

*Small school, big heart,
aiming high together*



Sutton News

18th January 2019

Headteacher's Message

I have to begin this week's newsletter by congratulating our KS2 children for an awesome performance at the Cluster Cross Country event on Wednesday. We had children in each age group qualifying for the next round of the competition, as well as stand-out performances from many other individuals. Well done to all of the children who participated, and thank you to the parents and carers who turned out to support them.

It was wonderful to welcome our pre-school children to the first of their 'Rising Fives' transition sessions at school. Over the coming weeks and months, the children will be involved in different activities and will enjoy joining in with our current Reception children, so as to aid a smooth transition in September. These sessions are available for all children who attend Sutton Pre-School and are not exclusively for the children who will be starting with us in Reception. If you know any children who would like to join in these sessions, please encourage them to contact Debbie at Sutton Pre-School.

On Tuesday, Class 1 had a visit from Rev Steve, who brought in a variety of artefacts and resources for the children, as part of their RE topic on 'What is important to Christians?'. The children were given the opportunity to handle the artefacts and ask Steve lots of questions. Mrs Fineran commented on how well the children focused and enjoyed the afternoon. Rev Steve then led Collective Worship, focusing on the theme of New Year's Resolutions, linking in with our own school values. Thanks, Rev Steve!

I had a productive meeting with two of our parents on Wednesday to look at how to make further improvements in the school, especially the outdoor area for Class 1, as well as painting some of the interior of school to smarten things up. We will be putting a date in the diary for another 'helping day' soon so we will keep you posted.

On Monday, I attended training for a resource we will be adopting in school to support learning in RE. It is an excellent resource that encourages children to ask 'big questions' about the world and their own experience within it. Today, the newest members of our staff team, Mrs Morris and Miss Woodcock, are attending training to ensure they are best equipped to support our children in the classroom. Mrs Comito is also attending a meeting this afternoon with colleagues from other primary schools, looking at best practice for developing reading throughout the school.

It has been lovely over the last few months seeing the fantastic work Helen Morris and her team at Treetops do looking after our children before and after school. We are so lucky to have such a fantastic club running successfully on the school premises. This week the children have made penguins using old tights and fabric, origami snowflakes, and chocolate marshmallow cakes. A big thank you to the Treetops team for providing such a valuable service to our school.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.



Superstars

Headteacher Award

Will J, for coming 1st in the Cluster Cross Country event

Stars of the Week

Reception—Harry, for great work with money and sorting coins

Year 1—Madeleine, for a beautiful, original list poem

Year 2—Jessica, for applying her learning in Maths

Year 3—Sebastian, for good work on the 3x table

Year 4—Pippin, for great grammar and writing

Year 5—Billy, for excellent work on common factors

Year 6—Belle, for writing a super interview with Roald Dahl
with great punctuation and spelling

Happy Birthday!

15th January—Harry

16th January—Scarlett, William H

20th January—Liam

House points

The winners this week are Kirkham (Purple)

Attendance

Highest average attendance - Year 5 (99%)

Whole school average - 96.3%

National attendance average - 96%

Other news

Years 3-6 Cluster Cross Country finalists

Year 3 — Boys: Will J 1st

Year 4 — Boys: Joshua V 1st, Phoenix 6th

Year 5 — Girls: Isla 3rd

Year 6 — Girls: Natasha 4th, Rebecca 5th | Boys: Alfie 3rd, Liam 4th

FOSS meeting, 21st January

The first FOSS meeting of this term will be held next Monday at 8pm in the Rose & Crown pub. All parents/carers are welcome to attend, and we welcome any and all support at the meeting for the fantastic fundraising that FOSS carry out.

FOSS Beetle Drive, 24th January

FOSS invite all children to a fun-filled **Beetle Drive** next Thursday 24th, 6:00-7.30pm in the school hall. Tickets are £2 each (pay upon entry), which includes a drink, snack and the possibility of prizes.

FOSS Gin Night, 8th February

On Friday 8th February, FOSS is hosting a fantastic Gin Night at 8pm in the school hall. Please see the attached poster and spread the word! Tickets now available in the school office.

Parents' Evenings, 13th/14th February

Sign-up sheets for our two Parents' Evenings will be available in the school entrance from next week.

Forthcoming Events - Spring Term

- 21st January** - After-school clubs to start this week
- 21st January, 8pm** - FOSS meeting, Rose & Crown pub
- 23rd January** - Year 2 Cluster Multi-Skills Sports
- 24th January, 6:00-7:30pm** - FOSS Beetle Drive
- 28th January** - Year 3/4 DIG/Jorvik trip
- 31st January, 3:30pm** - Year 6 SATs parents' meeting
- 4th February** - Year 5/6 York Minster trip
- 5th February** - Safer Internet Day
- 8th February, 8pm** - FOSS Gin Night (at school)
- 13th February, 3:40-6pm** - Parents' Evening 1
- 14th February, 3:40-6pm** - Parents' Evening 2
- 15th February** - Tempest class photos
- 21st February** - Cluster Cross Country finals, Knayton Park
- 21st February** - FOSS Class 3 Cake Sale
- 22nd February** - LAST DAY OF HALF TERM
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- 4th March** - SCHOOL REOPENS
- 7th March** - World Book Day
- 15th March** - Red Nose Day
- 20th March** - Year 5/6 Cluster Quick Sticks Hockey (TBC)
- 1st April** - Bag2School bags available
- 3rd April** - Year 5/6 Cluster Netball Tournament (TBC)
- 4th April** - FOSS Class 2 Cake Sale
- 5th April** - Science Day
- 7th April** - FOSS Easter Treasure Hunt
- 10th-12th April** - Year 5 Robinwood residential trip
- 12th April** - LAST DAY OF TERM