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Newsletter 13

Snow

The weather forecast for the next couple of days is for snowy weather. As a school we will try to remain open but the difficulty comes if staff are unable to get to the school from their homes. If it became necessary to close the school due to the weather then I would contact Sutton Noticeboard, through Mrs Wolland and Mrs Sole. Notification will also be put onto the school website and I will also make an announcement on the following radio stations:

- BBC Radio Cambridgeshire
- Heart 103 and 102.7
- Star 107 FM Radio

If the school is open and there is snow on the ground we will still be going out for playtimes. Please can all the children come to school with a warm coat and a change of shoes and socks – wellington boots are ideal for the snow. This will enable us to enjoy the snow whilst keeping our carpets clean and dry.

Be Food Smart!

The new app from Change4Life will help you and your family to be more

food smart. Unfortunately most children are having too much sugar, saturated fat and salt in their everyday food and drinks. This is putting them at risk of weight gain, heart disease, type 2 diabetes and some cancers, as they get older.

The new, easy-to-use FREE Be Food Smart app is here to help you make smart decisions about the food your family eats. With a simple scan you'll see how much sugar, saturated fat and salt is in your food and drink and you'll also find hints and tips for healthier choices.

Why not download the app now from Google Play or the App Store?

Yr 6 Bikeability – next week

Parents are advised that the majority of our Yr 6 pupils will be undertaking the Bikeability training course next week.

The participating children will be bringing their bikes into school during the week whilst they undertake the training sessions.

Please be aware of the implications this may mean for the start and end of the school day.

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. .

School Pantomime

Today the children have been able to watch a performance of the pantomime Dick Whittington. This was performed by the Hurricane Theatre Company in the school hall.

There was no cost to parents for this event. I hope the children enjoyed this traditional form of English theatre.

Parenting Support Opportunities

The Children's Centre's in Ely and Sutton are both running the following course this term, Enabling Families. Both courses are three weeks in length.

The Ely Course starts on Tuesday 24 January and will be held at the Ely Children's Centre between 12:45 and 2:45pm. The content of the course will look at:

- communication styles
- assertive listening
- conflict resolution

- self-esteem
- understanding anxiety

The content is relevant to all parents with children aged from 4yrs old.

The course being held at the Sutton Children's Centre, just behind the school will be starting on Wednesday 1 March between 9:30am and 11:30am.

For more information about either course please contact Ely, Littleport and Witchford Locality Team on 01353 612800.

Ely 501's Creative Writing Challenge

Can your child tell a fascinating tale in under 501 words? Then enter Ely 501's Creative Writing Challenge. Their story needs to be all their own work and can be any length up to the maximum of 501 words.

Each class teacher will talk to their classes about the competition and will be able to provide an information sheet with an application form in due course, but if your child would like to get busy writing, more information can be found on the Ely Standard website http://www.elystandard.co.uk/news/can_you_tell_a_fascinating_tale_in_under_501_words_then_enter_ely_501_s_creative_writing_challenge_14839615

Here is a list of six opening lines that you can use to start your story, or you can use your own!

1. Slower than a tortoise, it began to move.
2. 'What's that knocking?'
3. Twelve. Yes, twelve was going to be enough.
4. Old? It wasn't that old. Or was it...?
5. There was just enough space to squeeze through.
6. Far away in the distance, they could just see the mountains.

This year's judge is Julian Sedgwick who has written the Mysterium series of books.

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

We hope to run a similar event for the parents of Yr 2 pupils after the half term holiday.

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:

- Parents who apply **on time** will hear on Thursday 18 April 2017, or
- parents who apply late ie Monday 16 January until Monday 1 May 2017 will not hear until Friday 19 May 2017.

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. 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.

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.

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

Spring Term 2017

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

Wednesday 22 March – Governors' Teaching and Learning Committee

Friday 24 March – Red Nose Day

Wednesday 29 March – Easter Assembly at St Andrew's Church

Friday 31 March – End of Term

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