



*Live well, laugh together, learn forever*

## Newsletter 33

### Change 4 Life - Train like a Jedi

Did you know that just 23% of boys and 20% of girls aged 5 to 15 meet the national recommended level of activity of 60 minutes each day?

All Foundation Stage, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils will be coming home with a special Star Wars Train like a Jedi summer holiday's activity pack. Each pack contains challenge ideas, a challenge chart and stickers.

If you have an older child or want more ideas you can also visit the Change4Life website and "May the force be with you!"

### FOSS Cake Break

The Cake Break on Wednesday, 27 June 2018, raised £128.13.

Thank you to everyone who baked and supported the event by buying the cakes.

The last Cake Break of this school year will be held on Wednesday 11 July 2018 – on this occasion we are asking the parents of pupils in our FS and KSI to bake.

## Ticket Letter for the KS2 Performances

On Friday we sent out the ticket letter for our KS2 Performance of Bugsy Malone.

The performances will take place during next week, week beginning Monday 16 July 2018. Parents are reminded to return their reply slips to school so that the tickets can be allocated.

### Sunny Weather

With the warmer weather set to continue possibly until the end of term parents are reminded that we encourage the children to come into school each day with their sun hats (named) and a water bottle.

Sun protection cream should be applied before school. Children are able to bring their own bottle of sun protection cream into school (ensuring that the bottle is clearly named) and this can be re-applied by the child at lunchtime. It's helpful if you can show your child how to apply the sun cream as some of our children are very heavy handed and end up applying nearly a whole bottle in one application.

Please do remind your child that they should not be sharing their sun cream with other children.

### School Meal Payments

Parents in KS2 are reminded that all school meals accounts will need to be settled by the end of term. It will not

be possible to carry across any money owed into the new academic year.

### Book Fayre

On Wednesday 11 July we will be having a Book Fayre arrive at our school, it will be at the school until Tuesday 17 July 2018.

This is a slightly different Book Fayre to previous ones in that all the books are sold at discounted prices. All the books on sale will be half price.

Parents are invited to click on the link below to print out a coupon that will enable them to receive a further 20% discount.

<https://shop.scholastic.co.uk/search/search?log=t&search%5Bquery%5D=gift+voucher>

### Plastic Free Lunch – Tuesday 3 July

As part of our Persuasive Writing Unit the pupils in Yr 3/4 organised for the school to hold a Plastic-Free lunchtime on Tuesday 3 July. This was inspired by David Attenborough's plea to reduce the amount of plastic in our oceans.

The children had a number of tasks to do during the course of the unit including: writing to Miss Gilbert to persuade her to let the children host the event, the children supported their request by including the reasons why they felt this was an important cause.

Next they wrote to their parents, to ask them to support the event, they also included in their letters suggestions about how a plastic free lunch could be achieved. They were also asked to

design posters to display around the school to promote the event to the whole school community.

On the day lots of families supported the event by sending their children into school with plastic lunches that did not contain single use plastic. One pupil even came to school with their lunch in a school box rather than their plastic lunch box!

All the children were very enthusiastic about the unit of work and many are keen to carry on the idea of reducing the amount of single use plastic that is used at the school.

Thank you for your support with this initiative.

### Foundation Stage and Pre-school Sports Day

On Wednesday 4 July, the pupils in Ruby and Sapphire class arrived at school ready and raring to go, with their PE kits and sun hats on and sun cream applied. They headed out onto the field armed with their water bottles, where they met the pre-school children from Paintbox.

Attentively watched by parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends, the children enjoyed taking part in twelve different races. Particular favourites were the classic egg and spoon and sack races.

When asked at the end if they had had fun, it was a resounding "Yes!", with one child saying "Can we do it again now?"

There are some photos from this event on our school website ([www.sutton.cambs.sch.uk](http://www.sutton.cambs.sch.uk)) for parents and children to view.

### **KSI Sports Day**

On Wednesday 4 July, the KSI children gathered excitedly to take part in their Sports Day. They were placed into teams of eight and during the event had the chance to take part in twelve different activities including hockey dribble, shuttle running, throwing javelins and jumping over the mini hurdles.

The children all took part enthusiastically and demonstrated good sportsmanship throughout the event.

We are grateful to all the parents who came along to cheer on the children and to all the school staff who helped by supporting groups of children and in setting up equipment and gazebos.

There are some photos from this event on our school website ([www.sutton.cambs.sch.uk](http://www.sutton.cambs.sch.uk)) for parents and children to view.

### **Get Active Festival.**

On Friday 6 July our Yr 2 pupils took part in a Get Active Festival at the Isle of Ely Primary School in Ely. There were lots of schools at the festival and each one was asked to represent a country; pupils from Sutton were asked to represent Spain.

During the festival the children competed in a range of multi skills including: balancing on a wobble

cushion, standing on one leg on a rod whilst balancing a bean bag on their head, throw beanbags into hoops and even playing seated volley ball.

The children all had a fantastic morning and showed great sportsmanship throughout all the events.

All the children were praised by the Get Active staff and the bus driver for their good behaviour during the event.

If you would like to see some photos of the event please go to our school website:

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

### **Leavers Service**

On Monday 23 July 2018 we will be holding our formal Leavers Service at St Andrew's Church. This is the time when we say Goodbye to our Yr 6 pupils as they move up to secondary school.

We will be leaving school at about 1:30pm and would welcome adult support to help supervise the children as we walk to and from the church. If you are able to help please do let your child's class teacher know.

### **School Meals**

Earlier this term I wrote to our school community to explain that our current school meal provider, Cambridgeshire Catering Services (CCS) would be ceasing its school meal provision during the Autumn Term.

Our school worked with four other primary schools within the Witchford Area Schools Partnership (WASP) to find an alternative school meal provider.

Following the tender process four companies were invited to meet the Headteacher and governor representatives from all four schools on Monday 25 June. Each company present was asked to participate in a number of different activities including:

- Meeting with the representatives from the different schools to answer questions about their companies and the provision they hoped to provide to the schools.
- Food sampling; each company was asked to bring along samples from their menus for the school representatives to try.
- A 30 minute presentation followed by questions from the school representatives.

At the end of the day and following comparisons of the different tenders that were submitted, I am pleased to inform parents that it was a unanimous decision to award the school meals contract to TnS.

This company impressed the school representatives with their:

- passion to provide good quality food to the children
- ability to invest in the training of the new staff – the company has a proven track record of staff investment

- willingness to provide opportunities to the whole school community by hosting food workshops and promotional events during the school year to promote a greater interest in healthy eating

It is anticipated that the new company will finalise their plans and take over the school meal contract at the beginning of October 2018.

Unfortunately, there will be a small price increase with school meals costing £2.35 when TnS take over but all the school representatives present felt that this would be reflected in an increase in the quality of the ingredients used and therefore the overall meals provided.

### School Attendance

Please be aware that from September, Witchford Area Schools Partnership (WASP) has agreed that our Attendance Policy will include referral for fixed penalty fines. Those taking holidays which are three consecutive school days or more should expect a fixed penalty notice of £60 per child per parent.

This does not mean that holidays less than three days are acceptable and these too will not be authorised.

Low attendance in general can also lead to a fixed penalty fine and unauthorised days are taken into account.

## Recycle your Stamps

Mr Smith and the School Council are launching a collection of used stamps for the UK Air Ambulance Service. The stamps collected will help raise some money for this very important charity.

The Air Ambulance Service respond to life threatening medical emergencies and the School Council would like to help them because they rely entirely on charitable donations.

All we need you to do is cut or carefully tear the stamped corner from any envelope or parcel and then bring them to the collection box by the school office. You may find it easier to have a collection at home in an envelope and send them in all at once.

We are looking to send our first donation of used stamps to the charity before the end of this academic year so please bring them in before then.

Good luck collecting!

## Family Worker Drop Ins

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.

Emily Norman, the family worker linked to our school will next be in school on:

Wednesday 18 July 13.10-15.10

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

## Book Amnesty

Thank you to everyone who has responded to our recent book amnesty. If, like me, you haven't yet had the tidy that you've been planning don't worry, it will be possible for you to return any school books at any point during the academic year by dropping them off at the main school office. Thank you for your help.

## Free School Meals

Following a recent consultation by the DfE there will be a new income threshold for all families receiving or going onto Universal Credits (UC)

From 1 April 2018 the new Income Threshold has changed to £7,400 net pay per annum (take home pay). This means that more families may be eligible to claim for this financial help. In addition to the families receiving the financial help schools will also receive financial help for every successful claim until the child moves on to secondary school.

If you think that this change will impact on your family please call in to the main school office and speak to either Mrs Ingram or Mrs Horwood.

## Foster Carers

Have you ever considered becoming a foster carer? If so, now is a great time

to start your fostering journey as Cambridgeshire County Council's fostering service is currently recruiting carers to a wide range of rewarding roles.

To find out more about how you can make a difference to the lives of local children and young people, call today on 0800 052 0078 or visit [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/fostering](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/fostering)

**Thursday 19 July** – KS2 Performance at 1:30pm

**Monday 23 July** – Leavers Service at St Andrew's Church

**Monday 23 July** – Yr 6 Leavers BBQ 4:00-6:00pm

**Tuesday 24 July** – Break Up for the Summer Holidays

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### 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](mailto:office@sutton.cambs.sch.uk)
4. If you just need to check out some information use our new website:  
[www.sutton.cambs.sch.uk](http://www.sutton.cambs.sch.uk)

### Summer Term 2018

**Tuesday 10 July** – FS/September Admissions Teddy Bears Picnic at 2:15pm

**Wednesday 11 July** – FOSS Cake Break – FS/KSI Parents to bake please

**Friday 13 July** – KS2 Dress Rehearsal

**Monday 16 July** – KS2 Performance at 1:30pm

**Tuesday 17 July** – KS2 Performance at 1:30pm

**Wednesday 18 July** – FS pupils to Wicken Fen

**Wednesday 18 July** – KS2 Performance at 9:30am