skills that you think would benefit the group, and you have time to help either at the planning or practical stage, please let the school office know.

Finally, thank you to the parents who were able to come in for the tree-decorating on Monday. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and it was a very festive, fun experience for all. We are very much looking forward to welcoming parents, carers and the community to Class 1's Christmas play next Wednesday — I think you will all be amazed! Have an enjoyable weekend.



## Superstars

### Headteacher Award

Sebastian, for making progress in his writing and trying his best

### Stars of the Week

**Reception**—Harry, for super work in Phonics

**Year 1**—Henry R, for super participation and writing in History

**Year 2**—Scarlett, for trying her best at everything

**Year 3**—Ollie W, for working independently in his writing

**Year 4**—Freya, for hard work all week and being a superstar whilst baking mince pies

**Year 5**—Maxi, for always trying his best

**Year 6**—Jess, for making a great start at Sutton

### Happy Birthday!

No birthdays this week

### Golden table

Esmee, Lucas, Will J, Oliver S, Alex, Jacob A, Liam

### House points

This week the winners are Byland (Blue)

### Attendance

**Highest average attendance** - Reception (100%)

**Whole school average** - 97.4%

**National attendance average** - 96%

## Other news

### Cake sale to raise funds for the new school building in Budalangi, Kenya

From the School Council: "A massive thank you to anyone who provided cakes. It was a brilliant turnout. We managed to raise a whopping £92.32 for the village in Budalangi, Kenya. This will make a great difference for their village. Thank you for your support."

### Worship Team visit to South Kilvington

"On the 6th of December, the Worship Team—Genevieve, Lola, Will G and Maxi—went to a St Mary's Church in Thirsk to take part in an Advent trail. It had been set up by South Kilvington School's Worship Council. The trail was very exciting because we got to learn the true story of Christmas and got to do some fun activities. We also visited the school and looked at the worship displays they put up." By Will G

### School Christmas disco (13th Dec) and Wreath Night (14th Dec) tickets

Tickets for both events are still for sale in the school office. For those wishing to attend, if you could purchase tickets as soon as possible, that would really help with planning.

### Christmas Hamper donations

Thank you for all the super Christmas hamper donations so far. They're already looking lovely! FOSS have asked if all donations could kindly be in school by next Tuesday, 11th December.

### Non-uniform days for Christmas

**14th December**—Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day—£1 donation per child for Save the Children, please

**20th December**—last day of term, Christmas parties—children to come to school in their party clothes

### Christmas Sing-Along, 20th December at 2:45pm

We are looking forward to welcoming parents/carers, grandparents, siblings and other relatives to this informal Christmas sing-along on the last day of term. Singing voices at the ready!

## **Forthcoming Events - Autumn Term**

- 11<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas dinner
- 11<sup>th</sup> December, 1:30pm - Rec-Year 2 Christmas Play dress rehearsal
- 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2pm & 6pm - Rec-Year 2 Christmas Play
- 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, 7pm - FOSS Wreath-Making Evening
- 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),  
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
- 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