

*Small school, big heart,
aiming high together*



Sutton News

11th October 2019

Headteacher's Message

There was a buzz of excitement on Wednesday when the whole school took part in filming our YouTube film around the theme of forgiveness with Danny and Elle From York QChurch. As well as having lots of fun, the children learnt about how short films are pieced together and how to deliver lines to maximise the effect on the audience; it was brilliant to see their confidence grow throughout the day. We are hoping the film will be edited and ready to view after half-term.

I loved seeing our Reception children enjoying their Maths session with Mrs Bird, looking at the number four. They represented the number in lots of different ways and were really absorbed in their learning. They also had an engaging interactive Phonics session, finding objects with different initial sounds. What a fantastic week of learning they have had!

Year 3/4 have enjoyed learning about fossils and have made some of their own trace fossils out of clay. I have also been very impressed with their paintings of mountain landscapes with a focus on perspective as well as mixing paints to create different tones.

As part of our ongoing drive to improve the quality of education provided at Sutton, I met with two colleagues from neighbouring schools on Thursday morning to discuss curriculum design, priorities for our schools, and how we can work together effectively. It was really interesting to visit a different setting and gain new ideas and share good practice. Over the year, there will be opportunities for staff to visit other schools and meet with colleagues, as this is brilliant for their own professional development and can only impact positively back in our school and benefit the children's experience at Sutton.

Today and next Friday, Mrs Carter and I will be on paediatric First Aid training, meaning that the vast majority of staff will have this important qualification. On the subject of keeping our children safe, we are having the inside door release button moved on the front door, so children are unable to open it and potentially allow strangers into school. The children know they are not to let any adults into school, even those they recognise, but we thought this extra measure would further improve safety around access to the building.

Lastly for today, a huge congratulations to our Year 6 netball team, who finished an impressive third out of seven teams at the Cluster Netball tournament at Outwood Academy Easingwold yesterday. The girls displayed strong teamwork and played with determination, with lots of good, tactical passes - well done, Year 6 girls!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend!



Superstars



- ★ Reception - Emmie, for fantastic Phonics
- ★ Year 1 - Harry, for working so hard in reading
- ★ Year 2 - Luke, for trying very hard in all subjects
- ★ Year 3 - Jas, for excellent effort in Maths
- ★ Year 4 - George, for being helpful to everyone in class
- ★ Year 5 - Amelia, for a super attitude to school work
- ★ Year 6 - Rhys, for brilliant English work on similes and metaphors

Happy Birthday!

9th October - Phoenix S.



Attendance

Highest average attendance - Years 2, 3, 4
(all 100%)

Whole school average - 98%

National attendance average - 96%

Other news

Informal Parents' Social, 17th October

Some of our parents have arranged an evening open to all parents to socialise and have a few drinks. Hilary Smith has kindly agreed to host this at the bar at Daisy's Tearooms/Restaurant in Sutton from 7pm next Thursday, 17th October. Please note that this is purely a social occasion and not school- or FOSS-related. For any queries, please see Caroline Clements.

Bag2School bags now available from school

Bag2School bags are now available in the school entrance hall - please help yourself.

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 <http://uk.bag2school.com/> 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.

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Diary Dates - Autumn Term

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

17th October, 2-3:15pm - Open Afternoon for prospective parents

18th October - Deadline for flu vaccination applications

19th October, 10am-12pm - Open Morning for prospective parents

23rd October - Year 6 'Medical Mavericks' Day at Outwood

24th October, 2-3:15pm - Open Afternoon for prospective parents

25th 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

12th November - Bag2School collection

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

15th November - RE Day

20th November - Year 6 Crucial Crew trip

28th November - Flu vaccinations for all years

1st December, 12-3pm - Sutton Pre-School Christmas Fair

9th December - KS1 Christmas Play dress rehearsal

10th 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

