

*Small school, big heart,  
aiming high together*



*Sutton News*

*16th October 2020*

### Headteacher's Message

It has certainly felt very autumnal this week, but that has not stopped our children enjoying themselves outside for lessons and playtime. The Reception and Year 1 children had a lovely time in the forest school, toasting marshmallows and making pumpkin soup, and this learning was extended in the classroom, where the children wrote story maps for the story 'Pumpkin Soup'.

Year 2/3 have continued their Roman theme with a focus on the events in Pompeii, creating freeze frames in drama and writing about the events that happened all those years ago. They have requested a residential visit to Italy in the future!

This Saturday sees the first of our Open Days for prospective parents, which is a great opportunity to show off our fantastic school. Our Early Years room is looking incredible, and we are hoping that over the next few months the outside space will look as brilliant, providing fantastic learning opportunities for our younger children.

In order for us to begin improving this outside space, FOSS have pledged to support us financially and also use some of the human expertise currently within the group. Our older children have also benefitted from FOSS's generous donations, allowing us to purchase new reading scheme books for our older children, as well further resourcing our IT equipment. Thank you in advance for supporting the various fundraising events that FOSS are organising over the autumn term - obviously, due to Covid, we missed out on six months of fundraising, with two of our biggest events, the Ceilidh and Summer Gala, being postponed.

A huge thank you to the Easingwold Lions, who have very kindly made a generous contribution towards our new reading scheme too.

Next week, we look forward to our virtual parent/teacher interviews. This is a new way for us all - fingers crossed it all goes smoothly. We are also very excited to begin making a video all about our school - please make sure the children are looking their very best on Monday!

Wishing you a lovely weekend.





## STARS OF THE WEEK

- ★ **Reception** - Ewan, for working so hard in Phonics
- ★ **Year 1** - Emmie, for becoming really independent
- ★ **Year 2** - Rowan, for super enthusiasm in Maths this week
- ★ **Year 3** - Madeleine, for hard work and determination in all lessons
- ★ **Year 4** - Lucas, for becoming confident at subtraction
- ★ **Year 5** - Sebastian, for working really hard
- ★ **Year 6** - Joshua, for an excellent attitude

### Happy Birthday!

No birthdays this week



### House points

This week the winners are **Squirrels**

### Attendance

**Highest average attendance** - Years 1, 3, 4 (all 100%)

**Whole school average** - 97.8%

**National attendance average** - 96%

## Other news

### Events for last day of term next Thursday

Next Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October, marks the last day of this half term back together in school.

To celebrate the end to a successful half term, the children can come to school in non-uniform for the day (no charge for this), and ready for their discos in the afternoon (so comfy clothes, party clothes, or something for Halloween).

The Rec/Years 1/2/3 disco will be held in the afternoon in school time, and the disco for Years 4/5/6 will take place after school until 4:30pm. The discos will be £2 per child, payable on ParentPay, and this will include sweets and a drink.

Mrs Hodgson is making a special school lunch of pizza for the day, and all are welcome to have a school dinner if they'd like to (usual school dinner cost for Years 3-6 applies).

### FOSS Smarties Tube Challenge / Virtual Balloon Race

FOSS are holding a Smarties Tube Challenge. Each child has been given a tube of Smarties to bring home. The idea is to eat the Smarties, and then fill the tube with 20p coins and return to school. Tubes can also be decorated, and the best-decorated tube will win a prize. This is always a popular and effective fundraiser, so please help us support FOSS - all proceeds go to school to support all of the children. Filled tubes to be brought back to school by 10th November. **Don't forget the virtual Balloon Race too!** At:

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



## Diary Dates - Autumn Term

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

20th October (pm) - Deadline for school photo order forms

20th & 21st October - Parents' Evenings (virtual)

22<sup>nd</sup> October (Thursday) - Non-uniform day, school discos, 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)

6th November - Bag2School collection

10th November - Deadline to return Smarties tubes to school

25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> November - Year 6 residential at Robinwood (TBC)

30<sup>th</sup> November, 3:30pm - Christmas tree-decorating

11th December - Christmas Hamper draw

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

