



Newsletter 9

Anti-Bullying Week

'Anti-bullying' will be the theme of our Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) week.

On Monday 13 November we will be launching the week with our Collective worship and we will be considering the quotation "We have far more in common than that which divides us" - Jo Cox MP.

In school, we will be focusing on - What is bullying? How bullying makes us feel and how we can support others being bullied. The children will be taking part in related lessons, activities and games throughout the week.

During next week, if you have a chance, please ask your child about what they have been doing each day and if they have found the cardboard box - a feature in one of the stories we will be reading!

Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Appeal

Thank you to all the parents and children who got involved in this appeal

this year by donating packed shoe boxes or bringing in contributions for our school boxes. We are delighted to announce that on Tuesday 7th November we were able to pack 89 shoe boxes into the Operation Christmas Child van when it came to collect our donation. Our gifts are now on the way to light up the faces of 89 children with smiles of Christmas joy.

Particular thanks to Dr Redman who spent an afternoon checking all the shoe boxes and preparing them for transit last Friday.

If you still have a shoe box you wish to donate they can still be dropped off at any Shoezone shop until Saturday 18 November.

FOSS Bags2School

Thank you for supporting the recent FOSS Bags2School Collection.

A total of £124 was raised which was a slight increase on the previous collection.

Flu Vaccinations

Parents of pupils in FS, and Yrs 1 to 4, the school nursing team will be coming into school on **Monday 20 November 2017** to administer this year's flu vaccination.

Paperwork supporting this was sent home with your child earlier this week but some replies are outstanding. If you **do not** wish for your child to receive

the vaccine you are asked to return the form with the appropriate box filled in.

Parents of pupils in our Yr 5 and Yr 6 will need to visit their GP surgery if they wish their child to have the vaccination.

Children coming to school on their own

Since starting back after the half term holiday I have had a couple of parents speak to me because they are concerned by the behavior of some of our older pupils who come to school on their own.

There has been a small group of Yr 5/6 pupils cycling and scootering on the pavement along The Brook and, rather than using the designated crossing points along the road they have chosen to cross very close to oncoming traffic.

Parents of pupils who come to school independently are asked to remind their children to use the designated crossing points:

- Our School Crossing Patrol or
- The road island at the junction of The Brook and Stirling Way

when coming to and from school.

Parental Workshop Maths Bar Model

We are currently working with the Local Authority to raise our pupils' attainment levels in Maths.

At our recent INSET Day the teaching staff were introduced to Singapore Maths, more specifically the Bar Model approach to solving mathematical problems.

All the teaching staff felt that this had been a great INSET Training Session and are beginning to use this method with the children in their classes during their maths lessons.

However, we are aware that this method may be unfamiliar to our parents and in order to introduce parents to this new approach we will be running two workshop sessions on the following dates:

Monday 27 November between 9:00 and 9:40am for parents in KS2

Tuesday 28 November between 2:50 and 3:20pm for parents in the FS and KS1

If you would like to attend one of the workshops please do let me know so that the staff running the workshops can be prepared for the number of parents wishing to attend.

We will also be running further workshops in the Spring Term.

KSI and KS2 SATs Information Evening

All parents of pupils in Yr 2 and Yr 6 are invited to come along to a SATs information evening which is being held on Thursday 23 November 2017.

The sessions will start at 6:30pm and will be held in:

the school hall for the KSI parents

Aquamarine Class for the parents of Yr 6 pupils.

It is important that you attend these sessions so that you are aware of the end of key stage tests that your child will take and how you can support them.

Sutton Foodbank

The volunteers at the Sutton Foodbank are currently making up hampers for Christmas and would welcome any donations of seasonal treats for the hampers.

Suggested items include: biscuits, sweets, chocolates, Christmas puddings, mince pies, and toiletries.

There are several collection points around the village including:

Oliver's Barbers

St Andrew's Church

The Children Centre

The Foodbank which is open on Fridays between 11:00 and 12:30pm

We will also collect items if it is easier for parents.

The volunteers at the Foodbank are asking for all donations to be with them by Tuesday 5 December 2017.

Family Worker drop in

Do you have a concern or query about any of your children? Would you like advice around things such as behaviour, anxiety, sleeping, sibling rivalry or self-esteem?

Come along to one of the Parent and Carer Support Drop-ins and chat to an experienced family worker.

To book an appointment please contact the school office or simply just turn up.

The dates until February 2018 are:

Tuesday 21 November 2017

Thursday 14 December 2017

Tuesday 23 January 2018

Wednesday 28 February 2018

All the sessions will run from 9:00 until 11:00am.

PE Kits

Parents are reminded that our pupils will be undertaking PE lessons right through the winter months and as such will need to have in school the appropriate clothing for outdoor PE.

We encourage the children to wear:

T Shirt

Jogging bottoms

Sweatshirt

Change of footwear

Please can parents support their child by reminding them to have their PE kits in school on the days when they have PE.

Pierced Ears

During the school day it is possible for the children to wear stud style earrings.

However, new advice from the Local Authority states that during PE lessons the children should remove their earrings.

If your child finds this difficult on their PE days it may be easier for your children to come to school without earrings in just for that day.

Mr Bate

Thank you to everyone who has been asking after Mr Bate following his recent shoulder operation. I have been speaking to him on a regular basis and he's slowly getting better.

Unfortunately for the school he will be off work at least until the end of term. Please do bear with me whilst I get used to doing the unlocking and locking up routine.

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 2017

Monday 13 November – Anti-Bullying Week

Monday 20 November – Flu Vaccinations for pupils in Yr 1 – 4

Monday 20 November – Yr 6 Bikeability (for 4 days)

Tuesday 21 November – Family Worker Drop-In

Tuesday 21 November – Open Afternoon for September 2018 Admissions

Wednesday 22 November – Open Morning for September 2018 Admissions

Wednesday 22 November – FOSS Cake Break – FS/KSI pupils to bake please

Thursday 23 November – KSI and KS2 SATs Information Evening for Yr 6 and Yr 2 Parents at 6:30pm

Wednesday 29 November – Non-Traditional Sports Day for KS2 Classes

Friday 1 December – FOSS Christmas Bazaar

Monday 4 December – FS Dress Rehearsal

Tuesday 5 December – FS Performance @ 2:00pm

Wednesday 6 December – FS Performance @ 9:30am

Friday 8 December – KSI Dress

Rehearsal

Monday 11 December – KSI

Performance @ 2:00pm

Tuesday 12 December – KSI

Performance @ 2:00pm

Thursday 14 December – Family

Worker Drop-In

Wednesday 14 December – KSI

Performance @ 9:30am

Wednesday 14 December – FS

Christmas Party

Thursday 14 December – Yr 3/4

Christmas Party

Friday 15 December – Christmas

Lunch

Friday 15 December – Christmas

Jumper Day

Friday 15 December – Yr 5/6

Christmas Party

Monday 18 December – KSI Christmas

Party

Monday 18 December – KS2 Carols at

St Andrew's Church

Tuesday 19 December – End of Term

Wednesday 3 January – Staff

INSET Day

Thursday 4 January – School reopens
after the Christmas Holidays.

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