



*Live well, laugh together, learn forever*

## Newsletter 34

### Leavers Service

On Monday 23 July 2018 we will be holding our formal Leavers Service at St Andrew's Church. This is the time when we say Goodbye to our Yr 6 pupils as they move up to secondary school.

We will be leaving school at about 1:20pm and would welcome adult support to help supervise the children as we walk to and from the church. If you are able to help please do let your child's class teacher know

### Surviving the Summer Holidays

The summer holidays are nearly here and we hope you have lots of fun (and relaxation!) planned.

Below is a list of helpful websites to make sure this summer is a safe summer. See you in September!

Sun safety –  
<https://soltansunready.com/info-for-parents>

Water safety –  
[www.watersafetykids.co.uk](http://www.watersafetykids.co.uk)

Online safety – [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)

Mental health –  
[www.mind.org.uk/information-support/guides-to-support-and-services/](http://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/guides-to-support-and-services/)

General summer safety –  
[www.nhs.uk/Livewell/Summerhealth](http://www.nhs.uk/Livewell/Summerhealth)

General safety –  
<http://kidshealth.org/en/kids/>

### Swim Safe

Swim Safe teaches children aged 7-14 yrs essential water safety skills through a fun session delivered by trained instructors.

Children learn where is safe to swim, how to float, what to do if something goes wrong and how to call for help if someone else is in trouble.

The charity wants all children to have access to this training, so all Swim Safe sessions are free.

Swim Safe are working with the national governing bodies for swimming in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, along with a range of local partners, to make the sessions accessible to more children around the UK.

Since 2013, they have reached 30,000 children in the UK through Swim Safe. This year, they've expanded the programme to nearly 30 coastal and inland locations.

Swim Safe wants every child to have access to a free Swim Safe session so they have the opportunity to learn the skills to help them stay safe in and around open water.

Why not join them this year by signing up for a session, there may be an event taking place at your holiday location or if you go for a day trip to the coast. Also consider sharing information about Swim Safe with others members of your family. The website is:  
<https://swimsafe.org.uk/about>.

### **FOSS Cake Break**

Thank you to everyone who supported the recent FOSS Cake Break on Wednesday 11 July. The grand total raised was £170.66 which is fantastic.

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

### **FOSS Committee Meeting**

At the recent FOSS Committee meeting, held on Wednesday 18 July 2018. Mrs Melissa Wolland announced that she would be stepping down as Chair of FOSS with immediate effect.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Melissa for all her hard work and support during the time she has been Chair of FOSS. This year alone the Committee has raised a magnificent £7,932.36.

During my time at the school I have greatly valued the support of FOSS and hope that it will be able to continue to support the school and its community in the future.

The committee can operate without a Chair in place until an EGM is called at the start of the new academic year in September

### **School Meal Payments**

Parents in KS2 are reminded that all school meals accounts will need to be settled by the end of term. It will not be possible to carry across any money owed into the new academic year.

### **School Meals**

In my last newsletter I outlined the changes that would be taking place from October in relation to the provision of school meals at the school.

Unfortunately, there will be a small price increase with school meals costing £2.35 when the new catering company, TnS, take over but all the school representatives present at the meeting felt that this would be reflected in an increase in the quality of the ingredients used and therefore the overall meals provided.

### **Yr 2 Parents**

Parents of pupils in Yr 2 are reminded that from the start of the new school year their children will be no longer included in the universal free school meals scheme.

Parents of KS2 pupils are required to pay for their school meals. This can be done via our online payment service, Agora. Our school office staff will send out details of how to make payments via Agora by the end of term.

**Eco Star!**

Sonny Sadler, a Yr 3 pupil in Zircon Class has been inspired to help make Sutton a litter free zone!

Pupils in Years 3/4 have been learning about plastic pollution in the world's oceans and writing persuasive letters to highlight the issue.

Sonny took the project a step further by doing a daily litter pick on the way to school, supported by his Mum.

His idea will help to start to make our world a cleaner place, well done Sonny!

### **School Books**

At the end of term your child will be coming home with the majority of their school books.

We have decided to keep the most recent book they have been working in for English and Maths to ensure that the children's new class teachers will be able to build on the children's current knowledge and skills.

We hope this will help to ensure that the 'summer holiday slump' does not happen.

### **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.

### **Yr 5 Science Challenge at WVC**

On Wednesday, 11 July our Yr 5 pupils went to Witchford Village College for the Science Challenge.

The children completed three short practical activities in the science laboratories; identifying metals in minerals, testing cupcake parachutes and investigating which bird beak is the best for picking up seeds.

The main challenge was to build a balloon powered car that would travel the furthest distance. The teams from Sutton managed to win both heats of this challenge.

It was a great morning and the pupils thoroughly enjoyed it.

### **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!

### **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](http://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](mailto:office@sutton.cambs.sch.uk)
4. If you just need to check out some information use our new website: [www.sutton.cambs.sch.uk](http://www.sutton.cambs.sch.uk)

### **Summer Term 2018**

**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

### **Autumn Term 2018**

**Wednesday 5 September** – school opens to pupils in Yr 1 to 6 and some of the FS pupils (parents are asked to refer to their individual information sheets)

**Thursday 6 September** – school open to pupils in Yr 1 – 6 and the other half of the FS pupils.

**Friday 7 September** – school open to all pupils from FS to Yr 6

20.07.18.