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Newsletter 1

Welcome Back!

Welcome back! I hope that everyone enjoyed their summer holiday – it was lovely to have such beautiful sunny weather during the holidays for a change!

School Meals Menu

If you haven't received a copy of the new winter menu please contact the school office so that we can arrange for one to be sent to you.

Please note on **Week 2 (this week's meals)** the meal option for **Friday** will be **Cod Goujons only** rather than a mixture of salmon bites and cod goujons.

New Pupils

All of our new Foundation Stage (FS) pupils have settled into their new classes. They have all been very brave and have stood up during our assemblies this week to introduce themselves to the whole school.

We have also met the other new pupils across the school who have joined us this term.

Parenting Courses – starting in September 2016

The Ely, Littleport and Witchford Locality Team are running the following courses this September:

The Children's Centre behind our school is hosting 'Enabling Families' from Monday 26 September 2016 between 9:30 – 11:30am.

This a short 3 week parenting workshop which will focus on communication styles, assertive listening, conflict resolution, self-esteem and understanding anxiety.

The Ely Children's Centre is running a slightly longer course 'Raising Children' from Thursday 22 September. This 10 week course offers a chance to explore solutions and strategies for managing unwanted behavior and for building stronger relationships with your child.

Parents who have attended these courses previously have found it to be very helpful and supportive.

Further details be found by contacting the Ely, Littleport and Witchford Locality Team on 01353 612800 or by looking on the noticeboard on the playground close to the number square.

School Milk

Any pupil can have school milk at school; this is provided free to children who are under 5 yrs old.

If you would like your child to participate in this scheme please log onto www.coolmilk.co.uk and follow the registration procedures on the website.

If you experience any difficulties please contact either Mrs Ingram or Mrs McCarthy in our school office.

Changes to Government Funded Childcare

From September 2017 many families will see their entitlement to government funded childcare for 3 and 4 year olds increase from 15 to 30 hours per week. The Childcare Act 2016 extends the entitlement to free childcare and Early Years Learning for children of working parents with the aim of removing what is a key barrier to the workplace for many who have children.

While the DfE will be paying for the additional hours of childcare that working parents access, the Act makes it a statutory duty of local authorities to ensure that all eligible families can take up the funded hours they want.

To support the LA in providing enough places for all eligible children, they are asking families with children under 5 to complete a short survey looking at what childcare they use already and what childcare they would be looking to access from 2017 if eligible for the extended entitlement.

The survey can be accessed online at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/30hours or a paper copy is available upon request

by contacting the school office. We will then return the completed paper surveys to the LA on your behalf.

Please note that if you do not have children under 5 you do not need to participate in this survey.

Music Exam Success

Just before the summer holidays some of our children were entered into music exams. Congratulations to the following pupils:

Piano – Grade 1

Harry Adderley
Maddy Boxall
Summer Bullen

Recorder – Grade 1

Scarlett Moore – who passed with a merit

Well done to all the pupils!

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.

Witchford Area Schools Partnership (WASP) Orchestra

The WASP orchestra is always pleased to welcome new members

We are delighted to invite both new and existing players, whatever their musical ability, from Yr 3 and upwards to join our weekly rehearsals, from September 2016. This fun, joint music group enables pupils from the eight WASP schools to play musical instruments together once a week and to perform at occasional concerts.

Mr Berthon, Head of Music at Witchford Village College, leads the orchestra, with support from staff from the primary schools.

We have a fantastic range of new percussion instruments so those with an interest in percussion would be very welcome to join.

The orchestra meets on **Tuesday afternoons** from 4pm until 5pm in the main hall at Witchford Village College.

For further details please contact the school office.

Jeans for Genes Day – Friday 23 September 2016

Each year in Britain 30,000 babies are born with genetic illnesses. This is the equivalent of one child in every classroom. The charity Jeans for Genes offers support to families and funds research into these illnesses.

On Friday 23 September we will be supporting this charity by allowing our children to pay £1.00 and come to school dressed in their jeans or denim skirt etc. On their top half they should wear their normal school uniform.

If your child doesn't wear jeans they can support the charity by coming to school in a pair of trousers or skirt of their choice.

PSHE Curriculum

This term in Personal Social Health Education (PSHE) your child will be learning about beginnings and belonging as well as families and friendships.

If you would like to find out more details, please visit our school's website – www.sutton.cambs.sch.uk/website – home page- Our school – The curriculum – PSHE.

You can also find PSHE policies and sources of advice and support

School Calendar

Early next week all parents will receive a cardboard copy of our school calendar for this academic year.

We print the calendar onto brightly coloured card to enable it to be kept during the year for parents to refer to. This calendar can also be found on our school website:

www.sutton.cambs.sch.uk

In addition to the calendar we also include diary dates at the end of the Weekly Newsletters to help parents to keep in touch.

Baby News!

I'm delighted to announce that Mrs Wallace gave birth to a baby girl on Friday 2 September 2016.

Mia Grace Wallace was a healthy 7lb 14oz.

Mia's big brother, Harry is slowly getting used to the idea of having a little sister!

More Baby News!

Miss Miller has announced she is expecting a baby on Christmas Day. She is hoping to remain at school until the end of this term when she will start her maternity leave.

The Governing Body and I will now start the process of recruiting a Yr 5 class teacher to teach Carnelian Class

whilst Miss Miller takes her maternity leave.

Wedding Congratulations

Congratulations to Miss Korniotis who married her partner, Austen Diaper at a wedding ceremony in Malta in August.

Professionally she will sign herself as Mrs Korniotis-Diaper, but will be addressed in school as Mrs Korniotis.

More Wedding Congratulations!

Ms Wakefield, a member of our support staff, married her partner, Darren Chambers. The couple were married during a trip to Las Vegas in August.

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

Wednesday 14 September – Yr 5/6 trip to Ely Cathedral and Museum

Tuesday 20 September – Governors' Business Meeting 7pm

Friday 23 September – Jeans for Genes Day

Tuesday 27 September – Yr 6 pupils to WVC Creative Arts Morning

Thursday 29 September – Harvest Festival at St Andrew's Church, Sutton

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

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

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

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

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