



*Live well, laugh together, learn forever*

## Newsletter 4

### Harvest Festival

Our special Harvest Festival Assembly will be held at St Andrew's Church in Sutton on Friday 7 October 2016.

Pupils will be asked to come to school in the usual way and will be registered in their classes before lining up to walk to St Andrew's Church en masse.

When we walk to the church we use a 'family grouping' system whereby our older pupils walk with our younger pupils. However we do require a lot of adult/parent helpers to help supervise the pupils as we walk to the church. If you can help on the morning of Friday 7 October please contact your child's class teacher.

This year we would like the children to bring harvest gifts of non-perishable food – tins, bags of dried goods etc. **Please do not send your child to school with fresh food.**

### Book Fair

We will be holding a book fair in school from Wednesday 12 October to Tuesday 18 October.

The Fair will be open at the beginning and end of each school day. Please

come along and have a look at the books; each book purchased will help earn free books for our school. We look forward to seeing you there.

### Theatre Visit

Next week is our Book Week. During the week the children will be looking at different types of book; each area of the school has planned a range of activities for the children to do.

In addition to these we will also be welcoming a theatre company into school to perform *The Wind in the Willows* to the children on Tuesday afternoon.

### Thrift Shop

We will be holding our thrift shop after school on Thursday 20 October. There will be good quality second hand uniform on sale – for those parents who like to be organised we have received donations of boys shorts and summer dresses.

All proceeds will be used to purchase resources for the school.

### Bicycles on the School Grounds

There have been a number of reports of children riding their bikes before school without due care and attention especially near the car park where parents are dropping their children off. Although we welcome children riding to school on their bikes, we also need them to be safe in that period before school. It is the busiest time of

the school day and the last thing that is needed are pupils not behaving sensibly on their bikes and potentially causing an accident.

I have spoken to the all the Yr 5/6 pupils today about the responsibilities they have when walking or cycling to school on their own.

### Healthy Packed Lunches

Many children bring a packed lunch to school but sometimes it can be tricky to think of what to include day in day out!

Our school Food Policy suggests '...a sandwich, a piece of fruit or vegetable, yoghurt, a small chocolate covered biscuit (e.g. Penguin, Club)...or a packet of crisps...and fruit juice'.

We do not expect to find any sweets, chocolate bars or fizzy drinks and we actively encourage the children to drink water.

Over the next few weeks the Newsletter will contain some delicious ideas for making packed lunches more exciting and varied. Watch this space...

### Parent Consultations

There are two opportunities this term for parents to meet with their child's class teacher. Our Parent Consultations will be held on:

Thursday 13 October 3:40 – 5:30pm  
Thursday 17 November 5:30 – 7:30pm

You can make appointments for these consultations by contacting the school office.

All appointments are 10 minutes in length. It is not necessary for parents to attend every consultation held during the year.

Please note appointments cannot be made on the day of the consultation; this allows staff time to prepare for this event.

### School Uniform Orders

With the number of children on roll at our school growing it is becoming increasingly difficult to hold stock of school uniform in school.

With this in mind we will no longer hold uniform in school but will place an order once a month with Brigade (our uniform provider). The cut-off date for parents to order uniform via the school will be the 19<sup>th</sup> day of each month. Orders should then be in school two to three weeks after this date.

If you would like to try uniform on to check for sizing we will hold one item of each size in stock to enable you to do this.

If you have any questions please come to the school office to speak to us.

### Cake Break

There will be a Cake Break for the children on Wednesday 19 October

2016. The parents of KS2 pupils are asked to bake cakes for this event. Each cake will cost 30p with the proceeds raised going to FOSS (Friends of Sutton School).

The cakes are sold to the children during morning break with each child allowed to buy one cake. Spare cakes not sold during break time will be sold to parents at the end of the school day.

Our Yr 5 pupils who are out at Ely Fire Station that morning will have the opportunity to buy their cake when they return to school just before lunchtime.

Thank you for your help with this popular fund raising event.

### **Sickness Bugs and Diarrhoea**

Unfortunately, we sometimes have children off school with sickness and diarrhoea.

In order to contain these germs that quickly spread around a close knit community, we ask parents to keep their children off school for a full 48hrs after the last bout of illness.

### **School Uniform**

Further to this, may we remind parents and pupils of our school dress code as we have noticed a number of older pupils coming to school wearing jeans instead of the regulation black or grey school trousers.

By encouraging a school dress code, we promote equality and uniformity for all pupils and as preparation for life at secondary school where there are strict uniform guidelines to adhere to.

### **Boosting Reading Potential**

Boosting Reading Potential (BRP) is a short term 10 – 15 week, one to one programme that provides intensive support for identified pupils who may need a little extra help with their reading.

This has been a very successful programme supporting strategies for successful reading but it is reliant upon volunteers.

We are able to offer training for volunteers with our Reading Recovery Teacher, Mrs Dilley. This is open to all parents or grandparents who are able to spend 15 minutes once or twice a week support a specific pupil in school.

The training will take place in the school library on the following days:

Monday 10 October: 1:30 – 3:20

Friday 14 October: 9:15 – 12:00

If you are interested in helping with this successful reading programme please contact the school office for further details. It is only necessary to attend one of the training sessions.

## Photographic Permission

During the course of the school year we like to take photographs of our pupils undertaking a variety of activities as a record of their learning. These photographs may be used in displays on our school walls, as part of staff coursework, in printed media eg the local papers or on our school website.

For parents of our Foundation Stage pupils we have recently canvassed you to complete a photographic permission form. For parents of pupils in Yr 1 upwards if your circumstances have changed and you would like to discuss the various options in person please contact the school office.

## Village Housing Development

Several parents have been in to see me to see if I know any information about the proposed new Linden Homes housing development for the village.

I am aware that the company is hosting an information session on Thursday 6 October 2016 between 3:00 and 7:00pm at The Pavilion.

## School Calendar

If you did not receive your copy of the school calendar last week please contact the school office and a copy will be sent to you.

The calendar was sent out to parents on green card so that it is distinctive from the other information that we

all seem to accumulate on a daily basis.

Parents are advised to note that this is not an exhaustive list and other events may be added. A more up to date list of dates can always be found at the bottom of every newsletter and on our school website.

## Home Time Collections

If your usual arrangements for collecting your children at the end of the school day change please do ensure that you let us know.

We all get delayed from time to time but a quick phone call will help ease your child's anxieties at the end of the day.

We remind the children to wait with their class teachers until they can see their parents, child minders or afterschool club providers.

## Cambridge Festival of Ideas

The Cambridge Festival of Ideas explores some of the most essential and thought provoking issues of our time.

There are hundreds of free events from talks, debates and film screenings to exhibitions and performances based upon this year's theme of Movement.

Featuring researchers from the University of Cambridge, public figures the Festival is guaranteed to have something for everyone!

The Festival is running from Monday 17 October until Sunday 30 October 2016 at venues around Cambridge. For further information please go to the following website:  
[www.festivalofideas.cam.ac.uk](http://www.festivalofideas.cam.ac.uk)

or telephone: 01223 766 766

### 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](mailto:office@sutton.cambs.sch.uk)
4. If you just need to check out some information use our new website:  
[www.sutton.cambs.sch.uk](http://www.sutton.cambs.sch.uk)

### Dates for the Autumn Term 2016

**Friday 7 October** – Harvest Festival at St Andrew's Church

**Monday 10 October** – Book Week starts

**Tuesday 11 October** – Wind in the Willows Theatre Visit

**Tuesday 11 October** – Governors' Finance Committee Meeting 7pm

**Wednesday 12 October** – Scholastic Book Fair in school for one week

**Wednesday 12 October** – Primary Proms at the Royal Albert Hall

**Thursday 13 October** – Parent Consultations – 3:40 – 5:40pm

**Wednesday 19 October** – Yr 5 to Ely Fire Station for Fire Safety Zone Workshops

**Wednesday 19 October** – Cake Break – KS2 Parents to bake

**Thursday 20 October** – Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (SPAG) Information Evening 6:00– 6:45pm

**Friday 21 October** – Break up for our Autumn Half Term

**Monday 24 October** – school closed for one week for the Autumn Half Term holiday

**Monday 31 October** – school reopens following the Autumn Half Term holiday

**Tuesday 1 November** – Parents Do SPAG 9:00– 9:40am

**Wednesday 2 November** – Governor's Teaching and Learning Committee

**Friday 4 November** – Parents Do SPAG 9:00– 9:40am

**Wednesday 9 November** – E-Safety Information Evening for parents

**Thursday 10 November** – Flu Jabs for Yr 1–3

**Monday 14 November** – Anti-Bullying Week

**Thursday 17 November** – Parent Consultations 5:30 – 7:30pm

**Saturday 19 November** – FOSS Jumble Sale

**Tuesday 22 November** – September 2017 Admissions Morning

**Tuesday 22 November** – Bags 2 School Collection date

**Thursday 24 November** – September 2017 Admissions Afternoon

**Friday 2 December** – FOSS Christmas Bazaar

**Monday 5 December** – FS Dress Rehearsal to the school

**Tuesday 6 December** – FS Performance 2:00pm

Wednesday 7 December – FS  
Performance 9:30am  
Friday 9 December – KSI Dress  
Rehearsal to the school  
Monday 12 December – KSI  
Performance 2:00pm  
Tuesday 13 December – KSI  
Performance 5:30pm  
Wednesday 14 December – KSI  
Performance 9:30am  
Wednesday 14 December – Yr 5/6  
Christmas Party  
Thursday 15 December – Yr 3/4  
Christmas Party  
Friday 16 December – Christmas  
Lunch  
Friday 16 December – Christmas  
Jumper Day  
Friday 16 December – FS Christmas  
Party  
Monday 19 December – KS2 Carol  
Service at St Andrew's Church  
Monday 19 December – KSI Christmas  
Party  
Tuesday 20 December – End of Term  
05.10.2016.