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September 2018 Admissions Evening

The Admissions Evening for parents of pupils who will be starting at our school in September 2018 will be held at 7:00pm on Tuesday 5 June 2018 in the school hall.

Football Match

Our school football team will have their second match on Tuesday. The match, against Robert Arkenstall Primary School, will be played on our school field at the end of the school day.

FOSS Summer Fete

Our Summer Fete will be held on Saturday 9 June 2018.

If you can help the committee in any for the following ways please let the school office know:

- Helping to set up at the end of the school day on Friday 8 June
- Helping to set up on Saturday 9 June
- During the fete by running a stall
- Or by baking a cake for the Cake Stall

FOSS Cake Break – Postponed

We had originally penciled into the school diary a FOSS Cake Break for Wednesday 6 June 2018 but with the FOSS Summer Fete at the weekend we'd like to postpone this event until Wednesday 27 June 2018.

Open Afternoon – Postponed

We had initially planned an Open Afternoon for Friday 8 June but, with the FOSS Summer Fete the next day we have decided to postpone the Open Afternoon.

A new date will be set for later in the term.

End of KSI and KS2 Tests

Last half term was very busy with both our Yr 2 and Yr 6 children taking part in the national tests for 7 and 11 year olds which are also known as the end of Key Stage tests.

Throughout the whole testing time all the children concerned remained calm and focused on their work.

The results of the KS2 tests will not be released to the school until Tuesday 10 July. Prior to releasing the data staff will need to check the marking as quite often there are anomalies that need verifying with the Standards Agency. We therefore hope to be able to turn the data around to the pupils and parents by Friday 13 July 2018.

Our school has been notified that the assessments undertaken by our Yr 2

children will be moderated during June by members of the Local Authority staff to ensure that our teacher assessments are in line with the expectations nationally. This will delay slightly the release of our KSI results to parents as we will have to wait until the moderation process has taken place and the results been agreed.

Yr 1 Phonics Screening Check

During the week beginning Monday 11 June, all of our Yr 1 pupils will be participating in the national Phonics Screening Check.

The details of how the assessment process will run was outlined to parents at the recent Yr 1 Phonics Workshops that we held in May.

Art Week – week beginning Monday 21 May

At the end of last half term we held our annual Art Week.

This year our theme was People. During the week the children had the opportunity to learn about the following artists: LS Lowry, Barbara Hepworth. On the Thursday they met and worked with Suffolk artist, Kevin Moore.

We all had a great week – learning all about the skills used by the artists and then applying to our own artwork. I'd like to thank the parents who joined us on the Tuesday.

Mrs Sole, our HLTA, did a fabulous job in organising the week and then preparing the teaching resources so that

we could all learn about the different artists covered during the week.

Sun Cream

With the arrival of the warmer weather we would like to take this opportunity to remind parents that we encourage the children to come into school each day with their sun hats (named) and a water bottle.

Sun protection cream should be applied before school. Children are able to bring their own bottle of sun protection cream into school (ensuring that the bottle is clearly named) and this can be re-applied by the child at lunchtime. It's helpful if you can show your child how to apply the sun cream as some of our children are very heavy handed and end up applying nearly a whole bottle in one application.

Please do remind your child that they should not be sharing their sun cream with other children.

School Meals

Many of you may have heard that the contractor the school uses to provide our school meals, CCS Catering will cease trading at the end of the calendar year.

Our school is one of five schools within the WASP Partnership to use CCS Catering for the supply of school meals. I am currently working with the other local schools to source another provider of school meals.

An invitation to tender has been produced in consultation with an

independent adviser and we are currently having interested companies visit the school.

Each of the short listed companies will be invited to speak to members of all five schools on Monday 25 June. The hope is that a new company will take over the provision of the school meals from 15 October 2018.

I will keep parents informed of the progress made.

Family Worker Drop Ins

Do you have a concern or query about any of your children? Would you like advice around things such as behaviour, anxiety, sleeping, sibling rivalry or self-esteem?

Come along to one of the Parent and Carer Support Drop-ins and chat to an experienced family worker.

To book an appointment please contact the school office or simply just turn up. The dates until the end of July 2018 are:

Tuesday 26 June	9.00-11.00
Wednesday 18 July	13.10-15.10

With these current dates and to help working parents to come along if they would like some of the sessions are being held in the afternoon.

Grounds Maintenance

Thank you for the many comments we've had regarding how much better our school grounds are looking.

Unfortunately, the cold spring followed by the recent warm wet weather caused everything to grow rapidly and the grounds maintenance company struggled to cope with the demand.

We now seem to be back into a pattern of regular grass cuts which has vastly improved the overall appearance of the school site.

Book Amnesty

We know how easy it is for a reading book to slip down between the bed and the wall or for it to be flipped up onto the top of the wardrobe with an over-enthusiastic shake of the duvet!

If, during the holidays, you found a school reading book or two during a clear out of your child's bedroom please do return them to the school as we can add them back into our classroom stock for other children to read.

There will be a drop off point out on the picnic benches every morning.

Can you help?

Over the half term holiday I found some Christmas cards that people had donated to be made into tags in preparation for the FOSS Christmas Bazaar in the Autumn Term.

Is there anyone who can help turn these cards into tags for us? If you can help please contact Mrs Ingram or Mrs Horwood in the main office.

Free School Meals

Following a recent consultation by the DfE there will be a new income threshold for all families receiving or going onto Universal Credits (UC)

From 1 April 2018 the new Income Threshold has changed to £7,400 net pay per annum (take home pay). This means that more families may be eligible to claim for this financial help.

In addition to the families receiving the financial help schools will also receive financial help for every successful claim until the child moves on to secondary school.

If you think that this change will impact on your family please call in to the main school office and speak to either Mrs Ingram or Mrs Horwood.

September 2018

In September 2018 the school will be welcoming Mrs Ruth Garbutt to our school, Mrs Garbutt is currently teaching in East Sussex and is moving to the area with her family.

...and finally

At the end of this academic year the school will be saying good bye to Mrs Bell-Berry.

During her four years at the school as our Assistant Headteacher and SENCO, Mrs Bell-Berry has come into contact with many of you and supported a number of families through the maze of paperwork that is needed in order to obtain support from

outside professionals for children with SEN needs.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Bell-Berry for all her hard work during her time at our school.

I have been liaising with Mrs Gore-Rowe and Dr Davis, our Chair of Governors, regarding how to fill this vacancy and an advert was placed during the half term holiday.

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

Summer Term 2018

Tuesday 5 June – 3:30pm Football Match (home) against Robert Arkenstall Primary School

Tuesday 5 June – September 2018 Admissions Evening at 7pm

Saturday 9 June – FOSS Summer Fete

Monday 11 June – Yr 1 Phonics Screening Check – all week

Monday 11 June – Staff from Ely College to meet with the Yr 6 pupils transferring there in September

Tuesday 12 – Thursday 14 June – Yr 6 pupil/parent meetings with staff from WVC

Monday 18 June – KSI pupils to the Botanical Gardens in Cambridge.

Monday 18 June – Wednesday 20

June Yr 6 Residential Trip to

Grantham Water

Wednesday 27 June – FOSS Cake

Break – KS2 parents to bake please

Friday 29 June – KS2 Sports Day at

9:15am

Monday 2 July – KS2 Reserve Sports

Day at 9:15am

Wednesday 4 July – FS Sports Day at

9:15am

Wednesday 4 July – KSI Sports Day

at 10:30am

Wednesday 4 July – Yr 6 Transition

Day at WVC

Thursday 5 July – Yr 6 Transition

Day at WVC

Thursday 5 July – Jump Up! Day

Friday 6 July – Yr 2 Get Active

Festival

Saturday 7 July – Music Exams at

the school for identified pupils

Tuesday 10 July – FS/September

Admissions Teddy Bears Picnic at

2:15pm

Wednesday 11 July – Cake Break –

FS/KSI Parents to bake please

Friday 13 July – KS2 Dress Rehearsal

Monday 16 July – KS2 Performance

at 1:30pm

Tuesday 17 July – KS2 Performance

at 1:30pm

Wednesday 18 July – FS pupils to

Wicken Fen

Wednesday 18 July – KS2

Performance at 9:30am

Thursday 19 July – KS2 Performance

at 1:30pm

Monday 23 July – Leavers Service at

St Andrew's Church

Monday 23 July – Yr 6 Leavers BBQ

4:00-6:00pm

Tuesday 24 July – Break Up for the Summer Holidays

04.06.18.