

*Small school, big heart,  
aiming high together*



*Sutton News*

*6th December 2019*

### *Headteacher's Message*

We had a lively start to the week with our tree-decorating service. The children really enjoyed themselves and the tree looks stunning in the hall – it certainly is starting to feel very Christmassy in school. Rehearsals for the Christmas performances are well underway and I know you will be in for a treat!

An enormous thank you to all of the people who supported FOSS's wreath-making evening on Tuesday - a fantastic £551.77 was raised, and the feedback has been what a lovely evening it was. There are still raffle tickets to be bought - if you would like any extra to sell before the draw on Tuesday, please see the school office.

On Wednesday afternoon we had a visit from Piper, who is a therapy dog, owned by Emily who runs Brownies at Sutton. After Christmas, Piper will be making regular visits into school, listening to individual children read; this is a fantastic way to encourage children who may be reluctant readers.

On Thursday Miss Tubb and I enjoyed hosting our December Forest Tots session. The children had fun making reindeer food, playing in the mud kitchen and then listening to a story. Please let any friends with tots know about our sessions, which are the first Thursday of each month.

All of our children have worked hard during assessment week, completing tasks and tests to assist staff in accurately assessing each pupils' strengths and areas of development. We are very careful not to apply pressure to the children during this process, as it is essential that the children produce the best work they can, without being worried or stressed.

It has come to my attention that there have been some issues with parking outside of school during drop-off and pick-up. Can I please ask that parents do not park across the school entrance and are also mindful of residents' driveways and access. Thank you for your help with this.

Finally, we had our final Governors meeting of the year on Wednesday evening. I would like to thank all of the Governors, who give their time voluntarily to ensure the best for each of our children. I personally appreciate all of the support that they give me, which in turn allows me to support our brilliant staff team.



## Superstars



- ★ **Reception** - Leo, for fantastic writing in his shop
- ★ **Year 1** - Arthur, for good actions during nativity play rehearsal
- ★ **Year 2** - Henry R, for writing an amazing Supertato story
- ★ **Year 3** - Hayden, for building an excellent food web in Science
- ★ **Year 4** - Maisy, for building an excellent food web in Science
- ★ **Year 5** - Oliver S, for working hard in every lesson consistently
- ★ **Year 6** - Alex, for amazing Maths work on BIDMAS

## Happy Birthday!

★ 2<sup>nd</sup> December - Tyler



## House points

★ This week the winners are **Hedgehogs**

## Attendance

★ **Highest average attendance** - Years 1 and 5 (both 100%)

★ **Whole school average** - 97.3%

★ **National attendance average** - 96%

## Other news

### Raffle tickets

Thank you all for your efforts in selling raffle tickets for our Christmas hamper draw. Please could any ticket stubs and payments be brought into school **before next Tuesday (10<sup>th</sup>)** (and any spare books of tickets). The hampers are going to be fantastic, and the raffle will be drawn after the KS1 nativity play next Tuesday afternoon.



### Christmas reminders

- 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2pm - KS1 Christmas Play dress rehearsal
- 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2pm & 6pm - KS1 Christmas Play ('Wriggly Nativity'), Christmas hamper raffle draw
- 11<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas dinner
- 13<sup>th</sup> December - Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day
- 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2:30pm - KS2 Christmas performance 'A Victorian Christmas'
- 18<sup>th</sup> December - Panto trip (whole school)
- 20<sup>th</sup> December (last day of term):
  - FOSS non-uniform day,
  - Class Christmas parties (each child to bring their own snacks),
  - 2:45pm Mrs Pye's Christmas Singalong (all welcome)

## *Diary Dates - Autumn Term*

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

6<sup>th</sup> December pm - Deadline for Christmas hamper donations (thank you!)

9<sup>th</sup> December, 2pm - KS1 Christmas Play dress rehearsal

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

11<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas dinner

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

17<sup>th</sup> December, 2:30pm - KS2 Christmas performance 'A Victorian Christmas'

18<sup>th</sup> December - Panto trip (whole school)

20<sup>th</sup> December - FOSS non-uniform day, **class Christmas parties, 2:45pm** Mrs Pye's Christmas Singalong,  
LAST DAY OF TERM

## *Diary Dates - Spring Term*

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

7<sup>th</sup> January - SCHOOL REOPENS FOR SPRING TERM

6<sup>th</sup> February, 9:30am - Forest Tots

10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> February - Spelling Bee Week

11<sup>th</sup> February - Tempest class photos

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

24<sup>th</sup> February - SCHOOL REOPENS

5<sup>th</sup> March, 9:30am - Forest Tots

1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> April - Year 5 Robinwood residential trip

3<sup>rd</sup> April - FOSS non-uniform day, LAST DAY OF TERM

