



Merry Christmas!

Newsletter 14

Paper Copy

Apologies for sending everyone a paper copy of this week's Newsletter. We have a nasty cough/cold going around the school and it's depleted the office staff.

I've realised today that I'm not trained in sending Newsletters out using the new parentmail system. ...

FOSS Raffle Tickets

There is still time to buy a raffle square as the draw will be taking during the morning of Friday 15 December.

If you'd like tickets but can't get into school please put the money into an envelope for your child to bring to the school office and we'll pass it onto the members of the FOSS Committee on your behalf.

Squares cost: 50p each or 3 for £1.

The draw will take place on Friday 15 December 2017.

Music Exam Success

Congratulations to the following pupils who earlier this term participated in some music exams:

Ruby Read who passed her recorder exam

Alannah Harper who also passed her recorder exam

Lily Thorpe who passed her recorder exam with a merit

School Christmas Lunch

Unfortunately it is now too late to book your child in for the school Christmas Lunch which will be held on **Friday 15 December 2017**.

Children who have not been booked in for the lunch by the deadline date will be asked to bring a packed lunch to school on that day.

The festivities on that day will still involve children who are having a packed lunch.

Tins and Trays from Cake Break

We still have a couple of tins and trays that have not been claimed following our KSI/FS Cake Break held on Wednesday 22 November 2017.

If you are missing a tin or tray they are in the main office.

Christmas Jumper Day

We will be supporting the Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 15 December.

The charity 'Save the Children' has been supporting children whose families have fled the war in Syria and more recently children who were made homeless by the devastating hurricanes that swept across the Caribbean in September.

Please don't go out and buy a Christmas jumper, take an old one and make it festive by adding tinsel, decorations or even both!
Each child and member of staff wearing a Christmas jumper is asked to donate £1.00 to support 'Save the Children' with their national Christmas Jumper Day.

The children should wear their school uniform **under** their jumpers.

Christmas Parties

Our remaining Christmas Parties will be taking place on the following dates:

Friday 15 December	Yr 5/6
Monday 18 December	Yr 1/2

All the children will have lunch as usual on the day of their party. KS2 children will be able to change into their party clothes after lunch. For ease our Yr 1/2 children will be allowed to wear their party clothes to school on the day of their party.

Each team has a list displayed where you can sign up for your party contribution. The lists have been on display since Monday 4 December 2017 to help parents who like to have a bit of notice. Please ask your child's class teacher if you are not sure.

On the day of your child's party school will end at the usual time. If you would like to help at your child's party please let your child's class teacher know.

KS2 Christmas Carol Service at St Andrew's Church

Our KS2 children will be celebrating Christmas at St Andrew's Church with a traditional Christmas Carol Service on Monday 18 December 2017. The service is open to parents and grandparents who would like to join us.

We will be walking to the church after lunch (1:25pm) on that day and would welcome any offers of help to walk with the children to and from the school. If you are able to help please do let us know.

School Closure due to bad weather or lack of utility services

Very occasionally I have to take the decision to close the school to the pupils. This may be due to a number of reasons:

- No water – where the estimated repair is long and likely to impact on the school

day for toilets, handwashing and cooking

- No electricity and the estimated repair is likely to impact on the school day
- No heating
- Bad weather

Once I've taken the decision to close the school I will notify parents via the following means:

- School website
- Parentmail
- Sutton Noticeboard – via Kirstie Sole and Melissa Wolland
- Radio Cambridgeshire
- Heart 103 and 102.7.

Primary School Admissions Process for September 2018

Parents of pre-school children who will be starting at primary school in September 2018 are advised that the application process for school places opened on Thursday 16 November and will **close on Monday 15 January 2017**. This is a national process and the dates are agreed by all the Local Authorities.

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

All parents are required to apply for a school place – no places are allocated automatically.

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 23 January 2018

Wednesday 28 February 2018

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

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

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

Dates for the Spring Term 2018

Wednesday 3 January – Staff INSET Day

Thursday 4 January – School reopens after the Christmas Holidays.

Staff INSET Day in January

On Wednesday 3 January the teachers will be participating in a WASP Partnership Training Day. The focus for the day will be Science and assessment techniques that we can use when working with pupils in all age groups.

Spring Term 2018

We will start back to school after the Christmas holidays on Thursday 4 January.

Molly Men Visit

The Mepal Molly Men will be visiting the school on Monday 8 January to celebrate Plough Monday.

The Molly Men are a group of volunteers who visit schools to keep alive the local traditions. Plough Monday is

traditionally the first Monday in January after the New Year.

Mr Bate

Thank you to everyone who has been very patient with me whilst I've got to grips with Mr Bate's varied roles at the school.

Mr Bate will hopefully be starting back to work on a phased return in mid-January. He's not 100% yet but is definitely 'getting there!'

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