



Live well, laugh together, learn forever

Newsletter 3

Harvest Festival

Our special Harvest Festival Assembly will be held at St Andrew's Church in Sutton on Friday 7 October 2016.

Pupils will be asked to come to school in the usual way and will be registered in their classes before lining up to walk to St Andrew's Church en masse.

When we walk to the church we use a 'family grouping' system whereby our older pupils walk with our younger pupils. However we do require a lot of adult/parent helpers to help supervise the pupils as we walk to the church. If you can help on the morning of Friday 2 October please contact your child's class teacher.

This year we would like the children to bring harvest gifts of non-perishable food – tins, bags of dried goods etc. **Please do not send your child to school with fresh food**

School Mornings

Our priority in the mornings must be to welcome and settle the children. With this in mind parents are requested to leave their children at the entrance to the school building and to refrain from coming inside. We have

a number of children who are finding negotiating adults, younger siblings and pushchairs inside the school buildings quite stressful in the mornings.

To help ease congestion pupils in Yr 2 should use the door by the school hall to get to their classrooms and the children in Topaz and Turquoise classes should use the entrance by Turquoise class.

Each entrance will have a member of staff around to take messages regarding an early collection due to a medical appointment etc. However, if you do wish to speak to your child's class teacher please find us at the end of the school day or if the message urgent, then please go over to the school office.

School Meals Menu

Following the very low uptake of the rice option for dessert last Monday (12.09.16) Mrs Hubbard, our school cook, has agreed to change the dessert option for **Mondays** on **Week 3** from rice pudding to rice crispy cake.

Bicycles on the school grounds

There have been a number of reports of children riding their bikes before school without due care and attention especially near the car park where parents are dropping their children off. Although we welcome children riding to school on their bikes, we also need them to be safe in that period before school. It is the busiest time of the school day and the last thing that

is needed are pupils not behaving sensibly on their bikes and potentially causing an accident.

I have spoken to the all the Yr 5/6 pupils today about the responsibilities they have when walking or cycling to school on their own.

Healthy Packed Lunches

Many children bring a packed lunch to school but sometimes it can be tricky to think of what to include day in day out!

Our school Food Policy suggests '...a sandwich, a piece of fruit or vegetable, yoghurt, a small chocolate covered biscuit (e.g. Penguin, Club)...or a packet of crisps...and fruit juice'.

We do not expect to find any sweets, chocolate bars or fizzy drinks and we actively encourage the children to drink water.

Over the next few weeks the Newsletter will contain some delicious ideas for making packed lunches more exciting and varied. Watch this space...

Parent Consultations

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

Thursday 13 October 3:40 – 5:30pm
Thursday 17 November 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.

School Uniform Orders

With the number of children on roll at our school growing it is becoming increasingly difficult to hold stock of school uniform in school.

With this in mind we will no longer hold uniform in school but will place an order once a month with Brigade (our uniform provider). The cut-off date for parents to order uniform via the school will be the 19th day of each month. Orders should then be in school two to three weeks after this date.

If you would like to try uniform on to check for sizing we will hold one item of each size in stock to enable you to do this.

If you have any questions please come to the school office to speak to us.

School Uniform

Further to this, may we remind parents and pupils of our school dress code as we have noticed a number of older pupils coming to school wearing jeans instead of the regulation black or grey school trousers.

By encouraging a school dress code, we promote equality and uniformity for all pupils and as preparation for life at secondary school where there are strict uniform guidelines to adhere to.

Boosting Reading Potential

Boosting Reading Potential (BRP) is a short term 10 – 15 week, one to one programme that provides intensive support for identified pupils who may need a little extra help with their reading.

This has been a very successful programme supporting strategies for successful reading but it is reliant upon volunteers.

We are able to offer training for volunteers with our Reading Recovery Teacher, Mrs Dilley. This is open to all parents or grandparents who are able to spend 15 minutes once or twice a week support a specific pupil in school.

The training will take place in the school library on the following days:

Monday 10 October: 1:30 – 3:20

Friday 14 October: 9:15 – 12:00

If you are interested in helping with this successful reading programme please contact the school office for further details.

Photographic Permission

During the course of the school year we like to take photographs of our pupils undertaking a variety of activities as a record of their learning. These photographs may be used in displays on our school walls, as part of staff coursework, in printed media eg the local papers or on our school website.

For parents of our Foundation Stage pupils we have recently canvassed you to complete a photographic permission form. For parents of pupils in Yr 1 upwards if your circumstances have changed and you would like to discuss the various options in person please contact the school office.

Jeans for Genes Day – Friday 23 September 2016

Thank you to everyone who contributed to Friday's Jeans for Genes Day.

By wearing our jeans to school we helped to raise £344.50 for the charity. This amount of money will enable a family to benefit from respite care for a weekend.

St Andrew's Church Sutton

St Andrew's Church are hosting a Flower Festival during the weekend of

Saturday 1 October. The theme for the festival is Happy and Glorious – 90 Royal Years.

The church will be open to visitors between the following times:

Saturday 1 October 11:00am and 5:00pm

Sunday 2 October 12:00 noon and 5:00pm

Monday 3 October 11:00am and 3:00pm

Entry to the Flower Festival is free.

During the morning of Sunday 2 October there will be a special Harvest Festival Service at 10:30am.

The weekend concludes with a Parish Concert at 5:00pm on Sunday 2 October.

PSHE Curriculum

This term in Personal Social Health Education (PSHE) your child will be learning about beginnings and belonging as well as families and friendships.

If you would like to find out more details, please visit our school's website – www.sutton.cambs.sch.uk/website – home page- Our school – The curriculum – PSHE.

You can also find PSHE policies and sources of advice and support.

School Calendar

If you did not receive your copy of the school calendar last week please contact the school office and a copy will be sent to you.

The calendar was sent out to parents on green card so that it is distinctive from the other information that we all seem to accumulate on a daily basis.

Parents are advised to note that this is not an exhaustive list and other events may be added. A more up to date list of dates can always be found at the bottom of every newsletter and on our school website.

Home Time Collections

If your usual arrangements for collecting your children at the end of the school day change please do ensure that you let us know.

We all get delayed from time to time but a quick phone call will help ease your child's anxieties at the end of the day.

We remind the children to wait with their class teachers until they can see their parents, child minders or afterschool club providers.

Cambridge Festival of Ideas

The Cambridge Festival of Ideas explores some of the most essential and thought provoking issues of our time.

There are hundreds of free events from talks, debates and film screenings to exhibitions and performances based upon this year's theme of Movement.

Featuring researchers from the University of Cambridge, public figures the Festival is guaranteed to have something for everyone!

The Festival is running from Monday 17 October until Sunday 30 October 2016 at venues around Cambridge. For further information please go to the following website:
www.festivalofideas.cam.ac.uk

or telephone: 01223 766 766

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

Wednesday 5 October – School Council Elections

Friday 7 October – Harvest Festival at St Andrew's Church

Monday 10 October – Book Week starts

Tuesday 11 October – Wind in the Willows Theatre Visit

Tuesday 11 October – Governors' Finance Committee Meeting 7pm

Wednesday 12 October – Scholastic Book Fair in school for one week

Wednesday 12 October – Primary Proms at the Royal Albert Hall

Thursday 13 October – Parent Consultations – 3:40 – 5:40pm

Wednesday 19 October – Yr 5 to Ely Fire Station for Fire Safety Zone Workshops

Thursday 20 October – Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (SPAG) Information Evening 6:00– 6:45pm

Friday 21 October – Break up for our Autumn Half Term

Monday 24 October – school closed for one week for the Autumn Half Term holiday

Monday 31 October – school reopens following the Autumn Half Term holiday

Tuesday 1 November – Parents Do SPAG 9:00– 9:40am

Wednesday 2 November – Governor's Teaching and Learning Committee

Friday 4 November – Parents Do SPAG 9:00– 9:40am

Thursday 10 November – Flu Jabs for Yr 1 –3

Monday 14 November – Anti-Bullying Week

Thursday 17 November – Parent Consultations 5:30 – 7:30pm

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

Monday 19 December – KSI Christmas
Party

Tuesday 20 December – End of Term
29.09.2016.