

*Small school, big heart,
aiming high together*



Sutton News

2nd October 2020

Headteacher's Message

Here we are at the beginning of October, and our Reception/Year 1 made the most of the autumn sunshine on Thursday, when they went for a woodland walk in search of conkers. Unfortunately, somebody had beat them to it, but they found lots of other signs of autumn and also got a wave from three different farmers in their tractors. Today, the class have been busy making hedgehog bread as part of their autumn theme, reading and following instructions independently.

These children continue to impress us so much and I was amazed to see them putting their phonics into action, reading their first reading books so confidently. We have also expanded the area outside the classroom to accommodate more tables, so that the children have an area suitable for more focused teaching and learning.

To continue their Roman theme, Year 2/3 have been busy learning all about the Roman army this week, and how the Roman army's tactics are still used around the world today. They are all enjoying designing, making and decorating their very own Roman shields.

Our Year 4 children have been enjoying the benefits of a new interactive whiteboard, which was fitted on Monday. The class have been reading the famous heroic poem 'Beowulf' and writing their own stories based on this. Mr Dodd has been very impressed with their writing and descriptive skills. Year 5/6 been making and testing parachutes in Science today, to learn more about air resistance.

Earlier in the week, Year 4/5/6 shared a team-building afternoon, focussing on communication skills, the importance of listening to others, and conflict resolution. Groups took part in various activities, including drama and team games. As one of these, each team had to stack some cups using only an elastic band and pieces of string - there were some very inventive ideas! We were impressed with their maturity and team work, and these important skills are can all be linked to behaviour in the classroom and working together.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.





STARS OF THE WEEK

- ★ **Reception** - Phoebe, for outstanding perseverance and overcoming her worries about school
- ★ **Year 1** - Joseph, for perseverance in a tricky task of independently making bread
- ★ **Year 2** - Matilda, for excellent enthusiasm and effort in all lessons
- ★ **Year 3** - Henry, for super effort with his writing
- ★ **Year 4** - Elodie, for her excellent version of Beowulf and for taking advice to improve her writing
- ★ **Year 5** - Ollie W, for enthusiastic participation in all lessons and giving 100%
- ★ **Year 6** - Indi, for an excellent attitude to all she does

★ Happy Birthday!

- ★ 3rd October - Henry Ha.
- ★ 4th October - Will



★ House points

- ★ This week the winners are **Foxes**

★ Attendance

- ★ **Highest average attendance** - Year 2 and Year 3 (both 100%)
- ★ **Whole school average** - 96.9%
- ★ **National attendance average** - 96%

Other news

FOSS meeting next Wednesday, 7th October

FOSS, our PTA, will be holding a virtual meeting next Wednesday, 7th October, 7pm, for anyone who is interested in joining. If you would like to join, please could you send your mobile number or email address to school by Tuesday.

Orders for school photos

Tempest Photography were in school on Monday to take individual school photos (lots of smiles all-round!), and we will be receiving order forms for the children to bring home in about a week's time. Completed order forms can be returned to school (Tempest will advise us of the order deadline, so we will let you know).

Hand sanitiser in school

It would be useful if all children have, or continue to have, their own, named hand sanitiser with them in school. Whilst we are washing hands frequently throughout the day, and have communal hand sanitiser throughout school, in terms of hygiene, it is useful for each child to also have their own, individual hand sanitiser with them as a back-up.

Bag2School collection, 6th November

We have our next Bag2School collection booked in for 6th November. Bags are not provided this time, but it's fine to use bin bags or large charity bags (just no carrier bags, please).

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!

Please bring your filled bag (or bags!) to school **by Thursday 5th November** and help us have a really good collection.



FOSS, our fabulous PTA, are hosting a Virtual Balloon Race for Halloween. Design your own balloon online: pick the material your balloon is made from, what it's filled with, and make it stand out from the crowd.

This is entirely virtual: entrants design virtual balloons, and a computer algorithm races them from Count Dracula's castle to home, making a mini movie based on what imagery components people pick. No damage to the environment or animals, as it's all pretend!

Entries are only £3 a balloon, and the race is open to everyone. There will be prizes! Get your friends and family to buy some balloons too - the more balloons we sell, the more money we raise for school.

The proceeds from the Balloon Race will all go towards updating Class 1's outdoor courtyard area.

Entries can be made at:

<https://ecoracing.co/user/page/711>



Well done, Ellie!

Ellie completes a 6.5k run

This weekend our daughter Ellie completed a 6.5k run to raise money for the Sue Ryder Wheatfields Hospice.

She raised an amazing £387.00! It was a very chilly day up at Sutton Bank but she was fantastic!



Diary Dates - Autumn Term

* New events and any changes are in red *

7th October, 7pm - FOSS meeting (virtual)

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)

6th November - Bag2School collection

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

