# Small school, big heart, aiming high together



## Sutton News

27th September 2019

#### Headteacher's Message

Another busy week in school with lots of learning and fun in all of the classes.

Class 1 have been looking for signs of autumn in their nature exploration area and have also enjoyed exploring different sounds to go with their class book, 'We are going on a Bear Hunt". The Reception children have also enjoyed learning in the new Early Years Room - this allows them time to absorb themselves in their play and develop lots of new skills.

Class 2 have been producing fact files about the Andes and Alps mountain ranges, using their newly-learnt Chromebook skills. Class 3 have also been looking at our world, but with an eye on climate change. Some of our Year 5/6 children shared presentations in assembly about Greta Thunberg and her message to the world, and there were some great ideas shared. This has prompted our Year 5/6 children to form an Eco Club.

Some of our children had their first recorder lessons on Thursday with Mrs Williams, which they thoroughly enjoyed. For our new parents, Mrs Williams is a resident of Sutton who has seen her own children through the school, been a Governor, and still continues to volunteer twice a week. We are very grateful for all that Mrs Williams does for school.

We have our new School Councillors for 2019-2020. To promote the values of living in a democracy, all of the children voted for the individuals who they thought would be the best voice for their class. They have their first meeting next Tuesday and will keep you updated of the issues that arise during the year.

On Monday, we had the FOSS AGM and a new committee was elected for the year. We are going to have a different approach to how events are organised and run during the year and a letter next week will give more details.

Finally, I am sure you will have all heard the news about Stillington Primary School and that the school's governing body have voted to seek to consult on the school's closure. I am sure you will agree that this is incredibly sad news. I am aware that there is much speculation in the wider community about how this news affects Sutton and other neighbouring schools. Can I urge you to wait to hear from official sources about what the next steps in this process are and be reassured that we will keep you updated with accurate information should this affect Sutton School.

Wishing you a lovely weekend.



## Superstars

## ★ Headteacher Award

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Thomas B, for having a fantastic attitude to school

#### Stars of the Week

Reception - Joseph, for lovely work in Phonics

★ Year 1 - All of Year 1, for amazing work on their first spelling
★ test

★ Year 2 - Lily, for working really hard all week - what a star!

Year 3 - Joshua G, for super work writing two stories

Year 4 - Ollie W, for excellent Maths work

Year 5 - Phoenix S, for excellent work in in English

★ Year 6 - Joshua P, for being helpful and always being ready to listen

### 💢 <u>Happy Birthday!</u>

🖈 27th September - Pretoria



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#### **Attendance**

Highest average attendance - Years 1, 3, 4, 5 (all 100%)

Whole school average - 96%

National attendance average - 96%

## Other news

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#### Special school lunch next Thursday

Next Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October, Mrs Hodgson will be making a special school lunch for everyone in school. She will be serving hot dogs, curly fries, coleslaw, our fresh salad bar, and fruit jelly for dessert.

If your child usually has a packed lunch but would like to join in and have this special meal, please could you let the school office know or make sure your child lets their class teacher know when the register is taken on Thursday morning.

#### Clarinet available

Flora's mum, Eleanor, has a clarinet available to go to a good home. If you are interested, please speak to Eleanor directly (or let the school office know and we can pass a message on).

#### Bag2School bags coming soon

Bag2School bags will be available in school from 7th October.

By getting involved in our Bag2School collection, you have an opportunity to sort through your cupboards and wardrobes and donate unwanted textiles in the bags provided. These can include adults' and children's clothes, shoes (tied together), hats, belts, handbags, and soft toys (please refer to <a href="http://uk.bag2school.com/">http://uk.bag2school.com/</a> for full details). The bags are then weighed and a payment per kilo is made to school. In addition to raising much-needed funds, this will also raise awareness amongst the children of the benefits of recycling and reuse.

Don't forget to ask grandparents, friends and neighbours to have a sort-out as well!

The filled bags will be collected from school on 12th November.

## Diary Dates - Autumn Term

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

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

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

3rd October - Hot dog lunch in school

7th October - Bag2School bags available from this week

9th October - QChurch video filming

10th October - Mental Health Day

17<sup>th</sup> October, 2-3:15pm - Open Afternoon for prospective parents
18<sup>th</sup> October - Deadline for flu vaccination applications

19th 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

25th October - FOSS non-uniform day, LAST DAY OF HALF TERM

4th November - SCHOOL REOPENS

11th-15th November - Inter-Faith Week, Anti-Bullying Week

11th November, 3:30-6pm - Parents' Evening 1

13th November, 3:30-6pm - Parents' Evening 2

12th November - Bag2School collection

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

28th November - Flu vaccinations for all years

9th December - KS1 Christmas Play dress rehearsal

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

11th December - Christmas dinner

13th December - Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day

18th December - Panto trip (whole school)

20th December - FOSS non-uniform day, LAST DAY OF TERM

