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Newsletter 6

Individual School Photographs

Our school photographer will be coming into school on Monday 7 November to take the children's individual school photographs. All our pupils should come to school in their school uniform as normal on this day.

During the day the photographer will also take 'family group' photographs. Unfortunately due to our school numbers it will not be possible for parents to request that pre-school children are included in the family photographs.

Mini proofs of each photo will be sent to parents and who will then have the option to buy copies online or return the order form complete with payment to the company via the school.

E-Safety Evening

Following on from the summer term, when the Key Stage 2 children completed an E-Safety questionnaire regarding their use of the internet, some parents expressed concern at the findings. Therefore, we decided to host an E-Safety Evening run by Cambridgeshire ICT Service on Wednesday 9 November at 6pm.

The focus of the evening will be to make parents aware of what is available online, and give you a better overview so you can decide what you would like your child to access. Please come along.

Flu Inoculations for Yr 1 – 3

On Thursday 10 November the school nursing team will be in school to administer flu inoculations to pupils in Yr 1 to 3.

Parents of these pupils have been sent separate letters to explain the process. If you have mislaid your letter please contact the school office for a copy. Replies regarding the inoculations can be returned to your child's classteacher.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

We are currently supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

The poppies will be available at the beginning and end of the school day.

In addition we also have available some additional 'poppy merchandise' which is available at a set price.

Wristbands:	50p
Poppy Bracelets:	£1
Reflective Poppy key rings:	50p
Flexible rulers/wristbands:	£1

On Friday 11 November as a school we will be observing the 2 minute silence at 11:00am.

Pupils riding bikes before school

Several parents have been in to speak to me regarding the behavior of some of our older pupils first thing in the morning. They have been concerned by the pupils' lack of road awareness and were concerned that an accident may happen.

The majority of our Yr 6 pupils will be undertaking the Bikeability course in January 2016, but in the meantime we shall be reminding the children about the behaviour we are expecting to see and the parents spoken to if any pupil's behaviour continues to cause concern.

Family Worker Drop-in

If you have a query regarding a parenting issue it will be possible to meet with Aileen Stanford who is a Family Worker with the Ely, Littleport and Witchford Locality Team, on Friday 11 November 2016.

Family Workers are able to give advice and support on a range of issues including:

- Establishing a regular bedtime routine
- Introducing day time routines to help organisation
- Helping you to support your child through a period of anxiety.
- Coping with a particular family issues
- Managing finances

Aileen will be in school from 8:45am. If you would like to meet with her please contact the school office to make an appointment. Each appointment is for 15 minutes.

Parent Consultations

The Parent Consultation that was postponed due to the school closure last week will now be held on **Thursday 10 November 2016**. The appointments that were made for the postponed date will be carried across to the rescheduled day.

There is also one further opportunity this term for parents to meet with their child's class teacher on **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.

Primary School Admissions Process for September 2017

Parents of pre-school children who will be starting at primary school in September 2017 are advised that the application process for school places will

open on Wednesday 16 November and will close on Sunday 15 January. This is a national process and the dates are agreed by all the Local Authorities.

This year there is an important change:

- parent's apply **on time**, and will hear on Thursday 18 April 2017, or
- they apply late ie Monday 16 January until Monday 1 May 2017 and will not hear until Friday 19 May 2017.

Please note that there is no right of automatic transfer from nursery/pre-school to a primary school.

All parents must apply.

Open Morning and Afternoon to support the Admissions to Primary School Process

We will be holding an Open Morning on Tuesday 22 November and Open Afternoon on Thursday 24 November for parents who have children who will be transferring to primary school in September 2017.

Details of these two sessions will be sent to Paintbox and Butterflies Pre-schools but if your child attends a different pre-school please contact the school office to arrange for the details to be sent directly to you.

Yr 5 Trip to Ely Fire Station

At the end of last half term our Yr 5 pupils participated in a series of workshops designed to raise the children's awareness of different risks that they may face as they grow older and become more independent.

These included:

Fire Safety including a mock simulation of evacuating a house
fire
Electrical Safety including not playing around sub-stations
Water Safety
Railway Safety including how to use level crossings
Basic First Aid

The children were praised by the different groups of volunteers for their listening skills and prior knowledge about a number of different situations.

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 19th 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

Thank you to everyone who supported the recent Cake Break. A total of £135.56 was raised.

This money will go towards subsidising our school trips so that they are affordable to all our parents as well as a new trim trail for the children to use during their playtimes.

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.

Boosting Reading Potential

Thank you to the parents who have volunteered to help our school's love of reading.

If you are interested in becoming involved in the school's Boosting Reading Potential initiative but missed out on this term's training please contact the school office to leave your contact details. We are hoping to run further training later in the school year.

FOSS Request for Jumble

FOSS have requested that if you are having a pre-Christmas clear out, would you please send in any clean clothes, shoes, toys, bric-a-brac and bedding for their jumble sale.

Due to problems with storage, please only bring your donations to the Community Room on the morning or afternoon of Friday 18 November. Thank you for your support.

Christmas Present Tags

Each year FOSS hold a Christmas Bazaar especially for the children. This year the Bazaar will be on Friday 2 December. Every pupil will be able to buy up to 6 presents for members of their family. After they've made their purchases they wrap and label their presents.

We are busy preparing tags for the presents using old Christmas cards but would welcome some additional help. We'd supply all the materials... If you can help please contact the school office.

Full details for the Christmas Bazaar will follow soon.

Sutton and Ely Foodbank – Reverse Advent Calendar

Sutton and Ely Foodbank are organising a 'Reverse Advent Calendar' which families may like to support.

You will need a large box or basket and for each day in November you place an item (treats, snacks etc) into the hamper. At the end of the month you take the hamper along to the Foodbank and they will donate it to a family in need in time for Christmas.

If you'd like to be involved please contact Amy Lorimer for further details. Amy's contact details are:
amy@ely.foodbank.org.uk

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 2016

Thursday 3 November – Parent Governor Election Results announced

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

Monday 7 November – School photographer in to take individual and family group photographs

Wednesday 9 November – E-Safety Information Evening for parents

Thursday 10 November – Flu Jabs for Yr 1 -3

Thursday 10 November – Re-scheduled Parent Consultations 3.40 – 5.30

Monday 14 November – Anti-Bullying Week

Wednesday 16 November – Primary School Admissions process for September 2017 opens

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

Friday 18 November – Children in Need Celebrations

Friday 18 November – Bags 2 School Collection

Saturday 19 November – FOSS Jumble Sale

Tuesday 22 November – September 2017 Admissions Morning

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 @
1:50pm

Monday 19 December – KS1 Christmas
Party

Tuesday 20 December – End of Term
04.11.2016.