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## Parent Governor election announcement

We are pleased to announce that following our recent parent governor election process, Shaun Barker has been elected as a new parent governor to Sutton Primary. Shaun has a son in Reception and another one joining the school next year. He admitted that he was thrilled to find Mrs Small was his son's reception teacher, because she had taught him, too, when **he** was at primary school! The Barkers have lived in Sutton for three years having moved from Haddenham. Shaun has a background of work in the commercial construction industry and has recently completed a degree in construction management while still working four days a week!

We welcome him very warmly and are sure that his knowledge of buildings, maintenance, regulations and figures will be extremely helpful, as well as being keen to make a difference to the education available for current and future children of Sutton School.

Hilary Sanderson

Chair of Governors

## Office traffic

Over the past two weeks, we have noticed an increase in the numbers of families who are visiting the office. We are keen to avoid this as part of our ongoing COVID risk assessment in order to protect staff, children and families from crossing over bubbles. We would therefore politely remind families that they should e-mail or telephone the school office wherever possible. Alternatively, School dojo provides another platform for communication. It would be helpful if parents could remind children to take all of their belongings into school with them. We have a number of children who have been forgetting their water bottles and in this event, we will provide children with a named paper cup for that day. Thank you for your co-operation.



## CAMBRIDGE news

We will be providing Cambridge News with photos of our Nativity tableau for Key Stage 1 and Reception this year, so that it can feature in their Christmas content pages and which will make a lovely keepsake for families and children. We have been informed that this Nativity photo pull out will be available from the Cambridge News on Thursday 17th December, so please do look out for this publication.

## Google Classroom

We are now in the final phase of introducing Google Classroom in our school. We appreciate that like many schools, we will have a few bumps along the way, but we are here to help you in whatever way we can—please just ask if you need to reset a log in or need help navigating your way around. One of our pupils has created their own videos to show children how they can upload their work. This can be found by visiting our website at <http://www.sutton.cambs.sch.uk> and clicking the tab that is labelled 'Parents Page'. From here there is a drop down menu where you are able to select 'Google Classroom'.

From next week, all homework and spellings will be issued on Google Classroom and Class dojo will only continue to be used for dojo points and communication or messages. The children have regularly been using Google Classroom in school and should therefore be familiar with many of the functions already.

# Headteacher roll of honour

Kai in Emerald Class—Kai has started to really 'up level' his writing and showed me that he could apply some wonderful '2a (adjective, adjective) sentences this week when he began his plans for writing an alien adventure.

Theodore in Ruby Class—Theodore has been working very hard on his pencil grip. He has been showing me how his 'pincer grip' is coming along!

## Success@arithmetic

A number of children in our school have been embarking on a new way of consolidating their understanding of Maths at Sutton Primary by being part of a new maths group called success@arithmetic. This group have been working with Mrs Brown to refine their understanding of the number system and to work on their skills of addition using the expanded and compact column method as well as using resources to support their understanding of re-combining numbers. Some of the children who learn in this group said 'This work has really helped my mental maths' and 'now I can see the reasons I write the numbers down and the order they should go in'. The children have worked so hard this half term and have earned a special certificate from Mrs Jarman so show how proud we are of them.



## Forthcoming Dates

1st December—Reception to Year 6 flu vaccinations

1st December—Don't forget to listen to us singing on Star Radio

11th December—Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day (please see previously circulated details)

14th December—Christingle Service (please see previously circulated details)

17th December—Christmas party and Festive fun afternoon event (please see previously circulated details)

18th December—Christmas carols (please see previously circulated details)

18th December—Last day of term

4th January—Training day (school closed to children)

5th January - All children return

## Maths videos

Column addition can involve the process of 'carrying' or 'exchanging' that can become confusing for children. To explain this further and to show real life examples of the column addition method, our video this week can be found here [http://www.sutton.cambs.sch.uk/website/column\\_addition/523237](http://www.sutton.cambs.sch.uk/website/column_addition/523237) on our school website. You will see how the expanded method of column addition can help children to understand the compact method later on. Please do use the video to support you in helping your child/ren at home.

### Online support

Following our parent leaflet about anti bullying last week, we would like to provide you with some further information about YouTube that you may find helpful in supporting your child/ren with their online activity.

The BBC have provided a safe alternative for our aspiring youtubers - BBC Own It. <https://www.bbc.com/ownit/about-us/own-it-app-faqs>

Parents should always discuss the risks associated with YouTube with their children. YouTube is supposed to be for users over the age of 13, due to the fact that the parent company, Google, collects and markets user data. The following is advised if they do have a YouTube account:

1. Register using a parent's email account.

If your child is under age 13 they are required to use a parent's email to set up a YouTube account. If they are over 13, consider also using a parent's email so you receive alerts and notifications.

2. Use a screen name instead of real name.

For privacy, make sure children use a fictitious name (or the very least first name only). They should never disclose their personal information such as address or phone number.

3. Turn off ability to comment.

Opening comments only opens a can of worms which could lead to cyberbullying, trolling, and much more. In fact, YouTube has been thought responsible for a recent increase in cyberbullying. Limit this problem by disabling comments completely.

4. Monitor videos.

Before your child starts posting YouTube videos, check out what they are doing on the videos and make sure it's something you feel comfortable and appropriate for other children to view.

5. Sign a family contract on house rules for social media and mobile device use.

It's a good foundation for an overall conversation about electronic and social media usage.

6. Change the privacy settings to private or unlisted.

YouTube gives users 3 choices for privacy settings, private, public and unlisted.

- Public is the default setting and that means anybody can see your video.
- Private means only those you invite to view the video can view it (they must have their own YouTube accounts and the maximum number is 50 usernames). Only those on the list can view your video and the video will not come up under any search results or your channel list.
- Unlisted means your video will not come up in search results or on your channel either. In this mode, only those who know the link can view it, and you can share the link with anyone, even those who do not have a YouTube account/username. But be careful with who you share the link since the video could still be seen by anyone with the link!

Having conversations with parents/children about online safety, using parental controls, and creating the right settings gives today's digital parent some peace of mind while still allowing your kids the freedom to express their creativity.



# **AGM**

**30th November 2020**

**7pm**

**Meeting will be held via  
Zoom**

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