

# Newsletter 13

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## School Closures due to bad weather

Occasionally it becomes necessary to close the school due to bad weather—this decision falls jointly to the Headteacher and the Chair of Governors. We would like to take this opportunity to remind you of our procedures for this, so that you are aware of what to expect in the event of this necessity.

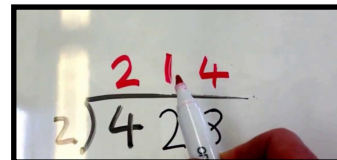
The primary place to find information of this nature, is on the school website ([www.sutton.cambs.sch.uk](http://www.sutton.cambs.sch.uk)) and we will also use School Dojo and MCAS to communicate any closure arrangements with you.

Local radio stations are also willing to broadcast information on emergency school closures and we are grateful to them for their on-going co-operation this winter. Parents are advised to listen to BBC Radio Cambridgeshire. They have asked us to telephone in order to report any closure, so it is possible that they could be inundated with calls from schools, which may impact our ability to provide them with the information as quickly as we would like.



## Maths videos

Written division is on the menu this week! We understand that parents may have been taught different mathematical methods at school, to those taught today—this can be a barrier to parents supporting children at home. The purpose of this week's maths video is to share with you the way in which we teach children written division methods and this can be found [here](#). We hope that you find this useful and the video will also be stored in our 'Maths Zone' on the school website for future reference.



## Festive jumper day

The children enjoyed a traditional Christmas lunch this week, with the added pleasure of wearing their festive jumpers! The school was full of colour and festive cheer as we took a moment to indulge in some of the delights of Christmas. Children have been creating and sharing their wonderful array of electronic Christmas cards with each class and a firm favourite has been the one including a Christmas tree with spinning heads of Mrs Jarman and Mrs Garbutt at the top! No Christmas would be complete without the traditional nativity and both Reception and Key Stage 1 have been sharing their wonderful performances with parents on Class Dojo. We are so proud of their efforts with this and we hope that parents in these classes have enjoyed watching in a slightly different way this year.



Christmas jumper day is in aid of Save the Children, and the link if you would like to donate is

<https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/christmas-jumper-day>

### **Welcome to Sutton video**

Please have a look at the good work going on at Sutton shared in our new '[Welcome to Sutton](#)'  
Video on our school website

### **RSE**

Thank you to the parents that attended the Zoom presentation on the RSE teaching at Sutton C of E Primary. We were pleased to offer the opportunity to share how it is taught and support you with answering questions and explaining the coverage more fully. If you were unable to attend the zoom meeting and have any questions or would like to talk through the RSE curriculum, please contact the school office and we will happily arrange a time that is convenient for you to virtually meet or call. If you would like details of the curriculum covered or resources that are able to support your child's learning, they can be found on our school website under 'Our school, curriculum and PSHE'. <http://www.sutton.cambs.sch.uk/website/pshe/206909>

### **Tree work in the Brooklands centre car park—19th January**

The Parish Council have informed us out of courtesy, that there will be some tree work being undertaken on some trees in and around the Brooklands centre car park on the 19<sup>th</sup> January.

The company undertaking the work is Green Wood Tree Surgery and there has been no specific time provided, as they have other trees to cut during the day. The Parish Council have advised them that the car park can get busy during school drop off and pick up time, so hopefully the disruption will be kept to a minimum. It is likely that some car park spaces will be cordoned off.

If there are any changes to this date then we will pass on the information from the Parish Council.

### **Cambridgeshire and Peterborough fostering services over Christmas**

Please see the message below from Cambridgeshire County Council:

*Cambridgeshire and Peterborough fostering services are asking people to make space around their tree this year and consider becoming a foster carer and offer children and young people the love and support of a family.*

*Many of our children and young people will spend Christmas Day away from their families but with your help we can give them the support they deserve. Our young people said the qualities they look for in foster carers include someone who is empathetic, caring, resilient and open minded – does this sound like you?*

*Fostering can fit in with your lifestyle so contact us now to find out more. We offer generous allowances, continuous training and 24-hour support, so you will never feel alone. You need to be over 21, have a spare bedroom and be available to care for children and teenagers. You can be: Single, married or living with a partner, Living with a disability, In a same sex relationship, In work, unemployed or retired or Living in your own home or renting.*

*So what are you waiting for? Give the gift of family and make this Christmas a special one! Register online at [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/fostering](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/fostering) or [www.peterborough.gov.uk/fostering](http://www.peterborough.gov.uk/fostering) or text FOSTERING to 60777.*

# Headteacher roll of honour

Joshua in Citrine Class—Joshua's mathematical reasoning skills are certainly improving. He is able to tell us why an answer is wrong, rather than when it is right—amazing!

Danny in Zircon Class—Danny has shone in his work on fractions this week. He showed a great attitude and motivated approach and has used this to contribute to our maths working wall. Thank you Danny.

## Forthcoming Dates

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