

*Small school, big heart,
aiming high together*



Sutton News

18th September 2020

Headteacher's Message

We have had a lovely week in school, which has been helped by the gorgeous weather. There have been lots of opportunities for the children to be outside, whether it be in the forest area, playing during break times, or doing PE.

Our Year 4/5/6 children enjoyed their first cricket session with Joe from the YCB. There was a concentration on catching skills, followed by a game of diamond cricket. It was also great to see our younger children enjoying their PE sessions, and Mrs O assures me they are speeding up when getting changed to make the most of their session.

Year 2/3 had a brilliant lesson where they recreated a Roman road using biscuits and Maltesers to replicate the different materials that would have been used. They promised me they were not going to eat it but I wasn't convinced!

Year 4 have been working hard on their story-writing this week, focusing on using interesting vocabulary to describe the mighty Beowulf and ferocious Grendel. I am looking forward to reading their final drafts.

Next week, the children will be completing some assessments in English and Maths. This is part of the catch-up plan that many schools are implementing to assess children's current attainment, allowing staff to plan for any gaps that may be there as a result of being away from school during lockdown. We do not want the children to be stressed out about these; therefore, they will be completed in a very low-key manner with no pressure - so no revision over the weekend!

Could parents with older children who cycle or scoot to and from school, please remind them to walk on the pavement whilst there are pedestrians around, as we have had a couple of near misses. We will also remind them in school too.

Finally, you will have received a class newsletter detailing how learning will be organised for the children during the Autumn term. I hope you have found these useful and please do not hesitate to speak with your class teacher or myself if you have any queries.

Wishing you all a restful weekend.



Superstars

Stars of the Week

Reception - Santiago, for an incredible, confident start to early years

Year 1 - River, for an amazing start at a new school and for working so hard

Year 2 - Harry, for working so hard and trying his best, especially in Maths

Year 3 - Tilly, for a brilliant attitude to learning and being helpful in lessons

Year 4 - Joshua G, for his excellent extended piece of writing about Beowulf

Year 5 - Freddie, for having an all-round excellent week in school

Year 6 - Freya, for excellent Maths work this week

Happy Birthday!

17th September - Madeleine, Pippin

19th September - Flora



Attendance

Highest average attendance - Year 1 (100%)

Whole school average - 96%

National attendance average - 96%

Other news

Water bottles in school

Please could you ensure that your child has their own water bottle, clearly named, with them in school every day. This is important year-round, but especially vital at the moment while extra hygiene measures are in place. Please fill bottles with water only - no squash or juice.

Naming your child's school uniform

We would be grateful if all school uniform, bags and other possessions could be labelled with your child's name. This helps us to locate and return any lost property.

Flu vaccinations, Wednesday 4th November 2020

The NHS Childhood Immunisation Team will be in school on Wednesday 4th November to carry out flu vaccinations for ALL year groups. Parents/carers wishing their child to be immunised will need to complete an online consent form from the NHS, which you should have received by email yesterday. This winter, more than ever, the school-age flu vaccination programme will be a key intervention to protect those at risk, prevent ill-health, and minimise further impact from the COVID-19 pandemic on the NHS and social care.

Diary Dates - Autumn Term

* New events and any changes are in red *

8th September - SCHOOL REOPENS

22nd October (Thursday) - FOSS non-uniform day, LAST DAY OF HALF TERM

23rd October (Friday) - Training Day

2nd November - SCHOOL REOPENS

4th November - Flu vaccinations (all year groups)

25th-27th November - Y6 residential at Robinwood (new dates) (TBC)

30th November, 3:30pm - Christmas tree-decorating (TBC)

18th December - FOSS non-uniform day, LAST DAY OF TERM

