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Notifying you of possible or suspected COVID cases

Over the past half term, we have been informing you by letter about possible or suspected COVID cases in each bubble, in line with Local Authority advice. Due to the prevalence of winter bugs and illnesses, it is likely that many more children or staff will have to be tested due to their symptoms in the forthcoming weeks and months. We have therefore taken the decision not to continue using this letter where there is a possible or suspected case. We will however be notifying you of any **positive** cases that may evolve at Sutton Primary, so that you can take any necessary action that may be required in a timely manner. The Local Authority support their schools in taking this decision, where school leaders see fit.

Please note that we will still need families to inform us if their child is being tested and to notify us of the results. So far, we have seen incredible co-operation from families at Sutton and we are grateful to you for your continued support in this matter.

Behaviour policy—consultation

We are pleased to share with you our new and revised behaviour management policy that is based heavily around the principle of 'Respect', that permeates our whole school approach to positive behaviour management. We are keen to know what you think about our policy and would invite any comments from families during our consultation window. This will be open until 3pm on Friday 6th November and any comments can be sent to the office@sutton.cambs.sch.uk address with the subject line of 'Behaviour Policy'. Please find a link to the policy here http://www.sutton.cambs.sch.uk/website/safeguarding_policies/173315

Scribe Tribe become authors

This half term a group of Year 6 children (known as Sutton Scribe Tribe) have been working with Mrs McCullough to develop their writing skills. They have written two thrilling stories together and on Monday 19th October the children held a book launch to showcase their work. They greatly enjoyed the opportunity to read their work to invited parents and governors over video conference and were each awarded a Sutton Scribe Tribe badge and a copy of their book in recognition of their hard work. The children were complimented on their exciting writing and use of interesting vocabulary which brought their stories alive. Everyone enjoyed the "champagne" reception afterwards!



Maths videos

Some children and adults can be tricked into thinking that mental subtraction is a harder concept to master than mental addition. However, with our video, this does not have to be the case! In the video for this week, you can find out how to partition, use the part-whole method and recombine numbers to reach an answer both quickly and reliably. Please see the link here to find out more http://www.sutton.cambs.sch.uk/website/mental_subtraction/517054

This will be the final maths video of this term, and we do hope that you have found the videos useful in supporting your children.

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Headteacher roll of honour

Chester in Turquoise Class—Chester has excelled himself in maths. His careful setting out of calculations means that he has been able to quickly and effectively calculate problems using the column addition method. Well done Chester.

Charlie in Carnelian Class—Charlie has been a star this week and challenged himself by talking in front of a large group of people. He has also been very courteous and polite when I have seen him around school. Thank you Charlie.

Forthcoming Dates

23rd October—Training day (school closed to children)

w/c 26th Oct—Half term (children return on 2nd Nov)

13th November—Children in Need quiz day (more details to follow but please note that this will NOT be a non-uniform day, since it is PE day for some children)

Google Classroom support

If you are experiencing problems with Google Classroom, we are keen to rectify any teething issues with you. Please contact either your child's class teacher or Mrs Wilkinson in the school office if you are having any problems with re-setting your password. We are keen to iron out any issues with you as quickly as possible so that once we make the full transition to Google Classroom, everyone will be able to make a smooth transition. As with all new introductions, there are bound to be technical issues and this is why we have introduced a phased approach, in order to support our families as much as possible. However, we cannot help if we are not notified directly of any issues.



Happy half term

Wishing all of our families at Sutton a restful half term break. We are proud of the way in which the children have settled back into our learning routines this half term and are already underway with helping to secure good progress wherever we can. Parents' evening was a key opportunity to discuss areas of further work with you and we hope that following this, you are ready to join with us in providing many more exciting and engaging learning opportunities for your children. It has been lovely to meet many more families and to get to know the children further. Thank you for all of the extremely positive comments that we have been receiving and we look forward to seeing you in November. Please don't forget to take note of our new timings and arrangements for water bottles that has previously been communicated to you by letter.

Mrs Jarman