

*Small school, big heart,
aiming high together*



Sutton News

15th November 2019

Headteacher's Message

It has been a busy week in school, with lots of learning happening in all of our classes. I have been lucky enough to teach all of our children during the week and it has been great!

Class 2 have been working on 'Ruckus' with me, which is a short film set in the middle of a desert in the USA about two greedy brothers who fight over a stolen jewel. The children created freeze frames and thought about what the characters might be thinking or saying, before performing these for their classmates. Mrs Parker has been very impressed with how well the children are doing with their formal column addition and subtraction, and it really is a very buzzy classroom at the moment with all of the children enjoying their learning!

I was fortunate to be part of Class 1's PE session on Wednesday afternoon, which was taught by Miss Hall, our student teacher. The children were focusing on travelling and jumping using different apparatus to move around. There were some imaginative displays and it was lovely to see children encouraging and guiding each other during the session. Class 1 are also very excited to have begun looking at their Christmas play 'A Wriggly Nativity' - I can't wait to see it!

Class 3 have begun reading the novel 'Street Child' by Berlie Doherty, which is set in Victorian England and tells the story of a young boy and how he became the first child that Dr Barnardo helped. The children have been gripped from the outset, developing their reading skills with a text they enjoy and are immersed in.

Yesterday, four of our Year 5 children went to Outwood Easingwold to be trained as Playground Leaders. The children worked alongside pupils from local schools to develop games and activities to be used at playtimes back in school. They all demonstrated excellent leadership skills, and we look forward to seeing these skills being put into action.

We have had a lovely end to the week by supporting Children in Need, with the children bringing in spare change from home and filling our giant Pudsey. Our Year 6 children will count the money and send it off next week.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.



Superstars

Headteacher Award

Kai, for having a really positive attitude towards everything

Stars of the Week

Reception - Eliza, for concentrating and practising her letters

Year 1 - Simon, for lovely writing with finger spaces

Year 2 - Emily S, for working beautifully in her guided reading

Year 3 - Esmee, for fantastic focus and effort and a positive week

Year 4 - Ollie W, for amazing enthusiasm all week in class and for supporting others

Year 5 - Tiffany, for super enthusiasm in Maths and English

Year 6 - Alex, for working very hard on long multiplication

Happy Birthday!

14th November - Caydon

17th November - Phoenix C



House points

This week the winners are **Squirrels**

Attendance

Highest average attendance - Reception & Year 1 (both 100%)

Whole school average - 96.4%

National attendance average - 96%

Other news

Attendance

Regular attendance at school is vital in ensuring children reach their full potential in our education system and develop into confident, well-rounded adults. The government have set the figure of 95% to show good attendance, which allows a child to have 9.5 days of absence during the year. There are times when your child is unavoidably ill and unable to attend school, but, as parents, it is essential that we gauge if they are a 'bit under the weather' or are definitely too ill to attend. Letters will be sent home next week to alert parents/carers to the fact that their children's attendance has slipped below 95% - this will be due to holidays or illness. If you do not receive a letter, this means your child's attendance is above 95% at this time.

FOSS updates ** £200 raised from Bag2School! ** £64 raised from October non-uniform day! ** Thank you! **

Christmas cards - Samples of the Christmas cards which the children have designed should be with us next week for the children to bring home along with order forms. The deadline for order forms to be back in school to be advised.

Volunteers for school disco - Calling kindly volunteers! If you are able to help in any way with the school disco on Thursday 28th November (5:45-7:15pm), please could you let Caroline Clements or the school office know. Thank you in advance for your support.

Christmas raffle hampers - FOSS would be very grateful of donations for our annual Christmas raffle hampers - lists are in the school entrance. Please could you put your name next to the item(s) you wish to donate, and bring into school by Friday 6th December. Many thanks in advance.

Easingwold Food Bank - ongoing donations

We are delighted to announce that we are now working alongside Easingwold Food Bank, which provides emergency food for those in need in our local area. We will be holding an ongoing collection at school, so please contribute at any time if you would like to - there is a green box outside the school office. The Food Bank relies on donations from the community. Examples of suitable items are as below, and please find a full list attached to this week's email:

Cereals; UHT milk; jam; granulated sugar; packets of tea; biscuits; orange squash/juice; pasta; pasta sauces; tinned soup; tinned potatoes; tinned vegetables; tinned corned beef and ham; tinned meat meals; tinned fruit; tinned rice pudding; toothpaste; toiletries; toilet roll

Diary Dates - Autumn Term

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

- 19th November, 3:40-5:30pm - Parents' Evening 1
- 20th November - Year 6 Crucial Crew trip
- 27th November, 3:40-6pm - Parents' Evening 2
- 28th November - Flu vaccinations for all years
- 28th November, 5:45-7:15pm - School disco
- 1st December, 12-3pm - Pre-School Christmas Fair
- 2nd December, 2:45pm - Christmas tree-decorating service
- 3rd December, 7pm - FOSS Wreath-making evening at school
- 5th December, 9:30am - Forest Tots
- 6th December - Deadline for Christmas hamper goods
- 9th December - KS1 Christmas Play dress rehearsal
- 10th December, 2pm & 6pm - KS1 Christmas Play, Christmas hamper raffle draw
- 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

Diary Dates - Spring Term

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

- 7th January - SCHOOL REOPENS FOR SPRING TERM
- 6th February, 9:30am - Forest Tots
- 10th-14th February - Spelling Bee Week
- 11th February - Tempest class photos
- 14th February - FOSS non-uniform day, LAST DAY OF HALF TERM
- 24th February - SCHOOL REOPENS
- 5th March, 9:30am - Forest Tots
- 1st-3rd April - Year 5 Robinwood residential trip
- 3rd April - FOSS non-uniform day, LAST DAY OF TERM