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Newsletter 5

Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation Evening

Don't forget there is an information evening for parents about the curriculum requirements for Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation (SPAG).

The evening will start at 6:00pm in the school hall and will last approximately an hour.

After the half term there is the opportunity for parents to sign up, by contacting the school office, to see how SPAG is taught across the school. If this is a successful event we will hold more events of a similar nature in the future.

E-Safety Evening

Following on from the summer term, when the Key Stage 2 children completed an E-Safety questionnaire regarding their use of the internet, some parents expressed concern at the findings. Therefore, we decided to host an E-Safety Evening run by Cambridgeshire ICT Service on Wednesday 9 November at 6pm.

The focus of the evening will be to make parents aware of what is

available online, and give you a better overview so you can decide what you would like your child to access. Please come along.

Harvest Festival

Thank you very much for the very generous Harvest gifts that were donated by our school community.

Rev Mary Hancock and I both agreed that we may have exceeded our previous Harvest donations which is fabulous and will certainly go a long way to supporting families and individuals in need of some extra support.

School Closure

I'm sorry for the inconvenience caused by our recent school closure. The boiler room had no power going to it and despite checking all the fuse boards in the school neither Mr Bate nor myself could establish why there was a fault.

Our school building is tricky to heat and doesn't yet have energy saving measures such as cavity wall insulation to help reduce heat loss. Whilst the weather outside was reasonably mild the temperature inside the building was not appropriate for young children to be in.

The lack of power was eventually tracked back to a faulty sensor which had 'detected' a fire in the boiler room and subsequently shut everything down.

This sensor has now been replaced.

Closing a school is not an easy decision to take and is a decision I take in consultation with the Chair of our Governing Body and a representative from the Local Authority.

Yr 6 Transfer

Parents of our Yr 6 pupils are reminded that the closing date for secondary school applications is Monday 31 October 2016.

The Local Authority have asked school to remind parents that if they do not submit an application their child will not be offered a school place.

If you are unsure about how to submit your application please do come into school and speak to a member of the office staff or myself.

Pupils riding bikes before school

Several parents have been in to speak to me regarding the behavior of some of our older pupils first thing in the morning. They have been concerned by the pupils' lack of road awareness and were concerned that an accident may happen.

The majority of our Yr 6 pupils will be undertaking the Bikeability course in January 2016, but in the meantime we shall be reminding the children about the behaviour we are expecting to see and the parents spoken to if any pupil's behaviour continues to cause concern.

Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who supported our recent Book Fair. We raised a total of £300 commission on our sales which we will use to purchase more books for the school.

Theatre Visit

I hope your child enjoyed our recent theatre visit. The touring company performed *The Wind in the Willows* to the children.

Thrift Shop

We will be holding our Thrift Shop at the end of the school day today, Thursday 20 October.

There will be good quality second hand uniform on sale – for those parents who like to be organised we have received donations of boys shorts and summer dresses.

All proceeds will be used to purchase resources for the school.

Bored with the same old packed lunches?

Over the next few weeks the newsletter will contain some delicious ideas for making packed lunches more exciting and varied. A balanced packed lunch should contain:

- Starchy foods like bread, rice, potatoes and pasta.

- Protein foods like, meat, fish, eggs, beans.
- A dairy item like, cheese or yoghurt.
- Vegetables or salad, and fruit.

Starchy foods are a good source of energy and should take up about one third of the lunch.

*Pasta salad*Bagel*Pitta bread*Rice salad*Wholemeal roll*Potato salad*Tortilla wrap*English muffin pizza*

Why not try? – An Edam cheese, ham, tomato and lettuce pitta pocket, small flapjack, a nectarine and a reduced-fat yoghurt drink

Parent Consultations

The Parent Consultation that was postponed due to the school closure last week will now be held on Thursday 10 November 2016. The appointments that were made for the postponed date will be carried across to the rescheduled day.

There is also one further opportunity this term for parents to meet with their child's class teacher on

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.

School Uniform Orders

With the number of children on roll at our school growing it is becoming increasingly difficult to hold stock of school uniform in school.

With this in mind we will no longer hold uniform in school but will place an order once a month with Brigade (our uniform provider). The cut-off date for parents to order uniform via the school will be the 19th day of each month. Orders should then be in school two to three weeks after this date.

If you would like to try uniform on to check for sizing we will hold one item of each size in stock to enable you to do this.

If you have any questions please come to the school office to speak to us.

Cake Break

Thank you to everyone who supported the recent Cake Break. At the time of writing I haven't heard how much the event raised but all the monies will go to FOSS to support activities in the school.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

After the half term holiday we will be supporting this year's Poppy Appeal organised by the Royal British Legion.

The poppies will be available at the beginning and end of the school day in the school courtyard.

Sickness Bugs and Diarrhoea

Unfortunately, we sometimes have children off school with sickness and diarrhoea.

In order to contain these germs that quickly spread around a close knit community, we ask parents to keep their children off school for a full 48hrs after the last bout of illness.

School Uniform

May we remind parents and pupils of our school dress code as we have noticed a number of older pupils coming to school wearing jeans instead of the regulation black or grey school trousers.

By encouraging a school dress code, we promote equality and uniformity for all pupils; and as preparation for life at secondary school where there are strict uniform guidelines to adhere to.

Boosting Reading Potential

Thank you to the parents who have volunteered to help our school's love of reading.

If you are interested in becoming involved in the school's Boosting Reading

Potential initiative but missed out on this term's training please contact the school office to leave your contact details. We are hoping to run further training later in the school year.

Cambridge Festival of Ideas

The Cambridge Festival of Ideas explores some of the most essential and thought provoking issues of our time.

There are hundreds of free events from talks, debates and film screenings to exhibitions and performances based upon this year's theme of Movement.

Featuring researchers from the University of Cambridge, public figures the Festival is guaranteed to have something for everyone!

The Festival is running from Monday 17 October until Sunday 30 October 2016 at venues around Cambridge. For further information please go to the following website:

www.festivalofideas.cam.ac.uk

or telephone: 01223 766 766

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

Dates for the Autumn Term 2016

Thursday 20 October – Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (SPAG) Information Evening 6:00- 6:45pm

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

Tuesday 1 November – Parents Do SPAG 9:00- 9:40am

Wednesday 2 November – Governor's Teaching and Learning Committee

Friday 4 November – Parents Do SPAG 9:00- 9:40am

Wednesday 9 November – E-Safety Information Evening for parents

Thursday 10 November – Flu Jabs for Yr 1 -3

Monday 14 November – Anti-Bullying Week

Thursday 17 November – Parent Consultations 5:30 – 7:30pm

Saturday 19 November – FOSS Jumble Sale

Tuesday 22 November – September 2017 Admissions Morning

Tuesday 22 November – Bags 2 School Collection date

Thursday 24 November – September 2017 Admissions Afternoon

Friday 2 December – FOSS Christmas Bazaar

Monday 5 December – FS Dress Rehearsal to the school

Tuesday 6 December – FS Performance 2:00pm

Wednesday 7 December – FS Performance 9:30am

Friday 9 December – KSI Dress Rehearsal to the school

Monday 12 December – KSI Performance 2:00pm

Tuesday 13 December – KSI Performance 5:30pm

Wednesday 14 December – KSI Performance 9:30am

Wednesday 14 December – Yr 5/6 Christmas Party

Thursday 15 December – Yr 3/4 Christmas Party

Friday 16 December – Christmas Lunch

Friday 16 December – Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 16 December – FS Christmas Party

Monday 19 December – KS2 Carol Service at St Andrew's Church

Monday 19 December – KSI Christmas Party

Tuesday 20 December – End of Term 20.10.2016.