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Term Dates for the New Academic Year (2018-2019)

If you did not receive your copy of the term dates for the new academic year last week please do contact the school office staff who will arrange for a copy to be sent to you.

FS and KSI Sports Days

On Wednesday 4 July we will be hosting the FS Sports Day at 9:15am.

This will be followed by the KSI Sports Day at approximately 10:30am

Parents may start arriving from 8:45am; the children will be complete their morning registration and then come out for a warm activity before the event starts. The gates will reopen for the KSI event at 10:15am but parents who will be attending both events are welcome to stay for the start of the KSI event.

Photographs may be taken at the event; parents wishing to take photos will be asked to sign a form on entry to the school grounds. Parents and members of our school community are asked to abide by our strict Photographic Policy and to not post photographs from the event on any form of social media.

On the day we would like the children in the FS and KSI to come to school dressed in their PE Kits. They should have their school uniform with them so that they can change once their event is over.

Our Yr 5 pupils will be helping at the event and they too should come to school dressed in their PE kits with their school uniform in a bag to change into after both events have finished.

Sunny Weather

With the warmer weather set to continue possibly until the end of term parents are reminded that we encourage the children to come into school each day with their sun hats (named) and a water bottle.

Sun protection cream should be applied before school. Children are able to bring their own bottle of sun protection cream into school (ensuring that the bottle is clearly named) and this can be re-applied by the child at lunchtime. It's helpful if you can show your child how to apply the sun cream as some of our children are very heavy handed and end up applying nearly a whole bottle in one application.

Please do remind your child that they should not be sharing their sun cream with other children.

School Budget

Despite increasing costs, over the past couple of years our school has seen a reduction in the amount of money we receive for our annual school budget. The biggest reduction has come from the re-calculation of the IDACI Index (Income Deprivation Affecting Children Income). This money is calculated using the postcodes within an individual school's catchment area; in the financial year 2016-2017 we received £100,000 from this income but from the current year going forwards this amount is only £1,000 per year.

In addition, with central government restricting the amount of funds that it gives to Local Authorities, the demands on our school budgets are continually being squeezed as the school is now required to pay for resources and outside professional help where previously we received these without charge from the Local Authority.

These financial pressures, along with a slightly declining school roll, have required the Governing Body and the school's Senior Leadership Team to take some difficult decisions including a restructuring of our staffing levels.

From September 2018 we will be operating with 11 classes, ceasing the Reading Recovery Programme that we currently run and will also be saying goodbye to a number of our support staff at the school.

In spite of these challenges and changes, which we appreciate may initially seem a cause for concern, the Governing Body and I are confident

that the children will continue to receive the necessary support that will allow them to continue to thrive in their learning and development.

KS2 Sports Day

A beautiful morning last Friday saw a large crowd of expectant parents gather for the Key Stage 2 Sports Day. Joined by the Key Stage 1 and Foundation children, they were treated to an exciting and competitive display of sporting skill and determination. Competing in both track and field events allowed the Key Stage 2 children to show a great variety of skills, and there were some outstanding performances.

The overall winners of the day were the Red team, but scores were very close – only 4 points separated the Red Team and the runners up!

Thank you to all the parents, grandparents and carers who came along to give the children an encouraging cheer.

FOSS Cake Break

The Cake Break on Wednesday, 27 June 2018, raised £128.13.

Thank you to everyone who baked and supported the event by buying the cakes.

The last Cake Break of this school year will be held on Wednesday 11 July 2018 – on this occasion we are asking the parents of pupils in our FS and KSI to bake.

Sutton Conservative Club

FOSS was one of two charities that has been supported by the Sutton Conservative Club this year.

On Saturday 30 June 2018 Melissa Wolland and Caroline Barrell, Chair and Secretary of the Committee respectively, attended the Presentation Evening.

They were amazed to receive a cheque for £1500. Our KS2 children enjoy the opportunity to eat their lunch outside and this money will go towards replacement programme for our current picnic benches which are beginning to need a lot of repairs.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Conservative Club for their magnificent donation to our school.

Book Fayre

On Wednesday 11 July we will be having a Book Fayre arrive at our school, it will be at the school until Tuesday 17 July 2018.

This is a slightly different Book Fayre to previous ones in that all the books are sold at discounted prices. All the books on sale will be half price.

Parents are invited to click on the link below to print out a coupon that will enable them to receive a further 20% discount.

<https://shop.scholastic.co.uk/search/search?log=t&search%5Bquery%5D=gift+voucher>

Football Match Report

Sutton's final game of the season was a tough encounter against The Rackham Primary School on Wednesday 27 June play was not made any easier by the sweltering hot conditions.

To ensure play went ahead, four quarters of 10 minutes were agreed at the start of the game to allow plenty of breaks for drinks and rest.

Sutton took an early 2-0 but after the first quarter The Rackham took control and managed to push themselves ahead. Sutton rallied briefly and got another goal back but the final score was 6-3 to The Rackham.

The team have met regularly for training sessions throughout the year and conducted themselves well during their games. It was great to see a diverse mix of children (some first-timers too!) and hopefully will carry on playing football in some shape or form in the future.

Yr 3/4 Nature Hunt

On Friday afternoon, the whole of Y3/4 went onto the school field in search of minibeasts and plant life.

Everyone was very engrossed in being able to use the pooters to catch different insects. One group even discovered baby woodlice, which surprised everyone including the adults.

We had a great discussion about the different types of trees growing on the

field and some of the children could name them by the end of the session.

Recycle your Stamps

Mr Smith and the School Council are launching a collection of used stamps for the UK Air Ambulance Service. The stamps collected will help raise some money for this very important charity.

The Air Ambulance Service respond to life threatening medical emergencies and the School Council would like to help them because they rely entirely on charitable donations.

All we need you to do is cut or carefully tear the stamped corner from any envelope or parcel and then bring them to the collection box by the school office. You may find it easier to have a collection at home in an envelope and send them in all at once.

We are looking to send our first donation of used stamps to the charity before the end of this academic year so please bring them in before then.

Good luck collecting!

Family Worker Drop Ins

Do you have a concern or query about any of your children? Would you like advice around things such as behaviour, anxiety, sleeping, sibling rivalry or self-esteem?

Come along to one of the Parent and Carer Support Drop-ins and chat to an experienced family worker.

Emily Norman, the family worker linked to our school will next be in school on:

Wednesday 18 July 13.10-15.10

To book an appointment please contact the school office or simply just turn up.

Book Amnesty

Thank you to everyone who has responded to our recent book amnesty. If, like me, you haven't yet had the tidy that you've been planning don't worry, it will be possible for you to return any school books at any point during the academic year by dropping them off at the main school office. Thank you for your help.

Free School Meals

Following a recent consultation by the DfE there will be a new income threshold for all families receiving or going onto Universal Credits (UC)

From 1 April 2018 the new Income Threshold has changed to £7,400 net pay per annum (take home pay). This means that more families may be eligible to claim for this financial help.

In addition to the families receiving the financial help schools will also receive financial help for every successful claim until the child moves on to secondary school.

If you think that this change will impact on your family please call in to the main school office and speak to either Mrs Ingram or Mrs Horwood.

Foster Carers

Have you ever considered becoming a foster carer? If so, now is a great time to start your fostering journey as Cambridgeshire County Council's fostering service is currently recruiting carers to a wide range of rewarding roles.

To find out more about how you can make a difference to the lives of local children and young people, call today on 0800 052 0078 or visit www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/fostering

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
4. If you just need to check out some information use our new website:
www.sutton.cambs.sch.uk

Summer Term 2018

Wednesday 4 July – FS Sports Day at 9:15am

Wednesday 4 July – KSI Sports Day at 10:30am

Wednesday 4 July – Yr 6 Transition Day at WVC

Thursday 5 July – Yr 6 Transition Day at WVC

Thursday 5 July – Jump Up! Day

Friday 6 July – Yr 2 Get Active Festival

Saturday 7 July – Music Exams at the school for identified pupils

Tuesday 10 July – FS/September Admissions Teddy Bears Picnic at 2:15pm

Wednesday 11 July – FOSS Cake Break – FS/KSI Parents to bake please

Friday 13 July – KS2 Dress Rehearsal

Monday 16 July – KS2 Performance at 1:30pm

Tuesday 17 July – KS2 Performance at 1:30pm

Wednesday 18 July – FS pupils to Wicken Fen

Wednesday 18 July – KS2 Performance at 9:30am

Thursday 19 July – KS2 Performance at 1:30pm

Monday 23 July – Leavers Service at St Andrew's Church

Monday 23 July – Yr 6 Leavers BBQ 4:00-6:00pm

Tuesday 24 July – Break Up for the Summer Holidays

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