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Newsletter 23

Welcome Back!

I hope that everyone had a lovely Easter break with the chance to relax and spend time with family and friends.

Personal, Social and Health Education topics – help for parents and carers

Reading a story book with your child can be a great way to get into discussing a sensitive or difficult issue.

In school we use a variety of books that may help, ranging from giving up a dummy, to ways of coping with death. Over the next few weeks we will be listing some of these books in the newsletter. If you are not in a position to buy them or borrow them from a library they may be available to borrow from the school. Please either call or speak to Miss Gilbert or your child's class teacher.

If you have any suggestions of topics or books please email the office for the attention of Mrs Robertson, our PSHE subject leader.

Bags 2 School

FOSS are organising a Bags 2 School Collection for after the Easter holidays on Tuesday 19 April 2016. Please look out for your special bag...

FOSS Bingo

FOSS are hosting a further Bingo Night on Friday 22 April 2016. Doors open at 6pm with 'eyes down' at 6.30pm.

Parent Consultations

There are two opportunities for parents to meet with their child's classteacher this term. Our Parent Consultations will be held on:

Thursday 21 April 5:30 – 7:30pm

Thursday 7 July 3:30 – 5:30pm

You can make appointments for the 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.

Family Worker Update

- Are bedtimes a battle ground?
- Do you find it hard to set boundaries?
- Is your child anxious?
- Do you need a chat about family issues?
- Are you concerned about finances?

If you have answered yes to any of the above or have other issues you feel you would like some advice on, then look no further!!

Verity Puddy, a family worker with the Locality Team is able to come into school to meet with parents. Verity's next visit will be on Tuesday 17 May 2016 from 8:30am.

Appointments can be made by contacting our school office.

Sealife Vouchers

We will be sending home today a half price family voucher from Sealife. The vouchers are valid until 30 June 2016 and entitle a family of up to five people to half price entry.

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

Sainsbury's have recently launched their Active Kids Voucher scheme for this year. We are collecting the vouchers so please do send them into school. Last year the vouchers were used to 'purchase' lots of playground equipment for the children to use during lunchtime play times.

The vouchers themselves are different this year and are part of the paperwork given to customers as part of the till receipt.

There will be a collection box outside the office for all the vouchers.

FOSS Summer Fete

The FOSS Committee are now in a position to confirm the date of this

year's school fete. It will take place on Saturday 11 June 2015.

Please save the day and look out for ways you can support FOSS with this major fundraising event in future Newsletters.

The theme for this year is a 'right royal fete' in honour of the Queen's 90 Birthday.

School Meal Price for September 2016

It has been agreed that the price of our school meals from 1 September 2016 will remain at the same price of £2.25 per meal per child..

At the current time I anticipate that the free school meal initiative for pupils in the Foundation Stage, Yr 1 and Yr 2 will remain in place for the coming academic year.

Red Rashes

It would appear that the slapped cheek virus is still affecting some children. Last term we distributed an information letter about the different types of red rashes that were most common in the school at that time.

If you have mislaid your copy of the letter please go to our school website: www.sutton.cambs.sch.uk for further information.

Big Pedal Initiative

Details of the Big Pedal initiative will be sent to parents tomorrow, Thursday 14 April 2016. Our participation in this initiative is part of our School Travel Plan.

Christmas Shoebox Appeal

Mrs McCullough, who organised our Christmas Shoebox Appeal during the Autumn Term 2015 has recently received the following

thank you message from the organisers of the appeal:

Thank You!

Thank you for sending a shoebox gift with Operation Christmas Child. Once more children in need, all over the globe, experienced the joy of a simple shoebox gift and the hope that comes with knowing they are loved and not forgotten.

This year shoeboxes from the UK were sent to Albania, Belarus, Bosnia, Central Asia, Latvia, Liberia, Lithuania, Macedonia, the Middle East, Romania, Serbia, Swaziland, Ukraine and Zambia.

Together you packed an amazing 900,008 shoeboxes, meaning hundreds of thousands of children received a gift to remember. 18,575 of these shoeboxes were sent to refugee children passing through camps in Macedonia.

Our local partners recounted this story from an immigration camp where displaced children received some Christmas joy in the form of a simple shoebox gift.

"The area is crowded with many tired but evidently excited children, curiously trying to find out what is going on. There is a big Christmas tree in the middle, with lots of boxes under it... The distribution starts. Screams of excitement and indescribable joy avalanche as boxes are opened from those exhausted small hands which now have turned into excited opening machines! In this big crowd my attention was attracted by one girl with a dirty but still beautiful face. She was sitting on the bench so calmly, slowly unpacking the box and enjoying every moment... maybe the only moment of happiness since she left her home."

Thank you for partnering with Operation Christmas Child in 2015 to share God's love in a tangible way with children across the world over the Christmas season.

We will be sharing this message with the children at our Collective Worship later in the week.

The Ouse Competition

Entries are being sought for the 'Snap the Ouse' Competition in the lead-up to this year's **OuseFest**. There are adult and child categories with the opportunity to win £50 of prizes as well as a chance to showcase your talent.

Further details can be found by visiting the following website: www.ousewashes.org.uk

This year's OuseFest is being held between 18 – 31 July 2016.

Term Dates for the next academic year

Our term dates including the INSET Training Days have been sent out. If you missed these they are now posted onto our school website: www.sutton.cambs.sch.uk

Miss Gibson

Miss Gibson has returned to work this week on a phased return following her recent operation.

Mrs Raven, who taught Amethyst Class whilst Miss Gibson was off work, will be teaching the class on the days when Miss Gibson is unable to.

Student Placement

At the start of this term we have welcomed Miss Denver Owens to our school. Miss Owens will be completing her final initial teacher training placement with Jade Class before starting her first teaching position at Duxford Primary School in September 2016.

Baby News!

Congratulations to Mrs Jeeves and Mrs Wallace who have both announced that they

are expecting their second child in September 2016.

Friday 27 May – Staff INSET Day –school closed to pupils.

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Both teachers will be remaining at school for the rest of this academic year and both plan to start their maternity leave at the beginning of the new academic year.

Congratulations to both ladies and their respective families!

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 Summer Term 2016

Tuesday 19 April – Governors' Business Meeting

Thursday 21 April – Parent Consultations 5:30 – 7:30pm

Monday 25 April – Governors' Finance and Personnel Committee

Monday 2 May – Bank Holiday

Wednesday 4 May – Governors' Business Meeting

Monday 9 May – KS1 and KS2 SATs
Week start

Tuesday 17 May – Deadline for ordering new school uniform

Tuesday 17 May – Yr 6 Residential
Trip to Grafham Water –
Information Evening

Monday 23 May – Art Week begins