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School re-opening for September

Following the announcement yesterday from the Secretary of State for Education, Gavin Williamson, we are now beginning to plan for the expectations placed upon schools to both open fully to all pupils, whilst maintaining safety measures in line with those set out in his guidance. We will be working together with the Local Authority and staff to identify any changes that may need to be made to our 'normal' operating procedures and will be providing details to parents and carers in the form of a letter that will be communicated before the end of term.

We understand that for many families and children, the return to school may create anxiety and uncertainties, but we wish to reassure you that our prime concern is the safety and well being of children and staff at the school. With this in mind, it is likely that there will be a number of changes for us all to get used to. It is anticipated that we will need to stagger the start and finish time for children in each year group and that classes will need to stay together as 'pods' to try to mitigate the likelihood of transmission. Whilst we know that we will not be able to protect the children 100%, we will be making our best endeavours and would kindly request your anticipated co-operation in this. I look forward to sharing our plans with you, once I have the finalised information.

Mrs Jarman—Interim Headteacher

Times Tables Rock Stars top 10!

Very proud of the new children in the top 10 and those improving their times to stay in the top 10!

1 Samara	1.16	Rock Legend	Zircon
2 Alan	1.21	Rock Legend	Tanzanite
3 Harvey	1.28	Rock Legend	Tanzanite
4 Henry	1.33	Rock Legend	Carnelian
5 Joshie	1.56	Rock Legend	Aquamarine
6 Abbie	1.63	Rock Legend	Tanzanite
7 Aiden	1.63	Rock Legend	Tanzanite
8 Elliott	1.70	Rock Legend	Carnelian
9 Molly	1.73	Rock Legend	Aquamarine
10 Sophie	1.78	Rock Legend	Tanzanite



Meet your new teacher!!!!

Sadly, our normal 'class swap' arrangements will not be able to take place in the usual manner this year. However, we won't let that stop the children meeting their new teacher and are turning to virtual means! On 8th July, each teacher will be posting a welcome video onto their new class page on school dojo, so that members of their new class can view this and find out more about what to expect in September. Please ensure that you share this video with your child as part of our transition arrangements.

All children will be asked to complete a transition book in readiness for meeting their new class teacher—how exciting! If your child is currently learning at home then we would appreciate you bringing this into school no later than 13th July. These can be posted into the school letterbox. We will be passing these onto the new class teachers, so that they are able to follow up any questions children might have either in a second dojo message or at the beginning of the Autumn term. Alongside this, we would like to receive the class display materials that current class teaching staff have been requesting. This will enable us to put up displays in each classroom with the children's work in readiness for September. Please also submit these to school by 13th July.

Sports Week is coming up—SAVE YOUR BOTTLES!

During the week commencing 13th July, we will be holding a 'virtual Sports Week' at Sutton Primary both for the children in school and for those who continue to learn at home. The focus for this will be around fun and active games and activities with an emphasis upon trying something new. In preparation and readiness for this, if you are home learning, we would ask that you save empty, plastic bottles of any size for one of the challenges and that you obtain a pack of balloons.....all will be revealed!
Bottles and balloons will be provided for children taking part in school.

Forthcoming Dates

6th July—Deadline for RSE questionnaire
7th July—New Reception parents' evening (details already circulated)
8th July—Move up day (virtual)
9th July—Year 6 Witchford Village College transition Zoom meeting
w/c 13th July—Sports Week
13th July—deadline for return of transition booklets and display work
15th July—deadline for return of school books
16th July—Mrs Korniotis returns from maternity leave
16th July—End of year reports sent out to parents
21st July—Last day of school for the children
22nd July—End of Summer term (Summer holidays)
3rd September—INSET day (school closed to children)
4th September—School re-opens for the Autumn term

School Uniform Ordering

All school uniform can now be ordered direct from Brigade Clothing Limited, the school's uniform provider.

To access their website please use the following link: http://www.brigade.uk.com/content.php?page=select_school&for=parents

Search for Sutton CEVC Primary School and our products will appear for you to select and order.

The following link www.brigadeparents.info will enable you to register with Brigade Clothing Limited immediately ensuring you do not miss out on important notifications and offers. If you require any further information please contact the school office on 01353 778351 or office@sutton.cambs.sch.uk.

Return of books

We are now in the process of gathering in our stock of books in readiness to sort them out in time for September. At the start of lockdown your child was provided with 5 books to read at home. We would be grateful if you could return these to school no later than Wednesday 15th July. Weather permitting, a box for books will be put outside of the main office entrance, so please return the books to there.

Headteacher roll of honour

Jack from Sapphire Class—Jack has always embraced his home learning with enthusiasm and tries very hard with everything he does. This week Jack made a spinner to determine how he travels around the garden.



Sophie from Amber Class—Sophie created a wonderful re-enactment of 'Journey' by Aaron Becker.



Ashton from Turquoise Class—Ashton has been trying really hard with his reading and Maths. Everyday he uploads completed work showing how hard he is trying and his efforts have not gone unnoticed.



Annabel from Tanzanite Class—Annabel always tries her hardest with the work that she produces. This week she has made a very bright and eye-catching placard that Greta Thunberg could use in a protest. Well done!

Applying for Free School Meals

We understand that the times we are currently living in are both uncertain and challenging. Alongside this many families are facing changes in their financial circumstances.

If your circumstances have changed, and you believe that you now meet the following criteria, please complete an online application www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals to receive an instant response regarding Free School Meal eligibility;

- Income Support.
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance.
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance.
- Child Tax Credit - but no element of Working Tax Credit - and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC)) that does not exceed £16,190.
- If you are supported under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- Guarantee element of State Pension Credit.
- Working Tax Credit during the four week period immediately after your employment finishes or after you start to work less hours per week.
- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400 (as from 1 April 2018).

If you have previously applied or been eligible for free school meals, you need not re-apply, as we will continue to re-check your entitlement each month and will notify you should you become re-eligible.

Whilst schools remain closed we are continuing to support eligible families with provision to help ease the burden during this difficult time. Once your eligibility has been confirmed, we will inform you of our specific provision arrangements directly.

If you have any queries in relation to free school meals entitlement please contact our Education Welfare Benefits Team on ewb.fsm@cambridgeshire.gov.uk or telephone them on 01223 703200.

Anyone who wishes to check FSM entitlement can do so on this page

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/schools-learning/help-with-school-learning-costs/free-school-meals>. Scroll down the page until you find the blue rectangle which says "Apply for free school meals" as it's not immediately obvious. You will need your National Insurance number and date of birth but no other information is needed to apply.

For those eligible, we will be ordering Summer Food Vouchers of £90 per child (or £15 a week). These will be delivered in the same way as any previous food vouchers, if you have already been receiving these. For those who have not had a food voucher before, these will be posted through the door.