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Newsletter 14

Bookmarks

At the end of last week all of our pupils were presented with a school bookmark. These were a gift from a resident in the village who wanted to give all the children a Christmas gift.

Unfortunately the delivery time by the company meant that they arrived just after the holiday period but we hope the children will enjoy using them.

Maths Information Evening

A letter was distributed yesterday, 18.01.17, giving details of our Maths Information Evening and follow up workshops for parents to attend.

If you require further information about the planned events please either see Mr Smith or myself.

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.

Be Food Smart!

The new app from Change4Life will help you and your family to be more food smart. Unfortunately most children are having too much sugar, saturated fat and salt in their everyday food and drinks. This is putting them at risk of weight gain, heart disease, type 2 diabetes and some cancers, as they get older.

The new, easy-to-use FREE Be Food Smart app is here to help you make smart decisions about the food your family eats. With a simple scan you'll see how much sugar, saturated fat and salt is in your food and drink and you'll also find hints and tips for healthier choices.

Why not download the app now from Google Play or the App Store?

FS Balanceability – next week

Next week all of our FS pupils will begin a six week balanceability course. Parents of our FS pupils are asked to ensure that their children have their outdoor PE kits (tracksuit, T-shirt, sweatshirt and trainers) in school next week along with their coats.

This course will be led by school staff who have recently undertaken training led by instructors from the Sports College at Witchford Village College.

Bikeability Instructors

This week our Yr 6 pupils have been undertaking the 4 day Bikeability course.

As a school we have used the Local Authority registered provider for this training. The company 'Outspoken!' are looking to recruit more instructors.

Could you enthuse youngsters to develop a passion for safe cycling? The role will appeal to individuals looking for flexible term time work which fits around school hours.

The salary is £12 per hour

This position requires the successful applicants to undertake an enhanced DBS Check.

If you would like to find out more about this opportunity please contact Kieron McNab, Head of Training

jobs@outspokentraining.co.uk or visit their website
www.outspokentraining.co.uk

Parking at the beginning and end of the school day

Several parents have been to see me to discuss their concerns about the traffic congestion that is happening at the beginning and end of the school day. All parents are reminded that the small road leading into the community car park and the Brooklands Centre is a private road. Clear access along this road should be maintained at all times.

The Parish Council kindly allow our school community to have use of the community car park on the understanding that the users will not block the access for emergency and farm vehicles.

Parents are politely requested not to park along the access road nor to use the area in front of the school gates as a drop off zone. These actions have the potential to cause a serious accident as unfortunately, children do not always look properly before crossing the road and do not always see the danger signs that are present.

Parent Consultations

Our next Parent Consultations will be held on the following dates during the Spring Term:

Thursday 2 February: 3:40 – 5:30pm

Thursday 16 March: 5:30 – 7:20pm*

*Please note that due to a staff training session that has been secured during the Christmas holidays we have had to postpone our second Parent Consultation of the term to Thursday 16 March 2017. All appointments made already will be automatically swapped to the new date.

Further appointments can be made by contacting the school office. .

Parenting Support Opportunities

The Children's Centre's in Ely and Sutton are both running the following course this term, Enabling Families. Both courses are three weeks in length.

The Ely Course starts on Tuesday 24 January and will be held at the Ely Children's Centre between 12:45 and 2:45pm. The content of the course will look at:

- communication styles
- assertive listening
- conflict resolution
- self-esteem
- understanding anxiety

The content is relevant to all parents with children aged from 4yrs old.

The course being held at the Sutton Children's Centre, just behind the school 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.

FOSS Cake Break

Thank you to the parents in the FS and KSI for providing the cakes for yesterday's Cake Break.

The sale raised £169.60.

FOSS AGM

The FOSS Committee will be holding their AGM on Thursday 9 February at 7pm.

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

Radio 2's 500 Word Writing Competition

This week, Chris Evans from Radio 2, launched this year's 500 word writing competition.

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.

Advance Notice – Class Photographs

We have asked the school photographer to come into school on **Wednesday 1 February** to take our annual class photographs.

A separate year group photo will be taken of our Yr 6 cohort in addition to the class photographs.

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 26 January – Parents Maths Information Evening

Monday 30 January – Book Fayre in school

Wednesday 1 February – Class Photographs

Thursday 2 February – Parent Consultations 3:40 – 5:30pm

Thursday 9 February – FOSS AGM

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

Thursday 9 March – Parent Consultations 5:30 – 7:30pm

Sunday 12 March – Cambridge Music Festival

Monday 13 March – Science Week begins

Thursday 16 March – Peterborough Music Festival

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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