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Newsletter 20

KSI and KS2 Parents Information Evening regarding the end of Key Stage Tests

In May 2016 our Yr 2 and Yr 6 pupils will be participating in the new end of Key Stage testing arrangements. The new tests, in Reading, Writing and Mathematics, reflect the changes to the National Curriculum that were introduced during the last academic year.

Now that schools have received further clarification about the testing arrangements we are in a position to share this with the parents of our Yr 2 and Yr 6 pupils at an information evening being held on **Tuesday 15 March 2016 at 6:00pm.**

Parents of Yr 6 pupils should go to Mr Thornley's classroom in the mobile whilst our Yr 2 parents should go to Mrs Bell-Berry's room.

Easter Lunch

The school's Easter lunch which will be held on **Wednesday 23 March 2016.**

If you have not requested a school lunch for this day it will now not be possible to add children to the list as our school cook needs to place her food

order in advance to ensure she has sufficient food.

During the final week this term the menu will be as follows:

Monday: pork sausages or
vegetarian sausages or
jacket potato

Tuesday: sweet and sour chicken
macaroni cheese
tuna salad

Wednesday: Easter Lunch

Thursday: fish fingers
vegetable fingers
Jacket potato and beans

World Record Attempt

...it's official! All the children who took part in our World Book Day Quiz on Monday 22 February 2016 are officially record breakers!

We received confirmation at the end of the school day on Thursday 3 March 2016. In total 6,338 children were involved in this mass participation world record attempt, smashing the previous record of 2,679!

Sport Relief

On Friday 18 March the children (and hopefully some parents!) will be taking part in the biannual Sport Relief. It is an event we have always supported and have had a lot of enjoyment in the past doing so.

This year we would like the children to come dressed in their PE kit as we'll be starting the day with an aerobics session in the hall or some circuits on the top playground. These events will start from 8:45am and the staff

will be encouraging the parents and children to join in as soon as the school gates are open.

During the day, the children will have the opportunity to try a new sport or play a sport with a different group of children by signing up to a range of sporting activities prior to the day.

In order to support the Sport Relief charity we are asking for a donation of £1.00 per pupil. The donated money will go towards the Sport Relief charity work in this country and in other countries.

Easter Assembly at St Andrew's Church – Wednesday 23 April

We will be celebrating Easter at St Andrew's Church on Wednesday 23 March 2016. We will be leaving school just after morning registration and would welcome offers of support from parents and grandparents to help supervise the children as we walk to and from the village.

If you are able to help could you please tell your child's classteacher or inform the office staff.

Every pupil will need to have a warm waterproof coat in school on that day as the weather can be very unpredictable at the end of March and the church can be very cold inside.

Violin Lessons

Our violin teacher, Mrs Dagg, currently has spaces for any pupils wishing to learn the violin.

Further details can be obtained by contacting the school office.

Family Worker Update

Verity Puddy is a Locality Family Worker who works with parents from our school. Part of her role is to offer parents/carers an opportunity to come into school for confidential 1:1 advice/information appointments. These were previously called 'drop in's' but it was felt that this may suggest meetings without confidentiality which is not the case. However, in order to prevent any confusion we have changed the name to: Family Worker Advice Appointments.

These are offered to our school and we will then advertise them to parents/carers for you book yourself an appointment should you wish to meet with Verity.

Family Workers offer advice and information on a range of subjects, such as sleep problems, anxiety and a whole host of other issues you may be faced with. If Verity is unable to give you the advice you need she will do her best to signpost you onto someone who can.

Verity will next be in school on **Tuesday 22 March from 8:40am**. If you would like to speak to Verity on this day please contact the school office to make an appointment in the same way we do for Parent Consultations.

Transport Strategy

What transport improvements are needed in your area to help you get around? What is stopping you travelling by foot, bike or bus? How do you want to see your transport choices change in the future?

Cambridgeshire County Council has produced a draft Transport Strategy for East

Cambridgeshire, and they would like to hear your views. The strategy encapsulates the way that the council is planning to address the transport related issues in the short, medium and longer term. They want to know if you fundamentally agree with strategies objectives and the way that the policies are being used to improve travel throughout the district.

The Action Plan proposes a range of local to major schemes to improve transport choices and reduce the impacts of transport throughout the district, and they want your views on these proposals.

Please visit

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/TSEC for more details on the Transport Strategy for East Cambridgeshire consultation, including where to find out more information and how to let them know about your opinions on the draft strategy.

Traversing Wall

Last year, before he left the school, Mr Kemp secured a grant from the Big Lottery to be used on a project to promote easier access for the children to try new sports.

As many of you may have noticed, this week we have had contractors in to install a traversing wall onto the back of Zircon class.

The traversing wall has been installed as part of this project and we will be organising opportunities for the children to use the equipment as part of their PE curriculum time as well as during time outside the classroom.

We are sure that this will be a valuable asset to our school and are excited to give the children the opportunity to experience our latest addition. Unfortunately this is not designed for pre-school children. Please do not let your pre-school children run around or climb in this area.

Cambridgeshire Music Concert

This afternoon our KS2 pupils were able to listen to a concert performed by the Academy of Ancient Music. The concert titled Pictures in Music is aimed at introducing children to Baroque Music. The group brought along a harpsichord and other period instruments of that time. They have played a range of music by composers including Handel and Henry VIII.

The Academy of Ancient Music are performing a concert called "Vivaldi in Dresden" on Thursday 14 April, 7.30pm at West Road Concert Hall, Cambridge. As part of their engagement with the school the group are offering tickets to children at our school for £3 instead of the normal price of £15-£30.

To book tickets please phone Cambridge Live Box Office on 01223 357851 or book online at cambridgelive.co.uk and quote **Vivaldi16** to obtain your discount.

Read It Again! Competition

Last week we welcomed Mr Richard Young to our school, he came to tell the pupils and staff about this year's Read It Again! Competition.

This is a competition organised by Cambridgeshire County Council to celebrate children's picture books written in 2015. All of the books have two things in common:

- The books are all written and illustrated by the authors
- The books are all the first books written by these authors

Over the coming few weeks all of the books in the competition will be shared with all of the classes and the children will be taking part in a vote to find the school's favourite book.

The results from our school will then be added to the results from other schools around the county to find the overall Cambridgeshire winner.

The books entered into this year's competition are:

A Very Top Secret Mission by Sue Eastland

Crunch by Carolina Rabei

Ice in the Jungle by Ariane Hofman-Maniyar

Super Happy Magic Forest by Matty Long

The Bear and the Piano by David Litchfield

The Jar of Happiness by Ailsa Burrows

Those Pesky Rabbits by Ciara Flood

Wanted by Emily MacKenzie

Parent Consultations

There is one further opportunity for parents to meet with their child's classteacher this term. Our next Parent Consultations will be held on:

Thursday 10 March 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.

Yr 2 visit by Rev Hancock

On Tuesday 1 March, following a very rainy morning, the Year 2 were forced to cancel their walk to St. Andrew's church.

Instead, Mary very kindly came into school to listen and answer the questions the children had prepared about the church and the Christian faith.

Questions ranged from 'Why does the church have different coloured cloths at different times of year?' to 'Why do people say that God is everywhere?' Mary carefully answered all the children's questions and the children were able to learn a lot from her.

Our thanks go to Mary for giving her time to share the afternoon with us.

Yr 1 Trip to St Andrew's Church

On Wednesday 2 March, our Yr 1 pupils visited St Andrew's church as part of their RE topic.

The children asked Mary some questions and then they took part in a quiz which encouraged them to look closely at different parts of the church both inside and out.

Digger visit to the Foundation Stage

The current topic in the Foundation stage is Amazing Machines.

Last week we focused on machines found on a construction site. The children were very

lucky to receive a visit from a digger and were able to see for themselves the amazing things a digger can do.

There are photos of the children enjoying the visit on the website in the Foundation Stage class page.

Yr I Circus Skills at WVC

On Friday 4 March, thirty Yr I pupils participated in a circus skills event at Witchford Village College.

All of the children had a wonderful time practising their balancing skills, learning how to spin plates, walk on stilts as well as throwing and catching a diabolo.

The trip was part of the school's membership to the Witchford Sports College Partnership.

Parking at the beginning and end of the school day

Several parents have been to see me to discuss their concerns about the traffic congestion that is happening at the beginning and end of the school day.

All parents are reminded that the small road leading into the community car park and the Brooklands Centre is a private road. Clear access along this road should be maintained at all times.

The Parish Council kindly allow our school community to have use of the community car park on the understanding that the users will not block the access for emergency and farm vehicles.

Parents are politely requested not to park along the access road nor to use the area in front of the school gates as a drop off zone. These actions have the potential to cause a serious accident as unfortunately, children do not always look properly before crossing the road and do not always see the danger signs that are present.

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

Sainsbury's have recently launched their Active Kids Voucher scheme for this year. We are collecting the vouchers so please do send them into school. Last year the vouchers were used to 'purchase' lots of playground equipment for the children to use during lunchtime play times.

The vouchers themselves are different this year and are part of the paperwork given to customers as part of the till receipt.

There will be a collection box outside the office for all the vouchers.

FOSS Summer Fete

The FOSS Committee are now in a position to confirm the date of this year's school fete. It will take place on Saturday 11 June 2015.

Please save the day and look out for ways you can support FOSS with this major fund raising event in future Newsletters.

National Science Week

The Cambridgeshire Science Festival is taking place from 7 – 20 March 2016. There are lots of exciting events happening at the University of Cambridge, which include children's talks, hands on activities, exhibitions, demonstrations and tours. If you would like copies of the programme or have

any questions, then please get in touch.
Further information can also be found
on their website:

<http://www.sciencefestival.cam.ac.uk/>.

Tuesday 22 March – KS2 Music Concert
Wednesday 23 March – Easter Assembly at
St Andrew's Church
Thursday 24 March – End of Term

Term Dates for the next academic year

09.03.2016.

Our term dates including the INSET
Training Days were sent out with last
week's Newsletter. If you missed these
they are now posted onto our school
website: www.sutton.cambs.sch.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 Spring Term 2016

Wednesday 9 March – Cambridgeshire
Music Concert for KS2 pupils

Wednesday 9 March – Governors'
Health and Safety Meeting

Thursday 10 March – Parent
Consultations 5:30 – 7:30pm

Monday 14 March – Science Week
starts

Tuesday 15 March – End of Key Stage
Assessment Meetings for Yr 2 and Yr
6 parents

Tuesday 15 March – Governors'
Finance and Personnel Meeting

Friday 18 March – Sports Relief

Monday 21 March – Work Experience
student in for one week