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Book Fayre

From Monday 30 January 2017 we will be hosting a Book Fayre at the beginning and end of the school day.

The book fair is an opportunity for the children to not only purchase books but in turn contribute to the school; for every book purchased the school will receive commission which can then be used to purchase books for the classrooms and the school library. Commission from the previous book fair raised nearly £300, which was spent on purchasing individual reading books for the classes.

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.

Maths Information Evening

Don't forget that tomorrow, Thursday 26 January we will be hosting a Maths Information Evening.

The evening is a chance for parents to find out about Maths Curriculum in light of the changes that have been introduced as part of the new National Curriculum.

The evening will start at 6:00pm and will be held in Citrine Class which is located in the 60's Block overlooking the main playground. This is also known as Mrs Gates and Mr Smith's class.

Unfortunately we will not be able to offer an additional Information Evening however, the presentations will be placed on our school website, www.sutton.cambs.sch.uk after Thursday.

As part of the Information session we are also inviting parents to sign up to the 'Parent's do... Maths' sessions after the half term holiday. The sessions are being held on Wednesday 22 February and Thursday 23 February between 9:10am and 9:50am.

Parents are reminded that booking is essential for these sessions, this can be done by contacting the school office. Please do come along to the 'Parents do... Maths' sessions even if you can't make the Information Evening.

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!

Change4life have sent packs to help families understand their new How Food Smart Are You? Initiative. This pack links to their new How Food Smart Are You? App that was launched a couple of weeks ago.

The App can be downloaded free of charge from the usual places.

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 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 and 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

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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.

Twilight at the Museums

With the half term holiday fast approaching, the museums in Cambridge are once again running their very successful Twilight at the Museums on Wednesday 15 February between 4:30 and 7:30pm.

This is a very popular event with 13 museums and collections opening their doors to a variety of torch-lit and illuminated adventures.

Further details can be found at the following website:

www.museums.cam.ac.uk/twilight

Busy Babies

The Growing Places Children Centre will be running a new six week Busy Babies course from Monday 6 March until 10 April 2017. The course will start at 10:00 and last 1.5hrs.

There will be a mixture of activities including music, rhymes, sensory and parachute play for babies who can sit to 14 months.

There is a £12.00 charge which will cover the whole six weeks.

Please contact the centre staff for further details, 01353 612 933

Mrs Rosa Sawyer

If you were a pupil at our school before 1997 you may remember Mrs Rosa Sawyer, who was the school caretaker for a number of years.

Unfortunately Mrs Sawyer died recently, I'm sure our whole school community will join me in sending condolences to Mr Sawyer and their two daughters.

and finally

At the end of this week we will be saying goodbye to Mrs McCarthy who has been a member of our office staff for the past 3.5 years, working on a Thursday and Friday.

Mrs McCarthy has secured a full time position at Witchford Village College.

I'd like to thank Mrs McCarthy for her hard work and support during the past

3.5 years and wish her well in the future.

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 7:00pm

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

Sunday 12 March – Cambridge Music Festival

Monday 13 March – Science Week begins

Thursday 16 March – Peterborough Music Festival

Thursday 16 March – Parent Consultations 5:30 – 7:30pm

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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