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Newsletter 8

Children in Need 2016

On Friday 18 November we will be raising money for Children in Need by wearing Spotty Clothing. You could wear spotty pyjamas, a t-shirt or anything else with spots on. You do not need to wear school skirts/trousers. All we ask is for a £1 donation. Thank you

Parent Consultations

During Parent Consultations we leave our playground gates open so that parents can enter the school easily. During the evening consultations, for safety we only have the main doors open. Parents are therefore requested to use the following doors when they come along:

Ruby, Sapphire and Jade classes – the door to the left of the picnic benches as you look at them.

Amethyst class – the door to the main office then turn left.

Amber, Topaz and Turquoise classes – the door to the main corridor.

Zircon, Carnelian and Citrine classes – the door to the 60's block that opens

onto the courtyard part of the playground (near to Zircon class).

Aquamarine and Tanzanite classes – the mobile classroom's main entrance.

FOSS Request for Jumble

FOSS have requested that if you are having a pre-Christmas clear out, would you please send in any clean clothes, shoes, toys, bric-a-brac and bedding for their jumble sale.

Due to problems with storage, please only bring your donations to the Community Room on the morning or afternoon of Friday 18 November. Thank you for your support.

School Photographs

Following the visit by the school photographer on Tuesday I have had confirmation that the proofs for the photographs will be sent out to parents within 7 days.

The company have promised to meet all orders placed by the deadline, which they will outline when they deliver the proofs, will be returned to the school by the end of our school term on Tuesday 20 December 2016.

Parents are reminded that late orders may not be able to be processed by the end of term.

Chicken Pox

We have had recent cases of pupils in school being diagnosed with Chicken

Pox. The Medical Guidance we have been given regarding absence is that children can return to school once the spots have 'crusted over'. If you have any concerns, please speak to a pharmacist or your GP

Parent's E-Safety Session

Thank you to those parents who came along on Wednesday 9 November for the school's Parental E-Safety session.

The presentation was delivered by Mr Richard Riley from The ICT Service (Cambridgeshire's ICT Provider) and during the evening he discussed many valid points and offered some helpful advice for parents who are concerned about the amount of time their children are spending on IT equipment.

During the evening Mr Riley mentioned some helpful websites which will hopefully make parents more aware of the different activities your children are potentially using when online:

<http://keepup.virginmedia.com/switchedonfamilies>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

If you would like to see some edited notes from the session, please see the 'News' section on our school website:
www.sutton.cambs.sch.uk

Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Appeal

Many thanks to all the parents and children who got involved with our appeal this year by donating packed shoe boxes or by bringing in contributions for our school boxes.

We are delighted to announce that on Tuesday 8 November we were able to pack 125 shoe boxes into the Operation Christmas Child van when it came to collect our donation - this is a new record for the school. Our gifts are now on the way to light up the faces of 125 children with smiles of Christmas joy.

Particular thanks to Dr Redman, Mrs Davis, Sophie Redman, Thomas Redman, Megan Davis, Alex Davis, Alfie McCullough and Finlay McCullough who spent two hours checking all the shoe boxes and preparing them for transit after school last week.

If you still have a shoe box you wish to donate they can still be dropped off at any Shoezone shop in Ely until 18th November.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Thank you to everyone who supported our Poppy Appeal this year.

Parent Consultations – Spring Term 2017

If you have not been able to attend a consultation appointment this term

there will be two more opportunities next term on:

Thursday 2 February 2017 between 3:40 and 5:30pm

Thursday 9 March 2017 between 5:30 and 7:30pm.

Appointments can be made by contacting the school office.

Primary School Admissions Process for September 2017

Parents of pre-school children who will be starting at primary school in September 2017 are advised that the application process for school places opened on Wednesday 16 November and will **close on Sunday 15 January 2017**. This is a national process and the dates are agreed by all the Local Authorities.

This year there is an important change:

- parent's apply **on time**, and will hear on Thursday 18 April 2017, or
- parents apply late ie Monday 16 January until Monday 1 May 2017 and will not hear until Friday 19 May 2017.

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.

Open Morning and Afternoon to support the Admissions to Primary School Process

We will be holding an Open Morning on Tuesday 22 November and Open Afternoon on Thursday 24 November for parents who have children who will be transferring to primary school in September 2017.

Details of these two sessions will be sent to Paintbox and Butterflies Pre-schools but if your child attends a different pre-school please contact the school office to arrange for the details to be sent directly to you.

From Dinosaurs to DNA.

In 2017 Ely Cathedral are running a Science exhibition and we have been asked to take part in this exciting event. We will be getting involved by creating lots of fantastic pieces of art work based around scientific concepts.

One of our pieces of work will involve making a colour wheel mobile and this is where we would like your help... Please can you send in clean plastic lids of all shapes, sizes and colours.

There will be a collection box outside the school office so that members of our school community can drop them off.

Thank you for your support.

Christmas Present Tags

Thank you to all the parents who volunteered to cut up used Christmas cards to make gift tags in preparation for our forth coming Christmas Bazaar.

Details of the children's Christmas Bazaar will follow next week.

Sutton and Ely Foodbank – Reverse Advent Calendar

Sutton and Ely Foodbank are organising a 'Reverse Advent Calendar' which families may like to support. You will need a large box or basket and for each day in November you place an item (treats, snacks etc) into the hamper. At the end of the month you take the hamper along to the Foodbank and they will donate it to a family in need in time for Christmas.

If you'd like to be involved please contact Amy Lorimer for further details. Amy's contact details are:
amy@ely.foodbank.org.uk

Staff Resignation

Following a difficult period of long term sickness Mrs Brown has decided to resign from her teaching post here at our school with effect from the end of this calendar year.

I'd like to thank Mrs Brown for her hard work during the time she was with us and wish her a speedy recovery.

As a school we will be working hard, between now and the end of this term to recruit a new teacher to replace Mrs Brown from January 2017.

In the meantime I'd like to thank Mr Spears for all that he is doing to support the class at this difficult time for the children.

Prickwillow Drainage Engine Museum

Following the success of the recent Yr 3/4 trip to the Drainage Engine Museum at Prickwillow parents may be interested to learn that the museum will be open to the public on Saturday 4 December between 11:00am and 4:00pm. The museum is hosting a Christmas Crafts and Bygones Day during which the engines will be running.

Admission to the event is free to children under 15 who are accompanied by an adult and £5.00 for adults.

More information can be found at the following website:
www.prickwillowmuseum.com

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 2016

Thursday 17 November – Parent Consultations 5:30 – 7:30pm
Friday 18 November – Children in Need Celebrations
Friday 18 November – Bags 2 School Collection
Saturday 19 November – FOSS Jumble Sale
Tuesday 22 November – September 2017 Admissions Morning
Thursday 24 November – September 2017 Admissions Afternoon
Friday 2 December – FOSS Christmas Bazaar
Monday 5 December – FS Dress Rehearsal to the school
Tuesday 6 December – FS Performance 2:00pm
Wednesday 7 December – FS Performance 9:30am
Friday 9 December – KSI Dress Rehearsal to the school
Monday 12 December – KSI Performance 2:00pm
Tuesday 13 December – KSI Performance 5:30pm
Wednesday 14 December – KSI Performance 9:30am
Wednesday 14 December – Yr 5/6 Christmas Party
Thursday 15 December – Yr 3/4 Christmas Party
Friday 16 December – Christmas Lunch
Friday 16 December – Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 16 December – FS Christmas Party

Monday 19 December – KS2 Carol Service at St Andrew's Church @ 1:50pm

Monday 19 December – KSI Christmas Party

Tuesday 20 December – End of Term 17.11.2016.