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FOSS AGM

The FOSS Committee will be holding their AGM tomorrow evening, Thursday 9 February at 7pm in Mr Smith's classroom.

The current committee members feel that there is now an opportunity for new people to join the group and are looking for new members to help keep the group running.

FOSS are a valuable asset to the school and in recent years have raised a significant amount of money that has purchased a wide range of items which the whole school community have enjoyed:

- new bike shed
- subsidising school trips
- SMART TV Screen
- Wet playtime games
- Part funding the climbing wall
- Renewing the stage lighting in the hall
- Maintaining and repairing the current adventure playground equipment

The AGM will take place in Citrine Class (in the 60's block at the back overlooking the playground).

Please use the Bellairs gate to access the school site – the rest of the school will be locked.

Please do come along – it's a great way of being involved with your child's school.

Lost Property

We have a huge pile of lost property including shoes, coats and school sweatshirts.

We will be displaying the lost property items in the courtyard area of our school playground at the end of the school day on Thursday. If you are unable to get to the school and you know your child has lost something you can email the office staff (office@sutton.cambs.sch.uk) and we will try to help your child locate it.

Any unclaimed items will be either passed to our second hand uniform shop or else to a local charity shop.

Book Fayre

Thank you to everyone who supported our recent Book Fayre. We were able to raise just over £300 in commission from the sales of the books.

This money will be spent in the coming weeks on some books for the classrooms.

From Dinosaur to DNA

Thank you very much for sending in so many plastic bottle tops. We have a great selection of size, shape and colour. We now have enough for our Dinosaurs to DNA project so please do not send in anymore.

Class Photographs

The class photographs taken last week will be sent home tomorrow to all children who were in school on the day they were taken.

The last day for returning orders to school is Wednesday 22 February 2017. After this date there will be a late fee charged for any orders requested and these will need to be sent directly to the photographic company. It is possible to order photographs at www.getphotos.co.uk.

Parents do... Maths

As part of the recent Maths Information session we are inviting parents to sign up to the 'Parent's do... Maths' sessions after the half term holiday. The sessions are being held on Wednesday 22 February and Thursday 23 February between 9:10am and 9:50am.

Parents are reminded that booking is essential for these sessions, this can be done by contacting the school office.

Please do come along to the 'Parents do... Maths' sessions even if you were unable to make the Information Evening.

Once a week take a peak

The DfE recommends that parents take a regular 'once a week' check in their child's hair for head lice.

In previous years schools notified parents when they were made aware of a child who had a case of head lice but it was found that parents were relying on the school to make the announcements before they would then check their child's hair. This led to an increase in the number of cases of children with head lice.

There are a number of potions and lotions available for parents to purchase when treating head lice but the recommended advice is to use a fine toothed comb and brush this through your child's hair as this will remove not only the live lice but also the eggs.

If you see that your child has head lice you will need to treat their hair until all the egg sacks have been removed – by leaving just one unhatched egg the problem will escalate again.

School Meal Account Balances

With our half term holidays fast approaching please do ensure that your child's school meal account is either at a zero balance or is in credit.

Parent Consultations

Our final Parent Consultation for this term will be held on the following date during the Spring Term:

Thursday 16 March: 5:30 – 7:20pm

Appointments can be made by contacting the school office.

Parenting Support Opportunities

The Children's Centre in Sutton is running the following course this term, Enabling Families. The course lasts three weeks in total.

The course is being held at the Sutton Children's Centre, just behind the school and will be starting on Wednesday 1 March between 9:30am and 11:30am.

For more information about either course please contact Ely, Littleport and Witchford Locality Team on 01353 612800.

Radio 2's 500 Word Writing Competition

There are just over two weeks left until the closing date for this year's 500 word writing competition run by Chris Evans on Radio 2.

The competition is open to any child who is aged between 5 and 13 years. Further details and advice can be found by visiting the Radio 2 website at www.bbc.co.uk/radio2

The closing date for entries is 7:00pm on Thursday 23 February 2017.

Ely 501's Creative Writing Challenge

Can your child tell a fascinating tale in under 501 words? Then enter Ely 501's Creative Writing Challenge.

Their story needs to be all their own work and can be any length up to the maximum of 501 words.

Each class teacher will talk to their classes about the competition and will be able to provide an information sheet with an application form in due course, but if your child would like to get busy writing, more information can be found on the Ely Standard website http://www.elystandard.co.uk/news/can_you_tell_a_fascinating_tale_in_under_501_words_then_enter_ely_501_s_creative_writing_challenge_14839615

Here is a list of six opening lines that you can use to start your story, or you can use your own!

1. Slower than a tortoise, it began to move.
2. 'What's that knocking?'
3. Twelve. Yes, twelve was going to be enough.
4. Old? It wasn't that old. Or was it...?
5. There was just enough space to squeeze through.
6. Far away in the distance, they could just see the mountains.

This year's judge is Julian Sedgwick who has written the Mysterium series of books.

Twilight at the Museums

With the half term holiday fast approaching, the museums in Cambridge are once again running their very successful Twilight at the Museums on Wednesday 15 February between 4:30 and 7:30pm.

This is a very popular event with 13 museums and collections opening their doors to a variety of torch-lit and illuminated adventures.

Further details can be found at the following website:

www.museums.cam.ac.uk/twilight

Eco Family Funday

On Monday 13 February 2017 the Ely Cathedral Conference Centre are hosting an Eco Family Funday between 10:00am and 2:00pm.

There will be lots of stalls including a treasure bug hunt, recycling activities.

Repair Café

On Monday 13 February there will be a Repair Café held at Ely Cathedral Conference Centre from 10am to 2pm.

The Repair Café aims to match repairers with people who need stuff fixed!

Small household appliances are welcome, electrical items, mobile phones, bicycles, clothes, gadgets and general bits 'n' bobs. It is best to book your item in by emailing wasteeducation@amey.co.uk.

More information can be found on posters located around the school.

'The Money Saving Good Food Show'

Producers for a new ITV show 'The Money Saving Good Food Show' have been in touch to say they are looking for families from Cambridgeshire who regularly spend £350 or more on their weekly food shop to take part in a day time TV Programme.

Taking part in the show would provide help and support to reduce the weekly food bill as well as learning some tasty new recipes.

If you'd like to know more please email: foodshow@crackitproductions.co.uk or call 0203 761 4715

Cambridge Science Festival

A national Science Festival is being celebrated between Monday 13 March and Sunday 26 March 2017.

With hundreds of free events on everything from Astronomy to Zoology, the 2017 Cambridge Science Festival welcomes adults, teenagers and

families to explore discuss and debate science with researchers from across Cambridge.

Why not join in the fun? There are talks, hands-on activities, performances, exhibitions and films. Further details can be found on the following website:
www.sciencefestival.cam.ac.uk or call 01223 766 766

Village Housing Developments

I understand there is currently a lot of debate surrounding the proposed housing developments in the village by Linden Homes and Endurance Estates.

Our school roll in the immediate future will face a slight decline in numbers. Demographer's figures show that over the next two years the number of children leaving our school at the end of Yr 6 will not be matched by the number of children anticipated to take up places in our Foundation Stage. However, after this two year period there is anticipated to be a rise in pupil numbers.

As we are one of a number of schools within East Cambs facing a rising roll over the next couple of years the governors and I are working with Local Authority representatives to determine possible outcomes if the proposed developments were to progress.

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

Spring Term 2017

Thursday 9 February – FOSS AGM 7:00pm

Friday 10 February – Break Up for Spring Half Term Holiday.

Monday 20 February – Back to school

Wednesday 1 March – KSI Trip to Woburn Safari Park

Wednesday 1 March – Governors' Finance and Personnel Committee

Wednesday 8 March – Governors' Health and Safety Committee

Sunday 12 March – Cambridge Music Festival

Monday 13 March – Science Week begins

Thursday 16 March – Peterborough Music Festival

Thursday 16 March – Parent Consultations 5:30 – 7:30pm

Wednesday 22 March – Governors' Teaching and Learning Committee

Friday 24 March – Red Nose Day

Wednesday 29 March – Easter Assembly at St Andrew's Church

Friday 31 March – Music Concert

Friday 31 March – End of Term

Summer Term 2017

Our Summer Term will start on
Wednesday 19 April 2017 for all
pupils.

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