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Newsletter 7

Individual School Photographs

Following our school closure on Monday we have rearranged when the school photographer will be in school. The new date is **Tuesday 15 November**. All our pupils should come to school in their school uniform as normal on this day.

During the day the photographer will also take 'family group' photographs. Unfortunately due to our school numbers it will not be possible for parents to request that pre-school children are included in the family photographs.

Mini proofs of each photo will be sent to parents who will then have the option to buy copies online or return the order form complete with payment to the company via the school.

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 tonight,

Wednesday 9 November at 6pm in Citrine Class (Mrs Gates and Mr Smith's classroom in the 60's block)

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.

School Closure

I'm sorry for the inconvenience caused by our recent school closure.

Unfortunately, at 7:30am Anglian Water were predicting that the water supply would not be connected until 1:00pm which meant we wouldn't have had sufficient water in our tanks for the school kitchen and toilets to operate for the day.

Flu Inoculations for Yr 1 – 3

On Thursday 10 November the school nursing team will be in school to administer flu inoculations to pupils in Yr 1 to 3.

Parents of these pupils have been sent separate letters to explain the process. If you have mislaid your letter please contact the school office for a copy. Replies regarding the inoculations can be returned to your child's classteacher.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

We are currently supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

The poppies will be available at the beginning and end of the school day. In addition we also have available some additional 'poppy merchandise' which is available at a set price.

Wristbands:	50p
Poppy Bracelets:	£1
Reflective Poppy key rings:	50p
Flexible rulers/wristbands:	£1

On Friday 11 November as a school we will be observing the 2 minute silence at 11:00am as part of our Collective Worship.

Lost Property

We have a large amount of lost property which has accumulated since the start of our school year. This includes a large amount of school sweatshirts and cardigans.

All of the items will be on display, in our courtyard playground, for parents to look through at the end of the school day on Thursday 10 November 2016.

Please do ensure that you name all of your child's clothing – we do return items that are named to their rightful owners.

Family Worker Drop-in

If you have a query regarding a parenting issue it will be possible to meet with Aileen Stanford who is a Family Worker with the Ely, Littleport and Witchford Locality Team, on Friday 11 November 2016.

Family Workers are able to give advice and support on a range of issues including:

- Establishing a regular bedtime routine
- Introducing day time routines to help organisation
- Helping you to support your child through a period of anxiety.
- Coping with a particular family issues
- Managing finances

Aileen will be in school from 8:45am. If you would like to meet with her please contact the school office to make an appointment. Each appointment is for 15 minutes.

Parent Consultations

The Parent Consultation that was postponed due to the school closure 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.

Yr 3/4 Trip to Ely and Prickwillow

On Thursday 3 November our Yr3/4 went on a trip to the museums at Ely and Prickwillow.

It was a fun filled day that all of the children and adults enjoyed. During our time at Ely Museum we learnt about Fen life and the children had a chance to look at the old farm equipment that was used. Whilst at the Prickwillow Drainage Engine we had the chance to meet all of the historical characters that helped to drain the Fenland including Vermuyden. We were also able to try making and testing a flood defence alarm.

Primary School Admissions Process for September 2017

Parents of pre-school children who will be starting at primary school in September 2017 are advised that the application process for school places will open on Wednesday 16 November and will close on Sunday 15 January. This is a national process and the dates are agreed by all the Local Authorities.

This year there is an important change:

- parent's apply **on time**, and will hear on Thursday 18 April 2017, or
- parents apply late ie Monday 16 January until Monday 1 May 2017 and will not hear until Friday 19 May 2017.

Please note that there is no right of automatic transfer from nursery/pre-school to a primary school.

All parents are required to apply for a school place – no places are allocated automatically.

Open Morning and Afternoon to support the Admissions to Primary School Process

We will be holding an Open Morning on Tuesday 22 November and Open Afternoon on Thursday 24 November for parents who have children who will be transferring to primary school in September 2017.

Details of these two sessions will be sent to Paintbox and Butterflies Pre-schools but if your child attends a different pre-school please contact the school office to arrange for the details to be sent directly to you.

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.

FOSS Request for Jumble

FOSS have requested that if you are having a pre-Christmas clear out, would you please send in any clean clothes, shoes, toys, bric-a-brac and bedding for their jumble sale.

Due to problems with storage, please only bring your donations to the Community Room on the morning or afternoon of Friday 18 November. Thank you for your support.

Christmas Present Tags

Each year FOSS hold a Christmas Bazaar especially for the children. This year the Bazaar will be on Friday 2 December. Every pupil will be able to buy up to 6 presents for members of their family. After they've made their purchases they wrap and label their presents.

We are busy preparing tags for the presents using old Christmas cards but would welcome some additional help. We'd supply all the materials... If you can help please contact the school office.

Full details for the Christmas Bazaar will follow soon.

Sutton and Ely Foodbank – Reverse Advent Calendar

Sutton and Ely Foodbank are organising a 'Reverse Advent Calendar' which families may like to support.

You will need a large box or basket and for each day in November you place an item (treats, snacks etc) into the hamper. At the end of the month you take the hamper along to the Foodbank and they will donate it to a family in need in time for Christmas.

If you'd like to be involved please contact Amy Lorimer for further details. Amy's contact details are: amy@ely.foodbank.org.uk

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

Wednesday 9 November – E-Safety Information Evening for parents – in **Citrine Class in the 60's block**

Thursday 10 November – Flu Jabs for Yr 1 -3

Thursday 10 November – Re-scheduled
Parent Consultations 3.40 – 5.30pm

Monday 14 November – Anti-Bullying
Week

Tuesday 15 November – School
Individual Photographs

Wednesday 16 November – Primary
School Admissions process for
September 2017 opens

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

Friday 18 November – Children in
Need Celebrations

Friday 18 November – Bags 2 School
Collection

Saturday 19 November – FOSS Jumble
Sale

Tuesday 22 November – September
2017 Admissions Morning

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 @
1:50pm

Monday 19 December – KSI Christmas
Party

Tuesday 20 December – End of Term
09.11.2016.