

*Small school, big heart,
aiming high together*



Sutton News

22nd October 2020

Headteacher's Message

As we come to the end of our first half term, I would like to thank all families for the continued support and the way you have worked in partnership to help make the return to school so successful. These are challenging times, and the way staff, pupils, parents and carers have responded has been fantastic - thank you.

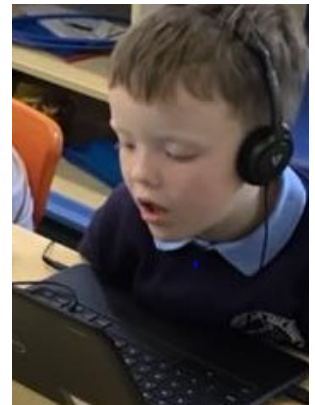
I am so pleased that, so far, we have been lucky not to have had to close any bubbles, but please be reassured that there are robust plans in place in case this happens in the future.

On Monday this week we all had a lot of fun being film stars for the day, filming throughout school and capturing all the different stages of the school day. We can't wait to share the video with you when it's ready!

Today we have a buzzing atmosphere in school, with lots of fabulous party clothes and costumes, a delicious pizza lunch (thank you, Mrs Hodgson), and discos in full swing this afternoon. I'm sure the children will leave tired but happy!

Next term is a lovely time in school, with the run-up to Christmas. Though the festive period is likely to be a bit unusual this year, we will aim to keep up with lots of our traditions, including decorating our tree, Christmas productions (which we hope to film for parents/carers), and an end of year party.

I wish you all a very well-deserved, restful half-term break.





STARS OF THE WEEK

- ★ **Reception** - Oliver, for always trying his best at everything and a brilliant attitude towards learning
- ★ **Year 1** - Samson, for being amazing at everything he does and working so hard
- ★ **Year 2** - Arthur, for working hard on his 'Escape from Pompeii' story
- ★ **Year 3** - Myah, for working hard on column addition and subtraction
- ★ **Year 4** - Charlotte, for consistently working hard and for beautiful presentation of her work
- ★ **Year 5** - Kai, for fantastic enthusiasm in all lessons
- ★ **Year 6** - Elijah, for excellent work in all subjects

Happy Birthday!

No birthdays this week



House points

This week the winners are **Foxes**

Attendance

Highest average attendance - Rec, Year 1, Year 2, Year 5, Year 6 (all 100%)

Whole school average - 99.4%

National attendance average - 96%

Other news

Competition to design Christmas pudding labels (for 2nd November)

FOSS are running a free competition to design the labels for the Christmas Puddings Sale. If your child would like to enter, their design can be drawn on sheet emailed out and returned to school by **the first Monday after half term.**

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 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 *

2nd November - SCHOOL REOPENS

4th November - Flu vaccinations (all year groups)

6th November - Bag2School collection

10th November - Deadline to return Smarties tubes to school

25th-27th November - Year 6 residential at Robinwood (TBC)

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

11th December - Christmas Hamper draw

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

