

*Small school, big heart,  
aiming high together*



*Sutton News*

*25th September 2020*

### Headteacher's Message

Another busy week in school, with lots of learning happening in all of our classes. I have managed to visit each class, keeping a safe distance in Bubble 1, and it is so lovely to see all of our children happy and engaged in their learning. I have to say, I am so proud of all of the children as they have undertaken their assessments this week. It feels so mean at this time of year, but we are all finished for now.

Year 2/3 have produced some fantastic art work inspired by their Romans topic, creating mosaic pictures using tiles and paint to print a pattern. When I visited our Year 4 children, they were engrossed in their map work, which involved looking at Anglo-Saxon settlements and comparing them to areas of the UK today.

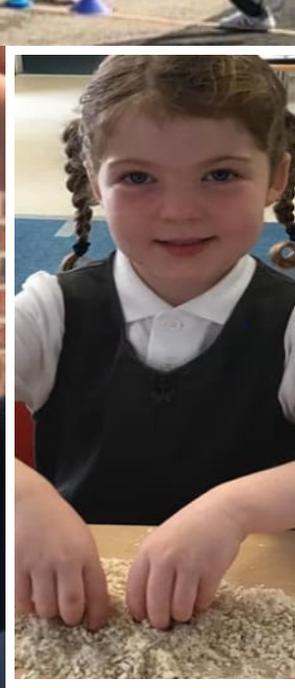
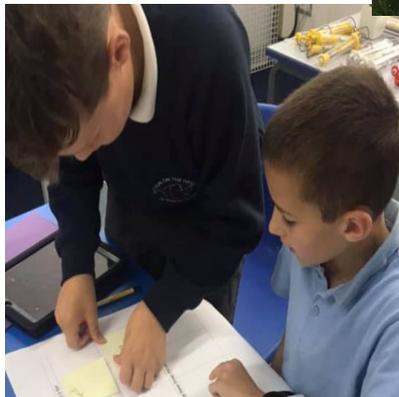
Reception and Year 1 started their week by having a party! This theme allowed the children to incorporate a number of skills, including counting out party buns and writing invitations. They have had a fabulous week.

Our eldest children have continued with their World War 2 topic and, inspired by our class book, have been writing stories from the point of view of an evacuee. I am looking forward to reading the final products.

Years 4, 5 and 6 had another fun-packed cricket session with Joe from the Yorkshire Cricket Board yesterday (and the weather was kind), with a focus on working as a team.

Next week, Year 4 are getting an early Christmas present: a new interactive whiteboard. Huge thanks to FOSS, who have donated the money for this essential resource, which will enhance the learning for the children who use this classroom for years to come.

Wishing you all a lovely, if chilly, weekend.



## Superstars



★ **Reception** - Henry, for outstanding participation in everything at school

★ **Year 1** - Phoenix, for amazing Phonics work and such a fantastic start to Year 1

★ **Year 2** - Eva, for thoughtful contributions in RE

★ **Year 3** - Flora, for a super piece of writing in RE

★ **Year 4** - Angelica, for excellent contributions in class discussions and brilliant ideas for her writing

★ **Year 5** - George, for an outstanding attitude to his work all week

★ **Year 6** - Henry, for being such a good Year 6 role model

## Happy Birthday!

★ 27th September - Pretoria



## House points

★ This week the winners are **Hedgehogs**

## Attendance

★ **Highest average attendance** - Year 1, Year 3 (both 100%)

★ **Whole school average** - 93.5%

★ **National attendance average** - 96%

## Other news

### Individual school photos next Monday

Tempest Photography will be in school next Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> September, to take individual school photos.

Distancing and screens will be in place to make this COVID-secure, and children will remain within their bubbles and will enter and exit the hall from different doorways.

Due to the current restrictions, Tempest are currently unable to take any sibling photographs this time (this includes pre-school siblings).

Order forms will be sent home with the children with instructions about how to order the photos.

### Parents' Evenings this term, 20th & 21st October

We are so pleased that all of the children have settled back into school so well this term and are beginning to settle into new routines and make progress with their learning. In normal circumstances, we would host welcome meetings for parents, allowing us to have informal discussions about this, but with the current measures in place, sadly we are unable to do this.

North Yorkshire County Council have communicated that, for the foreseeable future, all parental communication must be conducted virtually or by phone. We have therefore taken the decision to conduct our Parent-Teacher meetings virtually, therefore allowing both parents/carers to attend if they wish and also allow for both class teachers to attend (if applicable).

The dates for these will be Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 21st October, and we will send out further details of how to book a slot nearer the time.

### Flu vaccinations, 4th November

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 last week (deadline 18th October). 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.

## Meet our Governors

We feel very fortunate to have a strong team of dedicated, knowledgeable, and friendly Governors at Sutton, to guide and support us in so many ways as well as helping out with the day-to-day running of school.

The Governing Body includes three of our parents, and, from our staff, Mrs Pye, Mrs Fineran and Mrs Morris.

Please feel free to speak to our Governors at any time - either in the playground or through school. They will be more than happy to help and are always keen to hear parent feedback.



## Diary Dates - Autumn Term

**\* New events and any changes are in red \***

**28th September** - Individual school photos to be taken

**20th & 21st October, 3:45-5:45pm** - Parents' Evenings (virtual)

**22<sup>nd</sup> October (Thursday)** - FOSS non-uniform day, LAST DAY OF HALF TERM

**23<sup>rd</sup> October (Friday)** - Training Day

**2<sup>nd</sup> November** - SCHOOL REOPENS

**4<sup>th</sup> November** - Flu vaccinations (all year groups)

**25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> November** - Y6 residential at Robinwood (new dates) (TBC)

**30<sup>th</sup> November, 3:30pm** - Christmas tree-decorating (TBC)

**18<sup>th</sup> December** - FOSS non-uniform day, LAST DAY OF TERM