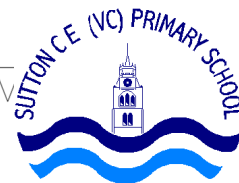


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HALF TERM BREAK

Please be advised that the school will NOT be open over the half term break for keyworker children.

Year 6 Residential

Thank you to the Year 6 parents for bearing with us whilst we make enquiries about the Bushcraft residential that unfortunately is unable to go ahead due to the COVID-19 situation. We wish to reassure you that we are still liaising with Bushcraft about a refund of payments and will contact you when we have further information about this.

School re-opening

Further to my letter earlier this week, we are continuing to work on plans for re-opening to **Reception, Year 1 and Year 6** from 1st June. Thank you to those who have responded to my questionnaire, as this has really helped to think about the numbers of children to expect. **Clearly, we will only be able to open where we consider it safe to do so.** At present, I am putting together a number of protocols in relation to this, together with the Senior Leadership Team. Once these are finalised, we will be ready to share these with parents next week. This will help you as parents with knowing what to expect if you send your child/ren from Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 into school. You will also be able to share this expectation with them. We continue to take direction and support from the Local Authority in managing this delicate time and phase of the crisis. Please be reassured that we will do everything we can to maintain the safety and well being of our children, visitors and staff.

Mrs Jarman



Key worker support

In these present times, we know how difficult it can be for children to try and understand new routines and expectations. In particular, key workers may need support in helping their children to comprehend and process changes being made to their daily lives. With this in mind, we would like to draw your attention to the following advice booklet that The British Psychological Society have recently published to help support key workers with this area of parenting.

<https://www.bps.org.uk/news-and-policy/psychologists-produce-advice-key-workers-and-their-children>

Collective Worship

Following much positivity from parents regarding Collective Worship on Class Dojo, Mrs Garbutt will be sharing a new Collective Worship each Thursday. Don't forget to look out for this.

Foster for Cambridgeshire and enquire today

Can you consider fostering in support of this year's Foster Care Fortnight 11th – 24th May 2020.

There are around 1000 children & young people across Cambridgeshire & Peterborough, particularly teenagers and children over ten, who need the love and support from foster carers. Anyone who is interested can find out more about the process by phone or video call and ask any questions they may have about becoming a foster carer and what's involved.

Foster Care Fortnight is the UK's largest foster care awareness raising campaign, and aims to show the positive impact foster care has made on children's and young people's lives.

We are encouraging people from all walks of life to consider fostering – and we want to hear from anyone who is over 21, has a spare bedroom and the passion and dedication to help children and teenagers thrive.

People should not rule themselves out because they have children, are single, married or partnered, work, unemployed, live in rented accommodation or want to foster past retirement age.

If you would like to register your interest then please visit: www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/fostering or www.peterborough.gov.uk/fostering Or call 0800 052 0078 .

Online safety for children

As schools have changed the way they look and work over the past few months, we will be looking at ways to help you with supporting your children and young people as our contact with them increases.

One current area of concern is Online Safety and the increased risk there may be of children and young people being exploited online. The Safeguarding Children Partnership Board have put together some helpful resources to support parents and professionals with this issue.

We know that agencies have seen an increase in exploitation online but a decrease in reporting from professionals. Those intent on harming children have taken advantage of this crisis and of schools being closed to target children and young people who may be isolated from their usual support networks or missing supervision and support offered by school, college and other education settings.

At the same time we have a major increase in the use of technology to communicate with our children and young people which may have a positive effect on creating safe spaces for them. So as always we have this balance of the wonders of the internet and the risks it also poses.

It is important that we as a school, help parents to understand and manage those risks and this is a key part of our work.

The resources in the link below, include resources for parents to support safe online learning at home particularly the Thinkuknow links and an online presentation focusing on Safeguarding Children from Online Abuse around Covid-19 which can be accessed here

<http://www.safeguardingcambspeterborough.org.uk/home/covid-19/e-learning-during-covid-19/>

We hope that you find these resources useful.



In school learning at Sutton

We have been making the most of the change in weather this week whilst learning continues to take place in school. As you can see from the pictures below, children have been designing and making their own kites. It goes without saying that these needed a bit of a test run, so we took them outside to see how well they flew. Following a quick assessment and a bit of competitive spirit, some adaptations were made to increase their effectiveness.



Headteacher roll of honour



Betsey from Ruby Class is making great progress with her phonics and always completes our writing challenges!

Amanda from Amethyst Class—Whilst learning about The Snow Dragon, Amanda replaced the magic book with a magic snack holder. A great design that she had to evaluate to make it balance and stay on her head and still be able to reach it. Great idea to make it water tight and for it to have a lid! Well done Amanda.



Tabitha from Zircon Class has been trying really hard to engage with all aspects of the home learning, she has developed her own character for her story and created a really well thought out story map!



Charlie from Citrine Class has been bringing his creative flare to lots of different projects over the last few weeks. These are some of the fantastic creations he has made. Well done!