

*Small school, big heart,  
aiming high together*



*Sutton News*

*4th October 2019*

### **Headteacher's Message**

Yesterday we had our first Forest Tots session of this year, led by Miss Tubb and Mrs Fineran. It was lovely to welcome Pre-School, as well as lots of other new little ones and their adults. The children enjoyed painting with 'natural' paintbrushes, playing in the mud kitchen, and creating leaf rubbings. We look forward to the next Forest Tots sessions on Thursday 7th November.

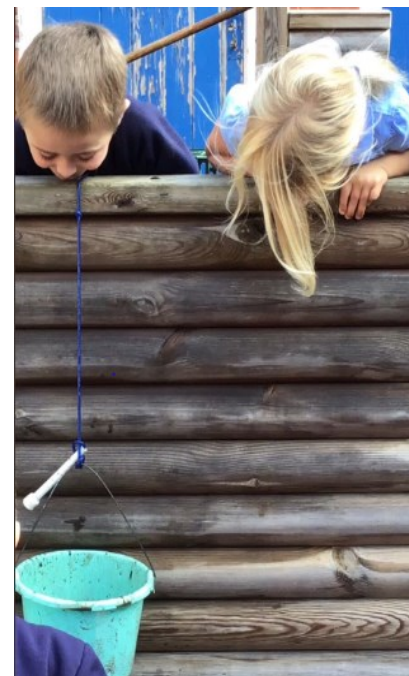
This week has seen the transformation of our dedicated Early Years classroom in the old library building at the front of school. The inside space has been developed to ensure the children can effectively learn through play, and there is also access to the outside area which allows the provision to continue. Our Reception children have enjoyed their time in the classroom this week and Pre-School have also spent time in the room on Thursday after Forest Tots.

School lunch on Thursday was a treat as we tucked into hot dogs and curly fries, lots of salad, and jelly for pudding. It was lovely to see so many children take up dinners on that day. We are so lucky to have such excellent school meals, freshly cooked on site by Mrs Hodgson and Mrs Wagstaff each day.

Most parents will not be aware that the uptake of school meals, both paid for at KS2 and free Universal Infant meals, affects the meals price that North Yorkshire County Council set for the following year. At Sutton, we are fortunate to have a comparably low cost compared to some other schools in the locality, due to a higher uptake in previous years. Unfortunately, our school meal uptake has dropped a little since we began the new term. It would be great if we could continue to keep the school meal costs as low as possible by increasing our school meal numbers a little, even if it was your child having one school meal a week. This is of course parental choice - I just thought it would be useful for parents to have this information.

You will all have received a parental questionnaire yesterday and I thank you in advance for completing this and returning it to school; your feedback and ideas are needed and valued. Just to clarify that responses to school need to be returned to school by Friday 11th September, not the 10th as the letter said.

Have a lovely weekend!





## Diary Dates - Autumn Term

\* New items/changes in red \*

- 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  
18<sup>th</sup> October - Deadline for flu vaccination applications  
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  
11<sup>th</sup> November, 3:30-6pm - Parents' Evening 1  
13<sup>th</sup> November, 3:30-6pm - Parents' Evening 2  
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  
11<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas dinner  
13<sup>th</sup> December - Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day  
18<sup>th</sup> December - Panto trip (whole school)  
20<sup>th</sup> December - FOSS non-uniform day, LAST DAY OF TERM



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