

*Small school, big heart,  
aiming high together*



*Sutton News*

*13th September 2019*

### *Headteacher's Message*

I'd like to start on an incredibly positive note by telling you that we have been awarded the School Games Gold Mark Award for the 2018/19 academic year. Yesterday, Miss Hodkin met with Duncan, our local SPO, and Tim from the School Games validation team to run through the evidence gathered over the year of all the sporting opportunities offered at school. Both were incredibly impressed, saying they had never seen "such an array of opportunities in a small school" and that we put many larger schools to shame. I then received an email last night from Duncan with this lovely comment:

*Just wanted to say again how blown away I was at how much 'sporty' stuff you are doing for your pupils! And without a doubt the most efficient validation ever - great work on all fronts.*

A huge well done to all of the children and staff, big thanks to parents/carers who have been involved over the year, and an extra special mention to Miss Hodkin who pulled all of the evidence together and kept us on track!

Leading on from this, I am pleased to let you know that York City Knights will be delivering rugby lessons for our Year 1-6 pupils over the next six weeks. I have previously worked with Adam, who will be leading the sessions, and I know the children are going to love this opportunity and learn a lot about rugby along the way.

Class 1 welcomed a new member to their class this week - Miss Hall, who is beginning her journey to become a teacher and will be with us for the autumn term, initially for a day a week, and then increasing to full-time by the end of term. Keeping with our sporting theme, Miss Hall is a Level 2 FA football coach and also player, and has recently been coaching sport in schools.

Our newsletter finishes on a plea. As many of you will already know, FOSS (Friends of Sutton School) have raised much-needed funds over the years and most recently were instrumental in providing Chromebooks and iPads in school, for the benefit of all of the children. During my time at Sutton, I have been hugely impressed by the commitment of the parents/carers involved and the array of events organised, which have been very well supported by the school community. After many years, some long-serving members of the committee are standing down and so FOSS are looking for new members. This is a fantastic opportunity to become more involved in the school community and help raise money to support your children's education. If you would like to be involved, **please come along to the AGM on Monday 23rd September, 7pm, at school.** A massive thank you to those parents/carers who have been given their time and dedication over recent years.

Have a lovely weekend!



## Superstars

### Headteacher Award

William H, for his great attitude to learning, especially in Maths

### Stars of the Week

**Reception**—Katie, for a fantastic week

**Year 1**—Simon, for working so hard at writing

**Year 2**—Lucy, for her lovely work using comparative sentences

**Year 3**—Angelica, for fantastic effort all week

**Year 4**—Will J, for excellent Science work

**Year 5**—Amelia, for trying her best in every lesson

**Year 6**—Jacob, for great contributions in English

### Happy Birthday!

11th September—Joshua V



### Attendance

**Highest average attendance** - Rec, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 5, Year 6 (all 100%)

**Whole school average** - 99.2%

**National attendance average** - 96%

## Other news

### Open Days

We have three Open Days in October for prospective parents, as below. We would be grateful if you could pass this information, or flyer attached to this week's email, to any prospective parents that you may know and help us spread the word.

Thursday 17th October, 2:00-3:15pm

Saturday 19th October, 10:00am-12:00pm

Thursday 24th October, 2:00-3:15pm

### Piano, guitar, brass/woodwind and strings lessons in school

We have several music teachers who offer lessons in school during school time. If your child is interested in learning an instrument, please make contact with the music teacher in question to discuss options and fees:

**Piano**—Jaki Jarvis | 01347 811575 | [jakiinsutton@talktalk.net](mailto:jakiinsutton@talktalk.net)

**Guitar/ukulele**—Mike Rudland-Simpson | 07921 806670 | [mike.schoolofguitar@hotmail.com](mailto:mike.schoolofguitar@hotmail.com)

**Brass/woodwind**—Richard Wilton | 07973 442249 | [tuba.123@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:tuba.123@hotmail.co.uk)

**Strings**—Kathleen Butcher | 07977 112430 | [Kathleen.Butcher@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:Kathleen.Butcher@northyorks.gov.uk)

We also have Simeon from **Rock 'n' Pops** in school each Tuesday. Simeon teaches a variety of instruments like electric guitar, bass, keyboard and drums, with the children forming a school band to perform popular music.

For further information, please contact Simeon at: [simhaslam91@hotmail.com](mailto:simhaslam91@hotmail.com)

## *Diary Dates - Autumn Term*

*\* New items/changes in red \**

17<sup>th</sup> September, 3:30pm - Class 2 parents' meeting

18<sup>th</sup> September, 3:30pm - Class 3 parents' meeting

19<sup>th</sup> September, 1-3:30pm - Cluster Y3-6 Cross Country at Outwood

23<sup>rd</sup> September, 7pm - FOSS AGM at school

30<sup>th</sup> September, 5:45-8pm - Year 6 Outwood Academy Easingwold Open Evening

3<sup>rd</sup> October, 10-11am - Forest Tots

7<sup>th</sup> October - Bag2School bags available from this week

9<sup>th</sup> October - QChurch video filming

10<sup>th</sup> October - Mental Health Day

17<sup>th</sup> October, 2-3:15pm - Open Afternoon for prospective parents

19<sup>th</sup> October, 10am-12pm - Open Morning for prospective parents

24<sup>th</sup> October, 2-3:15pm - Open Afternoon for prospective parents

25<sup>th</sup> October, 10am - Harvest Festival, All Hallows

25<sup>th</sup> October - FOSS non-uniform day, LAST DAY OF HALF TERM

4<sup>th</sup> November - SCHOOL REOPENS

11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> November - Inter-Faith Week, Anti-Bullying Week

12<sup>th</sup> November - Bag2School collection

15<sup>th</sup> November - RE Day

28<sup>th</sup> November - Flu vaccinations for all years

9<sup>th</sup> December - KS1 Christmas Play dress rehearsal

10<sup>th</sup> December, 2pm & 6pm - KS1 Christmas Play

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

20<sup>th</sup> December - FOSS non-uniform day, LAST DAY OF TERM

