



Newsletter 15th November 2019

Dear parents,

We hope you enjoyed receiving our recent newsletter and aim to keep you regularly updated this academic year.

Parent Consultations

Following our Parent Consultations, I would like to thank so many of you for coming to meet with your children's teachers. It was so nice to meet so many of you on your way in and out of the building. We were really pleased with the positive feedback we received from you all. If you were unable to make an appointment, class teachers will be following up with you all to arrange another time to meet and discuss your child's progress.

Details of a parent survey will be coming out to you next week.

Attendance update

Our current attendance is at 95.83%. This is an improvement however we are still falling short of the Government's minimum expectation of 96%. Please make sure you do all you can to ensure that your child is Here, Everyday, Ready to learn, On time (HERO). We understand that we are entering the season of coughs and colds etc, however, learning to carry on with these is part of life.

School Improvement Update

This term we have introduced new assessments systems to support staff in ensuring that your children are supported and challenged appropriately. We have had pupil progress meetings where the progress of all children has been discussed in detail. Teachers have received further training in improving in how we teach writing. We were delighted to launch our new Phonics programme, Read Write Inc. This has been a real success right from the start. We are really pleased to be able to share with you how well things are now going in the Early Years, with learning environments greatly improved.

Governors have met as a Teaching & Learning Committee to discuss pupil performance, curriculum development, Pupil Premium and school improvement. They have also met to monitor and ensure that the website is now up to date, and our Pupil Premium work has been evaluated.

Aldi Kit for Schools

Many thanks to everyone who brought Aldi's Kit for Schools stickers into school. We managed to fill two whole posters and still have spare sticker. Fingers crossed as we have now entered the £20,000 prize draw.

MyChildAtSchool

We are now seeing record numbers of people logging into the MCAS app with over 130 users signing in each day, over the last week.

If you are aware of friends who are experiencing problems with logging in, please do ask them to contact the office.

Paper copies of newsletters are only provided to those under extenuating circumstances which means they are unable to access the platform. If you are receiving a paper copy and would like to receive newsletters electronically, please ensure the school has your current email address by sending us an email with the title "MCAS" and your child's name. ***In providing this information you are consenting to us holding it solely for the purpose of sending you school related information and we will hold it on file for the length of time that your child is with us, unless you choose to unsubscribe, which you can do at any time.***

Class Dojo

As a school we are using Class Dojo more and more as a direct line of communication from the classroom and as a school. Occasionally we like to share pictures with you to show you what your child has been taking part in. Some of these stories are shared as a class and some as a school. Should you wish for your child to be excluded from photo stories which are shared as a school to all parents, please contact the school office.

Online payments

As we shared in the summer term, online payments are in development and would be available in the Autumn term. We have had a slight delay in the testing which has taken place in school but we are now looking for a group of parents who would be willing to test the system externally as part of a pilot group. The functionality for payments cannot be limited to a small number of users so if you see the option to pay online but do not want to be part of the pilot group, please do not use this option until we can confirm the system is working fully. We are aware there could be a few teething problems and would like to give parents the choice of opting in or out at this stage. As soon as the testing is complete we will let you know we are ready to take online payments as a school, at which point we will no longer be able to process cash and cheque payments.

Flu Vaccinations

We recently advised you that the rescheduled flu vaccinations taking place in school on 22nd November have been postponed to a later date. This is due to the immunisations team being unable to secure enough vaccines. Once a new date is arranged we will let you know.

FOSS Christmas Bazaar

Sutton traditionally holds a Christmas bazaar in December where the children can buy up to 6 items each. Further details will follow, the date is on our list below.

Special School Menu & Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 13th December 2019 we will be supporting the Save the Children Christmas jumper day. Children are invited to come to school in a Christmas themed top with school uniform bottoms, but please could you observe the school policy of age appropriate wear (e.g. no Fortnite or Call of Duty etc)

On this day we will also be having a special Christmas lunch for the children. Menu details will follow nearer the time.

After School Activities

Premier Sports are currently offering a variety of sports clubs after school, details of which can be found at www.premier-education.com and by searching for the school. If you do sign your child up to an after school activity, please let the office know if they decide not to attend one of the sessions.

Please could you also ensure that you collect your children promptly at 4.30pm. We appreciate sometimes there are events out of your control which may impact on the time you arrive, but we have been advised there are a minority who continue to arrive late. School staff are not available to supervise after school.

End of the day

We have had reports of children climbing on equipment/walls as well as children banging on the metal unit under the cover. Our insurance covers pupils during the school day however outside of school hours you are responsible for your child's health and safety. Please ensure your school age and younger children are being safe and not climbing on anything.

Parking outside school

We are going to be ordering signs designed by the children, discouraging parking along the side road into The Brook (opposite the Community Room) Parking along here causes a significant road safety risk to pedestrians.

November

25th – Bags2school

26th – 9.15am-10am Open session for Reception 2020 starters

26th – 2.30pm-3.15pm Open session for Reception 2020 starters

December

5th – 9.15am-10am Open session for Reception 2020 starters

6th – Christmas Bazaar

10th – 9.30am KS1 Production

11th – 2pm KS1 Production

12th – 9.30am FS Nativity

13th – Christmas Jumper and special menu day

16th – 1.45pm KS2 Carol Concert

As always, if you have any comments or concerns you wish to discuss, please do contact us in the usual ways.

Kind regards,



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Headteacher