



Merry Christmas!

Newsletter 13

DVD of the Christmas Performances

We are now taking orders for the DVD of our two Christmas Performances.

Parents purchasing a copy are reminded of our Safeguarding Policy which requires that the DVD is not copied or passed onto third parties.

FOSS Raffle Tickets

FOSS have some lovely Christmas hampers for their Christmas raffle.

Members of the FOSS Committee will be selling the 'squares' at the end of the school day during the whole of next week.

If you'd like tickets but can't get into school please put the money into an envelope for your child to bring to the school office and we'll pass it onto the members of the FOSS Committee on your behalf.

Squares cost: 50p each or 3 for £1.

The draw will take place on Friday 15 December 2017.

FOSS Christmas Bazaar

A very big thank you to everyone who supported last week's Christmas Bazaar. The day wouldn't have been as enjoyable and successful if we hadn't had so many helpers to support the FOSS Committee members

All the children had a great time choosing gifts, sorting the money to pay for them and then wrapping their presents up.

We raised £566.75 however, any profit from this event is always seen as an added bonus by the FOSS Committee as this day really is about the children.

Clevertouch TV Screens

FOSS have been fundraising for a Clevertouch TV Screen to go into Topaz, one of our Yr 3/4 classrooms.

The school was matching funding the money raised by FOSS so that Turquoise class could also have a Clevertouch TV Screen to replace their old Interactive Whiteboard.

I'm delighted to say that the new screens were installed to both classrooms on Friday.

School Christmas Lunch

Unfortunately it is now too late to book your child in for the school Christmas

Lunch which will be held on **Friday 15 December 2017**.

Children who have not been booked in for the lunch by the deadline date will be asked to bring a packed lunch to school on that day.

The festivities on that day will still involve children who are having a packed lunch.

Menu Change – Thursday 14 December 2017

As we are having our school Christmas Lunch on Friday 15 December we will be having a menu change on Thursday 14 December.

The meal options on that day will be:

- Red Band – Fish Fingers
- Green Band – Cheese and Tomato pinwheels
- Blue Band – Cheesy Scone

This is Friday's menu on your sheet.

Christingle Service at St Andrew's Church

There will be a Christingle service at St Andrew's at 10:30am on Sunday 10 December.

Everyone is welcome but please do take along an orange if you can.

Foundation Stage Christmas Production

Thank you to everyone who came along to Nursery Rhyme Nativity.

We hope you enjoyed the children's performances as much as the children enjoyed performing it.

Christmas Jumper Day

We will be supporting the Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 15 December.

The charity 'Save the Children' has been supporting children whose families have fled the war in Syria and more recently children who were made homeless by the devastating hurricanes that swept across the Caribbean in September.

Please don't go out and buy a Christmas jumper, take an old one and make it festive by adding tinsel, decorations or even both!
Each child and member of staff wearing a Christmas jumper is asked to donate £1.00 to support 'Save the Children' with their national Christmas Jumper Day.

Christmas Parties

Our Christmas Parties will be taking place on the following dates:

Wednesday 13 December	FS
Thursday 14 December	Yr 3/4
Friday 15 December	Yr 5/6
Monday 18 December	Yr 1/2

All the children will have lunch as usual on the day of their party. KS2 children will be able to change into their party clothes after lunch. For ease our FS and Yr 1/2 children will be allowed to wear their party clothes to school on the day of their party.

Each team will have a list displayed where you can sign up for your party contribution. The lists will be displayed from Monday 4 December 2017 to help parents who like to have a bit of notice. Please ask your child's class teacher if you are not sure.

On the day of your child's party school will end at the usual time. If you would like to help at your child's party please let your child's class teacher know.

KS2 Christmas Carol Service at St Andrew's Church

Our KS2 children will be celebrating Christmas at St Andrew's Church with a traditional Christmas Carol Service on Monday 18 December 2017. The service is open to parents and grandparents who would like to join us.

We will be walking to the church after lunch (1:25pm) on that day and would welcome any offers of help to walk with the children to and from the school. If you are able to help please do let us know.

Poppy Appeal

This year our Poppy Appeal for the Royal British Legion raised £309.27

Thank you to everyone who gave so generously. This magnificent total is double the amount raised last year.

I must also thank Mr Cawthorn for organizing the appeal for the school.

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

Pupil Absence from School

Parents are reminded that when their child is away from school they need to

contact the school on each day of the absence.

If school staff do not know where a pupil is it will start a chain of events that could end up as a Child Protection issue.

In recent weeks our school staff have tried to contact a number of parents regarding their child's absence only to have the parents hang up on them when they have seen who is calling. Our office staff have a statutory duty to follow up an unreported absences, this is to ensure the safety of all our children.

You can report your child's absence by calling the school and leaving a message or by contacting the school office staff directly from 8:30am.

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.

PMX – ParentMail's Latest Platform

A letter was sent home during the week beginning Monday 27 November regarding updating to PMX from ParentMail. All parents/carers should now have received an email asking them to register with PMX. If you have not received an email please contact the school office.

Please register as soon as possible with PMX to ensure you receive all correspondence from the school. This is the quickest and easiest way for us to send letters and forms to you.

If you require any assistance please visit

www.parentmail.co.uk/help/parenthelp/

If you do not receive help within 7 days please contact the school office.

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:

Thursday 14 December 2017

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: 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 2017

Monday 11 December – KSI

Performance @ 2:00pm

Tuesday 12 December – KSI

Performance @ 2:00pm

Thursday 14 December – Family

Worker Drop-In

Wednesday 13 December – KSI

Performance @ 9:30am

Wednesday 13 December – FS

Christmas Party

Thursday 14 December – Yr 3/4

Christmas Party

Friday 15 December – Christmas Lunch

Friday 15 December – Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 15 December – Yr 5/6

Christmas Party

Monday 18 December – KSI Christmas Party

Monday 18 December – KS2 Carols at St Andrew's Church

Tuesday 19 December – End of Term

Dates for the Spring Term 2018

Wednesday 3 January – Staff

INSET Day

Thursday 4 January – School reopens after the Christmas Holidays.

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