



Live well, laugh together, learn forever

Newsletter 12

Happy New Year!

*I hope that everyone
has had a lovely
holiday with the
chance to spend time
with family and
friends.*

Mepal Molly Men

*The Mepal Molly
Men are due to visit
the school on Monday
9 January 2017.*

*The Molly Men are
a group of men who
dance traditional
dances to celebrate
Plough Monday.
Plough Monday is the
traditional start of the*

*English agricultural
year and in the Fens is
celebrated on the first
Monday after
Epiphany on 6
January. The day
before Plough Monday
is sometimes referred to
as Plough Sunday.*

*Historically the day
traditionally saw the
resumption of work
after the Christmas
period.*

*In Whittlesey they
combine the celebrations
with the Whittlesey
Straw Bear Festival.*

*Babylon Art Gallery,
Ely*

At the start of the new school year the Babylon Art Gallery contacted us to tell us about an Art Competition they were hosting in conjunction with the Rotary Club in Ely.

We were asked to submit art work completed by the children based upon the

theme of A View from a Window.

We submitted a range of work, using a variety of media, from across our school that had been completed by the children.

I'm delighted to announce that three of our pupils have been awarded prizes. They are:

*Amelia Claydon –
Ruby Class*

*Lara Thorburn –
Ruby Class*

*Ada Waterfield –
Emerald Class*

*Congratulations to all
the winning children.*

*All the art work we
submitted, including
the winning creations,
will be on display to*

*the general public from
Saturday 7 January
until Saturday 14
January 2017.*

*The Babylon Gallery
is situated in*

*Waterside close to the
river in Ely.*

Parent Consultations

*Our next Parent
Consultations will be*

held on the following
dates during the Spring
Term:

Thursday 2 February:

3:40 - 5:30pm

Thursday 16 March:

5:30 - 7:20pm*

*Please note that due
to a staff training
session that has been
secured during the
Christmas holidays we

have had to postpone
our second Parent
Consultation of the
term to Thursday 16
March 2017. All
appointments made
already will be
automatically swapped
to the new date.

Further appointments
can be made by
contacting the school
office.

Yr 4 Swimming

Our Yr 4 pupils will be attending swimming lessons at the Ivo swimming pool this term. These lessons are part of the national curriculum's PE scheme of work.

The swimming lessons will take place every

Tuesday afternoon during the Spring Term from Tuesday 10 January 2017.

School Pantomime

On Thursday 12 January 2017 the pupils will be able to watch a performance of the pantomime Dick Whittington. This is being performed by the

Hurricane Theatre

*Company in the school
hall.*

*There is no cost to
parents for this event.*

Yr 6 Pupils

*Parents of Yr 6 pupils
will be invited to two
events early in the new
term:*

At 6:30pm on

Tuesday 17 January

we will be hosting an

end of KS2 SATs

Information Evening

for parents and pupils.

This will be a chance

for everyone to find out

the facts about the new

testing arrangements.

The following week we

will be holding Pupil

and Parent

Consultations for every pupil in Yr 6. These are a new initiative which we hope will ensure that pupils and parents are fully aware of the next steps that need to be taken by the pupils so that they are as prepared as possible for life at secondary school. Each of the Yr 6 teachers will be released during the

school day to meet with the pupils and their parents.

Pupils in Aquamarine Class will have the chance to meet with Mr Thornley on Monday 23 January or Tuesday 24 January 2017.

Whilst pupils in Tanzanite Class will be able to sign up to

meet with Mrs
Woodruffe on
Wednesday 25

January or Friday 27
January 2016.

parents of Yr 2 pupils
after the half term
holiday.

Coats

Parents of Yr 6 pupils
can make their
appointments by
contacting the school
office.

We hope to run a
similar event for the

We do tend to let the
children outside to play
even on the coldest and
wettest of days as,
from experience, the
children do prefer to be
outside rather than

*spending playtimes
indoors.*

*Please do ensure that
your child brings their
coat to school even if
you are dropping them
off at the school gates
by car.*

*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
close on Sunday 15
January 2017. This
is a national process
and the dates are
agreed by all the
Local Authorities.*

*This year there is an
important change:*

*Friday 19 May
2017.*

- *Parents who apply
on time, and will
hear on Thursday
18 April 2017,
or*

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

- *parents who apply
late ie Monday
16 January until
Monday 1 May
2017 and will
not hear until*

*All parents are
required to apply for a
school place - no
places are allocated
automatically. If you*

require help please do
contact our school
office staff who will
endeavour to help.

*From Dinosaurs to
DNA*

*In 2017 Ely
Cathedral are running
a Science exhibition
and we have been asked
to take part in this
exciting event. We*

*will be getting involved
by creating lots of
fantastic pieces of art
work based around
scientific concepts.*

*One of our pieces of
work will involve
making a colour wheel
mobile and this is
where we would like
your help...*

*Please can you send in
clean plastic lids of*

*all shapes, sizes and
colours.*

New Members of Staff

*There will be a
collection box outside
the school office so
that members of our
school community can
drop them off.*

*Thank you for your
support.*

*This term we are
welcoming two new
members of staff to our
school.*

*Mrs Helen Chappell
has been appointed to
teach Carnelian
Class, whilst Miss
Miller is on maternity
leave.*

Miss Louise Durell,
has been appointed to
teach Emerald Class
following the
resignation by Mrs
Brown at the end of
October 2016 due to
ill health.

Initial Teacher
Training Placements

This term we are
welcoming back Miss
Louise Irwin and Mr
Andy Dyer to our
school as they begin
their second school
placement. Miss
Irwin and Mr Dyer
will be working
alongside Mrs Gates
and Mr Smith in
Citrine Class.

In addition we are also
welcoming Miss Sally

Pullar who will be
undertaking her school
placement in Yr 3/4
working alongside
Miss Watts in
Turquoise Class.

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](http://www.sutton.cambs.sch.uk)
[.sch.uk](http://www.sutton.cambs.sch.uk)

Spring Term 2017

Thursday 12 January
– *Pantomime*

Performance of Dick
Whittington

Friday 13 January –
Governors Health and
Safety Audit with the
School Council

Monday 16 January

– *Yr 6 Bikeability*

course starts

Tuesday 17 January –

Yr 6 KS2 SATs

Information Evening at
6:30pm

Tuesday 17 January –

Governors Business

Meeting

Thursday 26 January

– *Parents Maths*

Information Evening

Monday 30 January

– Book Fayre in
school

Wednesday 1 February

– Class Photographs

Thursday 2 February

– Parent

Consultations 3:40

– 5:30pm

Friday 10 February –

*Break Up for Spring
Half Term Holiday.*

Monday 20 February

– Back to school

Wednesday 22

February – Governors’

Finance and Personnel

Committee

Wednesday 8 March

– Governors’ Health
and Safety Committee

Thursday 9 March –

Parent Consultations

5:30 – 7:30pm

Monday 13 March

– Science Week

begins

Thursday 16 March

*– Peterborough Music
Festival*

Friday 31 March –

End of Term

Wednesday 22

06.01.17.

March – Governors’

Teaching and Learning

Committee

Friday 24 March –

Red Nose Day

Wednesday 29

March – Easter

Assembly at St

Andrew’s Church