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Wishing you a very happy Christmas

From Christmas parties to Christingle services and carol concerts.....we have managed to do it all! Following an extremely challenging term we have reached the Christmas holiday break and would like to thank you all for your support and co-operation during this time. The children have been remarkable and have really showed us that they had the skills and resilience to be ready to learn right from the get-go in September. In particular, well done to our Reception children who perhaps had missed an entire term of valuable pre-school experience before joining us this year—you have amazed us!

For me as the Interim Headteacher this term, I would like to wholeheartedly thank you for the warm welcome that you have all shown me and for recognising the differences made this term. I have often been stopped by parents who comment positively about their child's experiences with us and these comments are hugely appreciated. I know that I speak on behalf of all of the staff when I say that they too appreciate your ongoing support. I would also like to pass on thanks for the cards and gifts that have been received at the school. From all of us at Sutton, may we wish you a very happy and peaceful Christmas and all the best for 2021.

We look forward to seeing the children back on 5th January.



Christingle service and carol services

Sadly we were unable to visit the church this year for our usual Christingle and carol services. However, we did not let that stop us! On Monday morning, children from across the school all made their own Christingles and talked with their teachers about what each component represented— orange (the world), red ribbon (love and blood of Christ), sweets and dried fruit (God's creations), candle (Jesus's light in the world that brings hope to those who live in darkness).

On Monday afternoon we then joined virtually with other schools and classes from across Cambridgeshire to be part of the Ely Diocese Christingle service. This was another great chance for the children to see siblings in other classes as well as friends from other schools in a show of unity at this time of the year.

No Christmas would be complete without the addition of a school carol service, and this year was no exception. Green bubble (Y3 & 4) and Blue bubble (Y5 & Y6) sang Christmas carols and completed readings in the school grounds on Friday. It has to be said that the sound of the children resonating across the school was particularly spine tingling! Well done to those who managed to hit those high notes and who also contributed to stunning descants as well as solo performances. You certainly gave us all a Christmassy feel.



See our classrooms!

We know that many parents joined us for our 'Meet the teacher' event early in the term, which provided the opportunity to virtually 'see' classrooms and learn about routines in readiness for the start of the Autumn term. Although parents have been unable to physically see our learning environments, we are still keen to share our work with you. With that in mind, please do visit our website at www.sutton.cambs.sch.uk where you will see a video of our school and of a particularly festive dance, put together by the staff. We hope that you enjoy it and that it still provides you with an insight into life at Sutton and what your children experience every day during their time with us. This will be particularly helpful to Reception parents who may never have had a chance to walk through the doors due to COVID restrictions.

Headteacher roll of honour

Lucas in Citrine Class—Lucas showed himself to be an excellent example of a chorister this week when he really hit those high notes during our Christmas carols—excellent Lucas, well done!

Jason in Emerald Class—Jason has been very quick to share his mathematical understanding and reasoning with me. It is wonderful to hear his explanations.

Forthcoming Dates

18th December—Last day of term

4th January—Training day (school closed to children)

5th January - All children return

Kindles kindly donated by Friends of Sutton School (FOSS)

Our supply of IT equipment was enhanced this week, with the kind donation of two new Kindles for each class, thanks to the fundraising efforts of Friends of Sutton (FOSS). This year has been particularly challenging for any type of fundraising events, however we are proud to share how your money has been used to benefit the children in our school. By taking part in the many events planned by FOSS over the years, you have helped us in securing more devices for children so that they can access greater IT facilities at Sutton—something we are all moving towards. THANK YOU FOSS, we greatly appreciate your support.



We have also been in receipt of **10 brand new laptops** this week, as a result of a successful funding bid that Mrs Jarman put forward to the 'Opportunity Area', along with a licence for some of our machines to use 'Clicker6' for some children who perhaps struggle to record their ideas using pen and paper. These are invaluable resources for our children to use and we know they will help children to continue to succeed.

School Dinner Accounts

Please ensure that all dinner accounts are settled as soon as possible. Payment is to be made via the MCAS app or at

<https://www.mychildatschool.com/MCAS/MCSParentLogin>

Fifty things to do before you're five

This is a new joint project between the Fenland and East Cambridgeshire Opportunity Area, Cambridgeshire County Council Early Years Service and Peterborough City Council Early Years Service.

Fifty things to do before you're five provides a framework of low cost or no cost activities for families that are designed to be universally accessible, play-based, and fun, giving parents confidence to try something they may not otherwise have seen the value in doing with their child, for example, walking to the park and having a serve and return conversation with their child as they make something out of sticks.

It can be accessed in different ways – primarily through an app that is free to download and through posters and activity cards that can be distributed and shared widely. The app was developed to provide a format that was accessible to everyone in the local community to use activity-based learning to drive speech and language development in children under age 5.

The app is available **now** from the App store on a smart device, or via the web page

<https://cambspboro.50thingstodo.org/app/os>.



Saturday 19th December
Xmas Pound Bazaar

All items £1

Gifts for everyone even pets !

All money raised goes directly towards
our Technology Fundraising for Sutton
Primary school

Everybody welcome

10am Onwards

3 Church Lane , Sutton



Friends Of Sutton School proudly present....

THE DAY OF MISRULE!

Dear parents and carers,

We are excited to tell you that on the **8TH January 2021** we are celebrating the day of misrule. For this one day only, the children at school will be allowed to 'break' specific school rules. To have a fantastic day of rule breaking there will be a small financial fine which will add to the technology fund that FOSS are working on.

The day of misrule also known as the twelfth night, traditionally falls on the 5th or 6th January; however, for the children to get the most from the day we will be holding it on the Friday.

If you would like your child to take part, please read the instructions below.

Children can choose any number of the specified rules to break from the list below. They may choose 1, several or all the rules. The fine is set at **50p per rule** or **£2.50p for breaking all the rules in the list**.

The aim is to make this a fun and exciting experience while raising money for the school, but there will be reminders that **ALL OTHER SCHOOL RULES APPLY**

Rules that can be broken are-

Having a wacky hairstyle/temporary hair colour-50p

Wearing nail varnish-50p

Put on face paint/make up/glitter-50p

Wear temporary tattoos-50p

Wear a non-uniform top-50p

Wear non-uniform trousers/shorts or skirt-50p

Wear crazy socks or tights-50p

Wear trainers or boots (no high heels or open toed please)-50p

Bring squash in your water bottle (no fizzy drinks please)-50p

Break all the above rules for £2.50p

There is no obligation to take part in the day of misrule. We hope those who choose to partake enjoy their day of rule breaking.

To make payment please use bank transfer to the Friends of Sutton School account

Sort code: 30-93-05

Account Number: 00337548

Please use your Childs surname and class as a reference when paying.

Please use the following link to access the form to indicate which rules your child will be breaking on the day-

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSceTYpyjZT9vK8RuipIkshzBnTgVCkEDO44ogYdyUtRknQZyw/viewform>

Please ensure responses and payment are made by Monday 4th January 2021, this will enable us to let the school know who will be breaking the rules during the day of misrule.

At the bottom of the day of misrule form you will find a consent to contact option, without your consent we will be unable to further communicate via social media, digital and more traditional means any future events that we put on. We try to advertise our events on class dojo, MCAS and social media pages. Please make sure you tick the consent box if you would like us to remain in contact.

Thank you again for your continued support

Team FOS