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Newsletter 3

Sickness Bug

Unfortunately, like a lot of schools in the local area we have sent home a number of children due to sickness and/or diarrhea.

As a school we follow the NHS advice that children (and staff) suffering with these symptoms need to be kept off school for a full 48hrs after the last bout of illness.

This type of bug is very contagious and will spread through a school very quickly. Whilst we appreciate that the children (and staff) may be feeling much better after the physical symptoms have gone the bacteria that caused the initial illness can still be transferred to others.

Junk Modelling

Next week, Monday 25 September, the children in the Foundation Stage will be making houses and dens from giant junk. If anyone has any large cardboard boxes at home or work that we could use please bring them in on Monday morning.

Foundation Stage Reading Workshop

The parents of our Foundation Stage children are invited to attend a short workshop on strategies to support their child's reading at 9:00am on Wednesday 27 September. The workshop will be led by Mrs Sian Dille, the school's Reading Recovery Teacher, and will last approximately 30 minutes.

FOSS Meeting

There will be a FOSS Meeting in the staff room at 7pm on Wednesday 27 September 2017.

FOSS are always looking for volunteers to help with their many fundraising events. If you would like to help please do come along to the meeting or let our school office staff know and we'll pass your details on to Mrs Melissa Wolland, our current Chair of FOSS.

The access to the school site for the meeting will be via the Bellairs Gate and then across to the main building near my office.

Harvest Festival

Our special Harvest Festival Assembly will be held at St Andrew's Church in Sutton on Friday 6 October 2017.

Pupils will be asked to come to school in the usual way and will be registered in their classes before lining up to walk to St Andrew's Church en masse.

When we walk to the church we use a 'family grouping' system whereby our older pupils walk with our younger pupils. However we do require a lot of adult/parent helpers to help supervise the pupils as we walk to the church. If you can help on the morning of Friday 6 October please contact your child's class teacher.

This year we would like the children to bring harvest gifts of non-perishable food – tins, bags of dried goods etc. **Please do not send your child to school with fresh food.** The donated items will be sent, together with the items donated to St Andrew's Church, to the Sutton Foodbank.

Parent Consultations

We have reviewed the way we hold our Parent Consultations and will be sending out details of our new system early next week.

We hope that the new approach will make these parent-teacher meetings more accessible enabling every parent to have the opportunity to meet twice a year with their child's class teacher.

School Values

You may remember that during the Summer Term 2017 we asked all our stakeholders for their opinion on the Aims and Values for our school and asked them to identify the priorities we should all be working towards as a school.

Once we had gathered the results a group of governors correlated all the information that was important and used that as a starting point.

From there we were then able to update our Aims and Values – a key document for the school – to reflect the current attitude of our school community.

The results are now present on our school website: www.sutton.cambs.sch.uk for members of our school community to refer to.

Thank you to everyone who supported this important piece of work.

Family Worker drop in

Do you have a concern or query about any of your children? Would you like advice around things such as behaviour, anxiety, sleeping, sibling rivalry or self-esteem?

Come along to one of the Parent and Carer Support Drop-ins and chat to an experienced family worker.

To book an appointment please contact the school office or simply just turn up.

The dates until February 2018 are:

Wednesday 18 October 2017

Tuesday 21 November 2017

Thursday 14 December 2017

Tuesday 23 January 2018

Wednesday 28 February 2018

All the sessions will run from 9:00 until 11:00am.

Getting into Teaching

As you may be aware Cambridgeshire, along with other areas of the country, is currently facing a teacher shortage.

Getting into Teaching is being held at Anglia Ruskin University on Thursday 16 November 2017 between 6:00 and 8:00pm. There will be a range of local providers attending who will be able to advise on the different phases and routes into teaching such as school-centred places, PGCEs, BEd or internships.

To book a place for the event, please follow this link

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/getting-into-teaching-information-event-tickets-37992374214>

Pierced Ears

During the school day it is possible for the children to wear stud style earrings.

However, new advice from the Local Authority states that during PE lessons the children should remove their earrings.

If your child finds this difficult on their PE days it may be easier for your children to come to school without earrings in just for that day.

Yr 6 Secondary School Transfer Information

Parents of Yr 6 pupils were sent a letter on Tuesday 12 September which provided details of the secondary school transfer process.

To help parents and pupils decide on a secondary school there will a number of meetings and events being held for both pupils and their parents.

On Wednesday 4 October at 7:00pm the staff from Witchford Village College will be coming along to our school to talk to our Yr 6 pupils and their parents. Further details will be sent out to parents nearer the time.

Cambridge Festival of Ideas

If you're already thinking of ideas to keep the children occupied during the October Half Term holiday you may like to consider the Cambridge Festival of Ideas.

The Festival explores some of the most essential and thought provoking issues of our time. There are hundreds of free events, from talks, debates and film screening to exhibitions and performances based on the year's theme of Truth. The festival features researchers from the University of Cambridge, public figures and renowned guests.

The festival runs from Monday 16 October until Sunday 29 October for further details please go to the festival's website:

www.festivalofideas.cam.ac.uk or call 01223 766 766

Bookings for all the 'pre-book' events opens on **Monday 25 September**.

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 2017

Wednesday 27 September – FS
Reading Workshop in the school library at 9:00am

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

Wednesday 27 September – FOSS
Meeting in the staffroom @ 7pm

Wednesday 4 October – WVC staff
to visit Sutton 7pm

Friday 6 October – Harvest Festival at
St Andrew's Church, Sutton

Friday 6 October – FOSS Disco

Tuesday 10 October – Theatre
Production of The Selfish Giant

Wednesday 11 October – Book Fayre
for one week

Wednesday 11 October – Primary
Proms at the Royal Albert Hall

Friday 13 October – Yr 5 to Ely Fire
Station for Fire Safety Zone
Workshops

Wednesday 18 October – Family
Worker Drop-In

Thursday 19 October – Break up for
Autumn Half Term

Friday 20 October – INSET Day for
teaching staff

Monday 23 October – school closed for
one week for the Autumn Half Term
holiday

Monday 30 October – school reopens
following the Autumn Half Term
holiday

Tuesday 21 November – Family
Worker Drop-In

Thursday 14 December – Family
Worker Drop-In

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