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Newsletter 17

Parent Consultations

The online booking system for our Parent Consultations will open today, Friday 12 January.

Parents can book their consultations using the same login details that were issued during the Autumn term.

This term our Parent Consultation dates are:

Thursday 8 February 2018 between 4:30 and 7:30pm

Tuesday 20 February 2018 between 3:50 and 6:30pm

Safeguarding Issue

If the arrangements for your child at the end of the school day change don't forget to tell the office staff so that we can let your child and their class teacher know.

We have reminded all of the children today that they are to remain close to their class teacher until their parent arrives.

For our older children we have reminded them that if they walk home

on their own and find no one at home they should return to school.

If we haven't heard from you regarding the change of arrangements for your child we cannot let them go with another parent unless we hear from you.

Local Authority Pupil Review

Last Tuesday we had a Local Authority Review and whilst I am yet to receive the formal report the key messages from the report are:

- Pupil Attainment in Maths should still be an area of focus for the school
- Pupils with SEN needs make good progress at the school
- Our targeted higher attaining pupils need to be presented with more challenging work.

Over the coming weeks I shall be working with all the staff at the school to raise the levels of attainment for all our children.

School Dinner Money

If you pay for your child to have a school meal at lunchtime please do be aware that we are unable to allow parents to run a 'tab' system. All meals taken in one week must be paid for before any further meals can be served.

Please make every effort to pay any outstanding balances. If you are

experiencing financial difficulties please do come in and talk to either myself or the office staff as your child may be entitled to free school meals.

School Closure due to bad weather or lack of utility services

Very occasionally I have to take the decision to close the school to the pupils. This may be due to a number of reasons:

- No water – where the estimated repair is long and likely to impact on the school day for toilets, handwashing and cooking
- No electricity and the estimated repair is likely to impact on the school day
- No heating
- Bad weather

Once I've taken the decision to close the school I will notify parents via the following means:

- School website
- Parentmail
- Sutton Noticeboard – via Kirstie Sole and Melissa Wolland
- Radio Cambridgeshire
- Heart 103 and 102.7.

Primary School Admissions Process for September 2018

Parents of pre-school children who will be starting at primary school in September 2018 are advised that the

application process for school places opened on Thursday 16 November and will **close on Monday 15 January 2017**. This is a national process and the dates are agreed by all the Local Authorities.

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.

Parent Workshop – The Bar Model Approach

Last term we ran a couple of Maths Workshops for parents on the Bar Model.

This method is also known as Singapore Maths and has been repeatedly shown to help children particularly when problem solving.

The workshops last term were popular with parents but a few parents came up to me to say that they were unable to attend.

We are running a repeat of the workshops on the followings days in January:

Monday 29 January – this session is suitable for parents of pupils in the FS and KS1

Tuesday 30 January – this session is suitable for parents of pupils in KS2.

Both workshops will run from 9:00am for approximately 45mins.

The workshops will be held in Carnelian Class which is by the number square close to the Bellairs entrance.

If you would like to attend please let the office staff know so that the members of staff running the workshops can prepare enough resources.

FOSS Committee Meeting

There will be a FOSS Meeting in the staff room at 7pm on Wednesday 24 January 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.

Last term the FOSS Committee raised a total of £1,380.07 through a series of small events including Cake Breaks, Bags2School, Car Boot Sale and the Christmas Raffle. This is a fantastic total and has been used by the school to purchase a Clevertouch Screen in one of our Yr 3/4 classrooms.

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:

Tuesday 23 January 2018

Wednesday 28 February 2018

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

Book Amnesty

We will be holding a book amnesty over the next couple of weeks – if you have any school books that belong to us please return them to the school so that we can put them back onto our book shelves for other children to enjoy.

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 Spring Term 2018

Tuesday 16 January – Governors Business Meeting

Tuesday 23 January – Family Worker Drop-in

Wednesday 24 January – FOSS Committee Meeting @ 7:00pm

Monday 29 January – FS/KSI Parent Workshop in Maths 'The Bar Model' Approach 9:00- 9:45am

Tuesday 30 January – KS2 Parent Workshop in Maths 'The Bar Model' Approach 9:00- 9:45am

Wednesday 31 January – Book Fair in school until Tuesday 6 February

Wednesday 31 January – Class Photographs

Thursday 8 February – Parent Consultations 4:30-7:30pm

Friday 9 February – Break Up for Half Term Holiday

Monday 19 February – Back to school following Half Term Holiday

Tuesday 20 February – Parent Consultations 3:50-6:30pm

Wednesday 21 February – Governors Finance and Personnel Meeting

Friday 2 March – KSI Circus Skills (Yr 1 pupils)

Wednesday 7 March – Visit by Cambridgeshire Music (Travelling Tuba)

Wednesday 7 March – FOSS AGM

Monday 12 March – Work Experience Students in school for 2 weeks

Wednesday 14 March – Peterborough Music Festival

Friday 23 March – Yr 3/4 Football Tournament @ WVC

Monday 26 March – Governors Teaching and Learning Committee Meeting

Wednesday 28 March – Easter Assembly at St Andrew's Church

Thursday 29 March – KS2 Music Concert

Thursday 29 March – End of Term

And finally...

I'm sure you will all be delighted to hear that Mr Bate will be starting a phased return next week!

I know I've missed him and I'm sure many of you have too particularly when I've forgotten to open the gates!

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