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Newsletter 2

Yr 6 Secondary Transfer

Parents of our Yr 6 pupils are already starting the transfer to secondary school process. Earlier this term login details for each child were sent home so that parents can complete the online application process. If you have mislaid your login details please contact the school office who will endeavor to help.

Many of the secondary schools around Cambridgeshire will be hosting Open Evening and Open School events from now until half term. Please do take the opportunity to look around the schools in our area to ensure that you have enough information to hand when completing the online application.

If you do not have access to a computer please come into school and a member of staff will be able to help you with this.

School Mornings

Our priority in the mornings must be to welcome and settle the children. With this in mind parents are requested to leave their children at the entrance to the school building and to refrain from coming inside. We have

a number of children who are finding negotiating adults, younger siblings and pushchairs inside the school buildings quite stressful in the mornings.

To help ease congestion pupils in Yr 2 should use the door by the school hall to get to their classrooms and the children in Topaz and Turquoise classes should use the entrance by Turquoise class.

Each entrance will have a member of staff around to take messages regarding an early collection due to a medical appointment etc. However, if you do wish to speak to your child's class teacher please find us at the end of the school day or if the message urgent, then please go over to the school office.

School Meals Menu

Following the very low uptake of the rice option for dessert last Monday (12.09.16) Mrs Hubbard, our school cook, has agreed to change the dessert option for **Mondays** on **Week 3** from rice pudding to rice crispy cake.

Favourites Day Special Menu

On **Thursday 6 October** we will be hosting a promotional school meal. The menu on this day will be:

chicken goujons or veggie nuggets with mini potato waffles and veggie sticks

Chocolate muffin and milk

These special meals need to be ordered in advance to ensure that Mrs Hubbard has sufficient food ordered. If you would like your child to take part in this meal option please complete the promotional flyer that was sent home last week and return it to school by **Monday 26 September 2016**.

Pupils and parents are advised that there will be no roast dinner that week.

Healthy Packed Lunches

Many children bring a packed lunch to school but sometimes it can be tricky to think of what to include day in day out!

Our school Food Policy suggests '...a sandwich, a piece of fruit or vegetable, yoghurt, a small chocolate covered biscuit (e.g. Penguin, Club)...or a packet of crisps...and fruit juice'.

We do not expect to find any sweets, chocolate bars or fizzy drinks and we actively encourage the children to drink water.

Over the next few weeks the Newsletter will contain some delicious ideas for making packed lunches more exciting and varied. Watch this space...

Parent Consultations

There are two opportunities this term for parents to meet with their child's classteacher. Our Parent Consultations will be held on:

Thursday 13 October 3:40 – 5:30pm

Thursday 17 November 5:30 – 7:30pm

You can make appointments for these consultations by contacting the school office.

All appointments are 10 minutes in length. It is not necessary for parents to attend every consultation held during the year.

Please note appointments cannot be made on the day of the consultation; this allows staff time to prepare for this event.

Photographic Permission

During the course of the school year we like to take photographs of our pupils undertaking a variety of activities as a record of their learning. These photographs may be used in displays on our school walls, as part of staff coursework, in printed media eg the local papers or on our school website.

For parents of our Foundation Stage pupils we have recently canvassed you to complete a photographic permission form. For parents of pupils in Yr 1 upwards if your circumstances have changed and you would like to discuss the various options in person please contact the school office.

Jeans for Genes Day – Friday 23 September 2016

Each year in Britain 30,000 babies are born with genetic illnesses. This is

the equivalent of one child in every classroom. The charity Jeans for Genes offers support to families and funds research into these illnesses.

On Friday 23 September we will be supporting this charity by allowing our children to pay £1.00 and come to school dressed in their jeans or denim skirt etc. On their top half they should wear their normal school uniform.

If your child doesn't wear jeans they can support the charity by coming to school in a pair of trousers or skirt of their choice.

A separate letter regarding this day was sent home on Friday 16 September 2016.

St Andrew's Church Sutton

St Andrew's Church are hosting a Flower Festival during the weekend of Saturday 1 October. The theme for the festival is Happy and Glorious – 90 Royal Years.

The church will be open to visitors between the following times:

Saturday 1 October 11:00am and 5:00pm

Sunday 2 October 12:00 noon and 5:00pm

Monday 3 October 11:00am and 3:00pm

Entry to the Flower Festival is free.

During the morning of Sunday 2 October there will be a special Harvest Festival Service at 10:30am.

The weekend concludes with a Parish Concert at 5:00pm on Sunday 2 October.

Yr 5/6 Trip to Ely Cathedral and Courthouse.

Last week the Year 5/6 children enjoyed a joint visit to Ely Courthouse and the Cathedral.

Taking on the roles of defendants, supporters or victims, the children heard the shocking details of the Littleport Riots and tried to persuade a judge and jury of their own particular point of view. The Rioters were once again found guilty and the children visited one of the main players in the cells of the old gaol.

At the Cathedral, the children learned about how and why the building was constructed and scoured the building for architectural clues. There was also an opportunity for the children to make a brass rubbing from an authentic monumental brass plaque.

Ely Cathedral and FOSS both generously provided financial support for this trip. Thank you also to the parent helpers who came along on the day.

PSHE Curriculum

This term in Personal Social Health Education (PSHE) your child will be

learning about beginnings and belonging as well as families and friendships.

If you would like to find out more details, please visit our school's website – www.sutton.cambs.sch.uk/website – home page– Our school – The curriculum – PSHE.

You can also find PSHE policies and sources of advice and support.

Greater Cambridge City Deal

The Greater Cambridge City Deal is a local partnership which, as part of a wider programme, is seeking to improve travel options for people who travel to, from or around Cambridge.

They are currently seeking people's views on our plan to tackle congestion in the city, and to significantly improve passenger transport, cycling and walking journeys.

It is important for the group to understand how parents are currently affected by congestion, and the impact that their proposals may have. Please tell them your views on these proposals which include:

- Better bus services and expanded use of Park & Ride
- Better pedestrian and cycling infrastructure
- Improved public space and air quality
- Peak-time Congestion Control Points (PCCPs)
- A Workplace Parking Levy
- On-street parking controls

- Smart technology
- Travel Planning

Find out more online and complete the survey at

www.gccitydeal.co.uk/congestion.

You can get in touch via email:

city.deal@cambridgeshire.gov.uk, phone: 01223 699906 or via their social media channels:

www.twitter.com/gccitydeal and www.facebook.com/gccitydeal.

Paper copies of leaflets (including surveys) can be found at over 330 distribution points across the area including all Cambridgeshire libraries and are also available from us on request.

School Calendar

Being distributed with this newsletter is a copy of the school calendar which provides details of school events for this academic year.

Parents are advised to note that this is not an exhaustive list and other events may be added. A more up to date list of dates can always be found at the bottom of every newsletter and on our school website.

Building Work during the holidays.

During the summer holidays we had a several contractors on site to complete some improvements to our school buildings.

Artificial turf was laid in the Foundation Stage garden.
Jade and Amethyst classes had new chairs and new carpets

The staffroom was also re-carpeted, new cupboards installed in the kitchen area and new chairs purchased.

New doors with glass panels were fitted to the main office, staffroom, DH/SENCO office and my office.

New door thresholds were fitted to the doors used to enter the Yr 2 and Yr 3/4 classrooms in the Victorian block.

Further work from our building maintenance plan is planned for half term holiday including new carpets in several more classrooms.

The Governing Body currently investigating funding that will enable us to install several energy saving measures across the school.

Home Time Collections

If your usual arrangements for collecting your children at the end of the school day change please do ensure that you let us know.

We all get delayed from time to time but a quick phone call will help ease your child's anxieties at the end of the day.

We remind the children to wait with their class teachers until they can see their parents, child minders or afterschool club providers.

Harvest Festival

Please note that we have had to move the date of our Harvest Festival due to staff training.

The new date will now be Friday 7 October 2016. We will be leaving school straight after morning registration. During morning we will need parent volunteers to help supervise the children to and from St Andrew's Church, if you can help please let your child's class teacher know or contact the school office.

Baby News!

Congratulations to Mrs Jeeves and her husband Lloyd who are now the proud parents of Amelie Iris.

Amelie was born a week late on Tuesday 20 September and weighed 8lb 4oz.

Amelie's big brother Zac is slowly coming to terms with the idea of having a little sister!!

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:

Dates for the Autumn Term 2016

Friday 23 September – Jeans for Genes Day

Tuesday 27 September – Yr 6 pupils to WVC Creative Arts Morning

Friday 7 October – Harvest Festival at St Andrew's Church

Monday 10 October – Book Week starts

Tuesday 11 October – Wind in the Willows Theatre Visit

Tuesday 11 October – Governors' Finance Committee Meeting 7pm

Wednesday 12 October – Scholastic Book Fair in school for one week

Wednesday 12 October – Primary Proms at the Royal Albert Hall

Thursday 13 October – Parent Consultations – 3:40 – 5:40pm

Wednesday 19 October – Yr 5 to Ely Fire Station for Fire Safety Zone Workshops

Friday 21 October – Break up for our Autumn Half Term

Monday 24 October – school closed for one week for the Autumn Half Term holiday

Monday 31 October – school reopens following the Autumn Half Term holiday

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