

# Newsletter 8th May 2020

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## New website design—lasting legacy

Would your child like to be part of a lasting digital legacy at Sutton Primary? We are currently re-designing our website to make it more parent and user friendly and would like your help to do this. We are looking for all budding artists to submit a picture of what 'Sutton means to them' by completing a coloured pencil drawing on A4 paper to show their stand out memories of Sutton and things that they enjoy about the school. This might include visits to the church, memorable learning completed during their time with us, experience days or class visits/residential. It could also be images of friendships, caring relationships or even a picture of the front of the school. If your child would like to make an entry, then please take a good quality photograph of their picture and send it to the office e-mail address, with the subject field as 'website design', along with name and year group. The entries for this will close at 3pm on Thursday 21st May. I will then be identifying those which can be used for a montage for the school website. We look forward to receiving your entries and please don't forget to include your name and class.

Mrs Jarman

## Live streaming lessons

We are aware that some parents have had queries about teaching staff delivering live streaming lessons to children at Sutton Primary and particularly the use of Zoom as a platform for this. The Local Authority have informed us that Zoom is not a trustworthy source for live streaming and as a result, we consider that it is not suitable for children and staff to use for this purpose. We are currently adapting our Acceptable Use Policies to reflect the safeguarding elements around the use of live streaming lessons in preparation for September so that children may be able to access these if needed, and in light of the careful and stringent safeguarding measures that need to be in place. We are aware that some other schools may be using live streaming as a method for teaching at this time, but that this should be carefully planned around robust safeguarding measures.

## Cambridgeshire County Council home learning resources

Cambridgeshire County Council have developed resources to help children with learning at home. A range of subjects are covered and video clips can be watched to support children's learning and parent's understanding. Please follow the link below to access these resources:

<https://www.cambslearntogether.co.uk/home-learning>

## Staff News

We're sure that you will have already seen in the Governor's newsletter that Mr Smith has left us and that Mrs Garbutt has been appointed as the Acting Deputy Headteacher. In addition to this, Mrs Charter who works as a Teaching Assistant at the school will be leaving us at May half term. We are sure that you will join us in wishing Mrs Charter the very best for the future and in thanking her for her work at the school.

## Updated guidance for parents and carers on the closure of educational settings

The guidance for parents and carers on the closure of educational settings has been updated with additional information and support and educational resources for parents to help with education at home.

The guidance can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>

### Saying 'thank you' to the NHS from Sutton

Children at Sutton have been showing their support for the NHS by raising money in innovative and fun ways. Emma in Aquamarine Class has been making badges and selling these to raise funds that will be donated to the NHS. It is lovely to see the effort that has been put in and Emma has already raised over £300!

Shayla, who is also in Aquamarine Class has also been raising some money with her brother. They cycled to Ely and back as part of a sponsored cycle challenge. What a wonderful way to keep fit and help others.



### Cambridge University Press handwriting support for children and parents

Cambridge University Press have created free packs of worksheets that children can complete at home with the help from a grown-up. Simply follow the following link to access these:

<https://www.cambridge.org/gb/education/primary-worksheets>

#### **Handwriting ideas from Penpals Day Pack**

[https://www.cambridge.org/gb/files/1915/4817/7508/EDU\\_40239\\_National\\_Hand\\_Day\\_Pack\\_ReBrand.pdf](https://www.cambridge.org/gb/files/1915/4817/7508/EDU_40239_National_Hand_Day_Pack_ReBrand.pdf)

#### **Handwriting - Penpals Exercise Gym – Age 3-6**

These videos will get children ready for handwriting. Ideal for children aged 3-6 they include exercises to get them ready to write, along with upper and lower case letter animations to help them get their letter formations just right.

Share these videos with your children and get them warmed up and ready for writing.

[https://www.youtube.com/user/CambridgeUPedu/playlists?view=50&sort=dd&shelf\\_id=2](https://www.youtube.com/user/CambridgeUPedu/playlists?view=50&sort=dd&shelf_id=2)

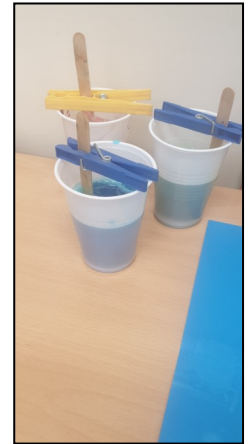
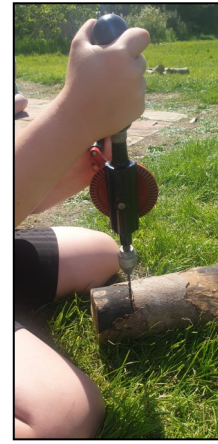
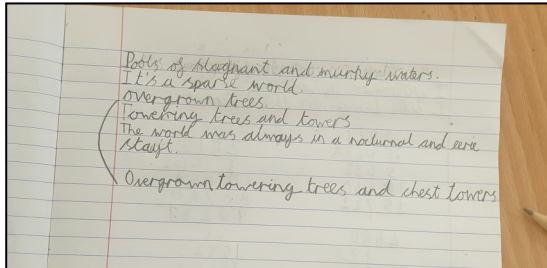
#### **Handwriting support for parents**

Our 'Message for Parents' will help them manage and support their children in each year group.

[https://www.cambridge.org/files/7314/9020/2522/PfH\\_Messages\\_for\\_Parents\\_combined.pdf](https://www.cambridge.org/files/7314/9020/2522/PfH_Messages_for_Parents_combined.pdf)

### In school learning

This week we finished our crystal caves using epsom salts, food colouring and water to make crystal stalactites. We then chose pictures of a fantasy setting and described them. During the afternoon we enjoyed some gardening and tried to drill holes to make bug houses. We finished the day with some more crystal investigating by making sugar lollies. We just have to wait now to see how they all turn out!



## Headteacher roll of honour

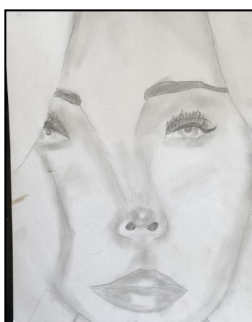
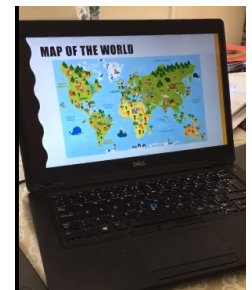


Suri in Ruby Class—Suri has embraced Home Learning with lots of enthusiasm and always with a smile on her face! Here she is having a go at our 'Maths Maze' challenge.

Viola from Amber Class—Viola has demonstrated excellent use of a comma and has joined the sentences with 'and'. A huge effort in handwriting here too. Well done Viola!



Leo from Turquoise Class has been working hard in all aspects of the home learning, including Maths and Science. He made this wonderful PowerPoint about the animals around the world and even linked it to where he has visited. Fantastic Leo well done!



Phoebe from Citrine Class—Phoebe has produced a brilliant display about the Greek Mythological creatures and also been doing some Art. Both of these I thought were absolutely fabulous, well done!

