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Newsletter 16

Welcome Back!

I hope everyone had a lovely Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Molly Men Visit

The Mepal Molly Men will be visiting the school on Monday 8 January to celebrate Plough Monday.

The Molly Men are a group of volunteers who visit schools to keep alive the local traditions. Plough Monday is traditionally the first Monday in January after the New Year.

Local Authority Pupil Review

On Tuesday there will be a number of Local Authority staff on our school site all day as they are undertaking a review of pupil progress at the school.

The LA staff will be spending time in all the classes observing the teaching and learning that is taking place.

School Dinner Money

If you have an outstanding balance on your child's school dinner money account please do make every effort to settle the account at the start of term.

School Closure due to bad weather or lack of utility services

Very occasionally I have to take the decision to close the school to the pupils. This may be due to a number of reasons:

- No water – where the estimated repair is long and likely to impact on the school day for toilets, handwashing and cooking
- No electricity and the estimated repair is likely to impact on the school day
- No heating
- Bad weather

Once I've taken the decision to close the school I will notify parents via the following means:

- School website
- Parentmail
- Sutton Noticeboard – via Kirstie Sole and Melissa Wolland
- Radio Cambridgeshire
- Heart 103 and 102.7.

Primary School Admissions Process for September 2018

Parents of pre-school children who will be starting at primary school in September 2018 are advised that the application process for school places opened on Thursday 16 November and will **close on Monday 15 January 2017**. This is a national process and the dates are agreed by all the Local Authorities.

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.

Babylon Art Gallery

Schools from around East Cambridgeshire have been asked to submit Art Work to the Babylon Gallery in Ely for an exhibition of children's art work.

In total we submitted the work of 41 children. The main prizes for the entries in each Key Stage will be presented tonight but the other entries will be presented with their prize during our Celebration Assembly.

Congratulations to:
Peter Cranwell
Eden Kottman
Charlie Fowler
Poppy Slater

who have all been awarded a sponsored prize which will be presented tonight

This work will be on display to the general public until Sunday 14 January 2018. The opening times of the gallery are:

Tuesday → Sunday: Midday until 4:00pm

The gallery is closed on Mondays.

Family Worker drop in

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 February 2018 are:

Tuesday 23 January 2018

Wednesday 28 February 2018

All the sessions will run from 9:00 until 11:00am.

School Contact Details

You can contact the school in a number of ways:

1. By speaking to your child's classteacher
2. By telephone: 01533 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 Spring Term 2018

Monday 8 January – Molly Men visit the school

Tuesday 9 January – LA review of teaching and learning

Tuesday 16 January – Governors Business Meeting

Tuesday 23 January – Family Worker Drop-in

Wednesday 24 January – FOSS Committee Meeting

Wednesday 31 January – Book Fair in school until Tuesday 6 February

Wednesday 31 January – Class Photographs

Thursday 8 February – Parent Consultations 4:30-7:30pm

Friday 9 February – Break Up for Half Term Holiday

Monday 19 February – Back to school following Half Term Holiday

Tuesday 20 February – Parent Consultations 3:50-6:30pm

Wednesday 21 February – Governors Finance and Personnel Meeting

Friday 2 March – KSI Circus Skills (Yr 1 pupils)

Wednesday 7 March – Visit by Cambridgeshire Music (Travelling Tuba)

Wednesday 7 March – FOSS AGM

Monday 12 March – Work Experience Students in school for 2 weeks

Wednesday 14 March – Peterborough Music Festival

Friday 23 March – Yr 3/4 Football Tournament @ WVC

Monday 26 March – Governors Teaching and Learning Committee Meeting

Wednesday 28 March – Easter Assembly at St Andrew's Church

Thursday 29 March – KS2 Music Concert

Thursday 29 March – End of Term

...and finally

At the end of last term I took the decision to resign from my position as Headteacher at the school, it's a position that I've loved but from a personal point of view I feel I also need a new challenge whilst I still have the enthusiasm for the job I love.

To give the governors, as much time as possible to find my successor I have stated to Dr Davis, Chair of the Governing Body that I will leave at the end of this academic year (31.08.2018).

We have a number of parents who are teachers and others who hold support roles in schools around Cambridgeshire and I personally feel it would be better for the school community to be aware of the changes 'up front' rather than finding out the news by chance because of any future job adverts that may be placed on the EPM Website or via other forms of social media. With this in mind I have spoken to the whole school today.

When I became Headteacher I was the fourth Headteacher at the school within a 2 year period and I stated that I hoped to bring stability to the school after a period of great change. Over the past 17 years I'd like to think that I achieved that!

I wouldn't be honest if I didn't say I was feeling just a little bit scared at the thought of what the future holds but I'm also very excited.