



Live well, laugh together, learn forever

Newsletter 13

Happy New Year!

I hope that everyone had a lovely Christmas and that 2016 has started well.

Exam Results

Just before the end of term three pupils took music exams. :

William Bradley: Grade 3 recorder 110 and Grade 1 piano 116

Megan Davis: Grade 3 recorder 123 - which is a merit.

Abigail Freeman: Grade 2 recorder 116

Congratulations to the children for their super results.

Babylon Art Gallery, Ely

At the start of the new school year the Babylon Art Gallery contacted us to tell us about an Art Competition they were hosting in conjunction with the Rotary Club in Ely.

We were asked to submit art work completed by the children based upon the theme of A View from a Window. We submitted a range of work, using a variety of media, from across our school that had been completed by the children.

I'm delighted to announce that six of our pupils have been awarded prizes. They are:

Matylda Papworth – Ruby Class
Noah Chamberlain – Sapphire Class
Deegan Cipp – Sapphire Class
Noah Haynes – Amber Class
Ruby Read – Turquoise Class
Corey Braybrooke – Aquamarine Class

Congratulations to all the winning children. All the art work we submitted, including the winning creations, will be on display to the general public from Saturday 9 January until Sunday 17 January 2016.

The Babylon Gallery is situated in Waterside close to the river in Ely.

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 4 February 3:30 – 5:30pm

Thursday 10 March 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.

Coats

We do tend to let the children outside to play even on the coldest and wettest of days as, from experience, the children do prefer to be outside rather than spending playtimes indoors.

Please do ensure that your child brings their coat to school even if you are dropping them off at the school gates by car.

Kitchen Rolls

Our KSI pupils will be making kaleidoscopes during their DT lessons starting the weeks beginning Monday 18 January and Monday 25 January 2016.

To enable all of the KSI children to make a kaleidoscope we would appreciate it if you could send in to school any empty kitchen roll tubes (or inner tubes from empty wrapping paper) that you may have in the coming weeks.

There will be a collection box on the benches outside Jade classroom or you could give your tubes to one of the KSI class teachers.

Unfortunately toilet rolls are not long enough for this activity.

Thank you for your help.

FOSS Cake Break

FOSS will be hosting a Cake Break during the morning of Wednesday 20 January 2016. This time we are asking the parents of FS and KSI children to bake the cakes.

The cakes will be sold to the children during their morning break time at the cost of 30p per cake.

Cakes can be brought to school on the day and left in the main office or the new library area.

Family Worker Update

Welcome back! I hope you have all had a good break and are ready for the new term! For those of you that don't know me, my name is Verity Puddy and I am a Family Worker, working with your school.

Part of my role is to offer parents/carers an opportunity to come into school for confidential 1:1 advice/information appointments.

We offer these to schools who will then advertise them to parents/carers; you book yourself in with the school and I'll come in and meet with you.

Family Workers offer advice and information on a range of subjects, such as sleep problems, anxiety and a whole host of other issues you may be faced with. If a Family Worker cannot give you the advice you need we will do our best to signpost you onto someone who can.

If you would like to arrange an appointment please contact your school office. I will be visiting your school on Thursday 28 January between 8:30 and 10:30am

Winter bugs and viruses

Unfortunately, schools are places where some bugs can be spread very easily.

If your child is suffering from sickness and/or diarrhoea please do keep them at home **for a full 48hrs** after all symptoms have stopped. We do appreciate that this can sometimes be difficult for a family, especially where an employer is not sympathetic to childhood illnesses. However, this is the best way as it helps to ensure that any virus is contained.

Please encourage your child to adopt good hygiene habits as this will also ensure that any winter bugs and viruses are kept to a minimum.

School Closures due to Bad Weather

Last year we were very lucky and experienced a very mild winter. However, occasionally it becomes necessary for me to close the school due to bad weather or lack of utility services. Parents are reminded that in the event of a school closure due to bad weather, they should listen to the following radio stations for confirmation:

BBC Radio Cambridgeshire
Heart 103

I understand that it is possible to miss the announcements when the school is forced to close. It is therefore helpful if parents can contact friends to check that they have heard that the school is closed.

I will also ask for the information to be made available to parents via Parentmail and our school website (www.sutton.cambs.sch.uk) and the Sutton Notices Board.

Pantomime

On Monday 18 January 2016 all the children will be able to watch a performance of the traditional pantomime Mother Goose.

The show will be performed by a visiting theatre company in our school hall. There is no cost to parents for this activity.

KS2 Music Concert

Our KS2 Music Concert planned for Thursday 24 March will now be rescheduled to another date due to a clash with our Yr 4 swimming sessions.

We will notify parents of the new date in our next Newsletter.

FS Parents for September 2016

The national deadline for all primary school applications for children due to start school in September 2016 is **15 January 2016**.

This process can be undertaken online, or by asking the office for a paper application form.

With school places at a premium it is vital that parents complete the application form. Failure to do so may result in your child not having a place at your preferred school or indeed their catchment school.

Applications received after 15 January 2016 will be considered late and will not receive an offer letter until 19 May 2016.

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 2016

Thursday 7 January – Yr 4

Swimming lessons start. Details to follow.

Monday 11 January – Yr 6 Bikeability starts – details have been sent out

Monday 18 January – Pantomime performance of 'Mother Goose'

Tuesday 19 January – Governors' Business Meeting

Wednesday 20 January – FOSS Cake Break. KS1 parents to bake please.

Wednesday 3 February – Class Photographs

Thursday 4 February – Parent Consultations 3:40 – 5:30pm

Friday 12 February – Break Up for Half Term

Monday 22 February – School opens following the Half Term Holiday

Wednesday 24 February – Governors' Teaching and Learning Meeting

Wednesday 9 March – Governors' Health and Safety Meeting

Thursday 10 March – Parent Consultations 5:30 – 7:30pm

Monday 14 March – Science Week starts

Tuesday 15 March – Governors' Finance and Personnel Meeting

Friday 18 March – Sports Relief

Wednesday 23 March – Easter Assembly at St Andrew's Church

Thursday 24 March – End of Term

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