

*Small school, big heart,
aiming high together*



Sutton News

1st February 2019

Headteacher's Message

What a lovely snowy end to a very chilly week! A big thank you to the staff team who have worked together to do some early morning gritting, ensuring the playground and pedestrian areas have been safe to walk and play on.

Our children have been taking advantage of the cold snap to explore signs of winter. Reception enjoyed exploring the ice in their outside area and demonstrated some great scientific knowledge when explaining what caused the ice to melt. Year 5/6 had a good Forest School session in Sutton Park, learning about the biome we live in—a temperate forest. They photographed the four layers of the forest—ground, field, under-storey and canopy layer—identified trees, and collected leaves for their Art work back in class.

Year 3/4 had a brilliant visit to DIG and Jorvik, bringing the past to life and learning about what different artefacts can tell us about how the Vikings lived and worked. Miss Hodkin was really impressed with how focused and engaged the children were, asking lots of insightful questions. The leader at DIG said the children were "a great group of kids to work with." Well done, Year 3/4!

We have been focusing on the value of perseverance in Collective Worship, and this week we were thinking about the plight of refugees and how they continue in the face of adversity, striving for a better life in the safety of another country. I am always amazed at how the children access the themes we cover at an age-appropriate level and that the values we promote at school are genuinely lived by them all.

Through their Archbishop of York Young Leader's Awards lessons, Year 5/6 have been learning about how different charities support a range of causes, from homelessness through to terminal illnesses. They are in the midst of working in small teams to organise their own fundraising event for their chosen charities. The event will be held on 22nd February, 3.00pm- 4.30pm, and we will update you with details nearer the time.

Next week, Miss Tubb and I will be attending Compass BUZZ training. This is a project that offers training and consultation to professionals—in particular, schools—to enable them to take a whole-school approach to supporting the mental health of students and staff.

We have two dates for maintenance days in school: Saturday 16th February and Saturday 23rd March. If you can offer any help, please let the school office know or speak with Mr Redfern. There will be indoor and outside jobs. Many thanks.

Have a lovely weekend and keep warm!



Superstars

Headteacher Award

Amelia, for putting maximum effort into all that she does

Stars of the Week

Reception—Simon, for super work with counting

Year 1—Toby Tr, for superb story-writing

Year 2—Esmee, for super instruction writing

Year 3—Grace A, for persevering with her 8 times table

Year 4—Phoenix, for excellent typing-up of his recount

Year 5—Isla, for super writing

Year 6—Natasha, for excellent writing

Happy Birthday!

No birthdays this week

House points

This week the joint winners are Rievaulx (Red) and Byland (Blue)

Attendance

Highest average attendance - Reception (98%)

Whole school average - 88%

National attendance average - 96%

Other news

FOSS Gin Night, 8th January at 8pm

The much-anticipated FOSS Gin Night is coming up on Friday 8th February, in conjunction with Copper King distillery in Sutton, and with a bar provided by the Mended Drum in Huby. Tickets are on sale in the school office for £15, which includes a welcome drink, antipasti board, and four tasters of gin paired with cheeses. Beer and prosecco will be on sale. Tickets are selling fast so don't delay! Thank you to those who will be helping set up the bar.

Parents' Evenings, 13th and 14th February

Parents' Evenings will be held on Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th February, 3:40-6:00pm, and sign-up sheets are still available in the school entrance hall. If you have difficulty coming into school to sign up for a slot, please let the school office know and we will check availability for you. Please note there will be NO Times Tables Club on Thursday 14th, but Archery Club will still be on.

Donations of old adult T-shirts for aprons

We would be very grateful for any donations of old adult T-shirts (or older child T-shirts) for our Class 1 children to use as extra aprons for art and craft work. If you have any, please could you drop them into the school office or give them to Mrs Fineran. Thank you!

Forthcoming Events - Spring Term

4th February - Year 5/6 York Minster trip, Year 3/4 Parents' Lunch

5th February - Safer Internet Day

8th February, 8pm - FOSS Gin Night

13th February, 3:40-6pm - Parents' Evening 1

14th February, 3:40-6pm - Parents' Evening 2 - no Times Tables Club

15th February - Tempest class photos

16th February - Helping Day at school

21st February - Cluster Cross Country finals, Queen Mary's School

21st February - FOSS Class 3 Cake Sale

22nd February - Year 5/6 charity fundraisers

22nd February - LAST DAY OF HALF TERM

4th March - SCHOOL REOPENS

7th March - World Book Day

15th March - Red Nose Day

18th March - KS2 visit to Leeds Grand Mosque

20th March - Year 5/6 Cluster Quick Sticks Hockey (TBC)

23rd March - Helping Day at school

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