



*Live well, laugh together, learn forever*

## Newsletter 18

### FOSS EGM

Unfortunately at the recent FOSS AGM not enough parents offered to be on the committee, which is a shame because without a full committee FOSS will have to fold.

Nationally school budgets are being squeezed. For the new financial year, 2017-2018, our school will see a cut in its school funding and a rise in the cost of the resources that we need.

As a school, over the years we have been very grateful to the various FOSS committees as they have purchased the more expensive items:

- new bike shed
- subsidising school trips
- SMART TV Screen
- IT Equipment
- Wet playtime games
- Part funding the climbing wall
- Renewing the stage lighting in the hall
- Maintaining and repairing the current adventure playground equipment
- Outdoor classroom

To have no fundraising team to support our expenditure will have a big impact on your child's education.

Details for an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) will be distributed to parents today, please attend the meeting if you can.

The EGM will take place on Wednesday 15 March at 7pm in Citrine Class (in the 60's block at the back overlooking the playground).

**Please use the Bellairs gate to access the school site – the rest of the school will be locked.**

Please do come along – it's a great way of being involved with your child's school.

### Half Term Building Work

During the half term holiday several rooms, Ruby, Sapphire, Zircon and the music room, were all fitted with new carpets.

In addition Ruby and Sapphire class had new clevertouch TV screens fitted last week to complete their new look.

Both these projects were part of our ongoing plans to re-carpet the whole school and to install up-to-date IT equipment to support the teaching and learning across the whole school.

## Thrift Shop

We will be holding a thrift shop on Tuesday 7 March at the end of the school day.

We have a number of good quality uniform that will be for sale at very low prices.

## Parents do... Maths

Thank you to those parents who supported our recent Parents do... Maths mornings. We hope you found the sessions interesting and relevant.

If you have any feedback regarding this event please do let Mr Smith know as we are keen to hold further events like this if they are useful to parents.

We hope to be able to distribute our Calculation Policy to all parents at the end of this week. A copy will also be placed on our school website. The policy will contain a step by step description of how the different calculations develop as your child progresses through the school.

## Once a week take a peek

The DfE recommends that parents take a regular 'once a week' check in their child's hair for head lice.

In previous years schools notified parents when they were made aware of a child who had a case of head lice but it was found that parents were relying on the school to make the

announcements before they would then check their child's hair. This led to an increase in the number of cases of children with head lice.

There are a number of potions and lotions available for parents to purchase when treating head lice but the recommended advice is to use a fine toothed comb and brush this through your child's hair as this will remove not only the live lice but also the eggs.

If you see that your child has head lice you will need to treat their hair until all the egg sacks have been removed – by leaving just one unhatched egg the problem will escalate again.

## Parent Consultations

Our final Parent Consultation for this term will be held on the following date during the Spring Term:

**Thursday 16 March: 5:30 – 7:20pm**

Appointments can be made by contacting the school office.

## Parenting Support Opportunities

The Children's Centre in Sutton is running the following course this term, Enabling Families. The course lasts three weeks in total.

The course is being held at the Sutton Children's Centre, just behind the school and will be starting on Wednesday 1 March between 9:30am and 11:30am.

For more information about either course please contact Ely, Littleport and Witchford Locality Team on 01353 612800.

### Haddenham Library

Haddenham Library is a community run library. The committee are trying to raise funds for the library by staging a 12 hour read-aloud-athon on World Book Day, which is taking place on Thursday 2 March 2017. The event will run from 8:00am until 8:00pm.

The committee are also holding a "Where's Wally" competition to celebrate Wally's 30 Birthday. A number of 'Where's Wally' characters will be hidden between the library and Camping Close on Thursday 2 March. I've been assured that you will be able to spot the figures from the main pavements.

When you have found all of the characters you will need to register your answer at the library on Thursday 2 March to be in with a chance of winning a £20 book token.

For further details please refer to the posters that are displayed around the school.

### Indoor Tithe Table Top Sale

St Andrew's Church are hosting their monthly Tithe Table Top Sale on Saturday 4 March 2017 between 10:00 and 12:30pm. There will be

refreshments and cakes to revive the weary shopper. . .

If you'd like to book a stall please contact Nick or Fiona on 01353 775271

### Cambridge Science Festival

A national Science Festival is being celebrated between Monday 13 March and Sunday 26 March 2017.

With hundreds of free events on everything from Astronomy to Zoology, the 2017 Cambridge Science Festival welcomes adults, teenagers and families to explore discuss and debate science with researchers from across Cambridge.

Why not join in the fun? There are talks, hands-on activities, performances, exhibitions and films. Further details can be found on the following website:

[www.sciencefestival.cam.ac.uk](http://www.sciencefestival.cam.ac.uk) or call 01223 766 766

### Superstar Reward

During the Autumn Term, we reviewed our school Behaviour Policy with the children. During the review process it became clear that the pupils wanted a reward that, as a class, they could work towards over a period of a few weeks. The reward is agreed with the class and lasts 15 minutes.

In recent weeks we have seen:

- Class discos
- Time on the adventure playground
- Party games
- Decorating gingerbread men
- A class game of SPLAT
- Ninja Warrior Games on the adventure playground

### Village Housing Developments

I understand there is currently a lot of debate surrounding the proposed housing developments in the village by Linden Homes and Endurance Estates.

Our school roll in the immediate future will face a slight decline in numbers. Demographer's figures show that over the next two years the number of children leaving our school at the end of Yr 6 will not be matched by the number of children anticipated to take up places in our Foundation Stage. However, after this two year period there is anticipated to be a rise in pupil numbers.

As we are one of a number of schools within East Cambs facing a rising roll over the next couple of years the governors and I are working with Local Authority representatives to determine possible outcomes if the proposed developments were to progress.

### School Contact Details

You can contact the school in a number of ways:

1. By speaking to your child's classteacher
2. By telephone: 01353 778 351
3. By email: [office@sutton.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:office@sutton.cambs.sch.uk)
4. If you just need to check out some information use our new website: [www.sutton.cambs.sch.uk](http://www.sutton.cambs.sch.uk)

### Spring Term 2017

**Wednesday 1 March** – KSI Trip to Woburn Safari Park

**Wednesday 1 March** – Governors' Finance and Personnel Committee

**Wednesday 8 March** – Governors' Health and Safety Committee

**Sunday 12 March** – Cambridge Music Festival

**Monday 13 March** – Science Week begins

**Thursday 16 March** – Peterborough Music Festival

**Thursday 16 March** – Parent Consultations 5:30 – 7:30pm

**Wednesday 22 March** – Governors' Teaching and Learning Committee

**Friday 24 March** – Red Nose Day

**Wednesday 29 March** – Easter Assembly at St Andrew's Church

**Thursday 30 March** – Music Exams for identified pupils

**Friday 31 March** – Music Concert

**Friday 31 March** – End of Term

### Summer Term 2017

Our Summer Term will start on **Wednesday 19 April 2017** for all pupils.

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