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February half term closure

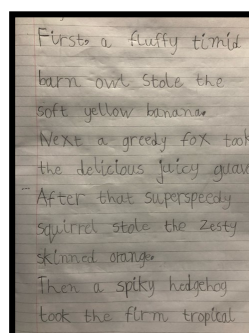
Following a recent DFE announcement, our school will be fully closed over the February half term holiday period and is not expected to remain open to vulnerable children and the children of critical workers during that week. Through the Covid Winter Grant Scheme we will continue to provide eligible families with food vouchers during this half term break.

If your child tests positive for Covid within the 48 hour period since being in school after the half term break commences, we would ask you to advise us by e-mailing office@sutton.cambs.sch.uk so that we are able to assist with contact tracing over the half term period. After this 48 hour time frame (ending Sunday 21st February at 3.30pm), families should notify NHS Test and Trace.

Mindfulness Week—Take Notice

The theme for our Mindfulness Week has been 'Take Notice' and we are so pleased that children both in school and at home have been able to contribute to this. With the added bonus of a snowfall over the weekend, there was every excuse to look at our surroundings in new ways and to 'take notice' of what is around us.

Children have taken part in a range of linked activities, and have been working both indoors and outdoors to think about their environment and to have a sense of being 'mindful'. In Sapphire and Ruby classes, there was a focus upon the work of Andy Goldsworth and the children used his work to take inspiration in creating their own sculptures. They collected items from outdoors to create sculptures with varying textures and colours. In Tanzanite and Aquamarine classes, the children have used the well known story of 'Handa's Surprise' to base their own story upon, with a slight twist.....the children had to put their story into a new setting! In Years 3 and 4, the children worked hard on making their own 'Good Karma' booklet. They can now use ideas from this to become more 'mindful' and to remind them of how to bring greater positivity to their own and to others' lives. Year 5 and Year 6 children have been working hard on writing Greek Mythology tales and have been using this opportunity to let their minds wander to new and mythical lands. Below you are able to see some of the exciting things happening inside and outside of our school!



Journey to defeat the Minotaur by Phoebe

As the sun was setting in the distant, dusky skies, brave, determined Theseus crept slowly and steadily around the unpredictable, hard stone walls of the labyrinth. He could smell the unforgiving stench of rotting, blood-soaked flesh stripped bones decaying on the uneven cold floors. As he ventured further into the maze, at descant sketches of children as if they were being unexpectedly torn from their safe beds, Theseus could hear the blood curdling, night. Ahead of him, Theseus could see endless, circling dimly lit passages which would lead him closer to the beast. As he held his mighty sword tightly in his clenched fist, the wind whistled through the labyrinth bouncing off the impenetrable walls.....

Headteacher roll of honour

Lola in Zircon Class—Lola has been committed to her work in the success@remote group and has shown real enthusiasm for these sessions. She really deserves a special mention this week.

Mia in Ruby Class—Mia has shared a wonderful video of her completing the 'Hold a sentence' part of our phonics lesson this week. She is perfectly demonstrating how to use 'Fred talk' to help her spell words. We are so proud of her.

Forthcoming Dates

9th February: Safer internet day

w/c 15th February: HALF TERM (**CHILDREN RETURN 22ND FEBRUARY**)

17th February at 7pm: FOSS EGM (Zoom meeting)

1st March: Book week

16th March: Parent consultation evening (more details to follow)

25th March: Parent consultation evening (more details to follow)

29th March to 9th April: EASTER HOLIDAYS

12th April: INSET DAY (school closed to children)

13th April—Children return



Google Classroom

Instructions for Parents – How to use our school's Google Classroom

Follow these steps so you and your child are able to view and check the comments made by a teacher in Google Classroom. Some staff will use this facility to write individual comments for children or children may even be able to listen to a voice recording from their teacher that provides verbal feedback.

In Google Classroom select "Classwork" and top left select the "view your work" tab. Looking down the list of work you've handed in and notice the little speech bubble to show where the teacher has commented.



For those who do not know Friends of Sutton School (FOSS) is our school charity fundraising team.

It is with great sadness that it is likely that FOSS will be closing its doors one final time on the 17th February 2021 at the EGM Meeting.

The current committee have been on 5 years despite some of them not having children at the school anymore.

The FOSS team have loved being on FOSS but it is in need of a new committee to take it forward.

FOSS run events throughout the year, such as our school fete, christmas bazaar, discos, cake breaks just to name a few.

FOSS fundraising funds are crucial in helping the school to subsidise school trips, provide additional support and equipment for the school community.

Most recently the FOSS team has led a very successful campaign with its "Masks for megabytes" making face coverings for the whole community and even made and sent masks to Ireland and the USA.

We as the school desperately do not want to lose this valuable asset to the school, so please if you want to save FOSS please join them for the EGM Meeting and consider joining the committee.

17th February 2021 at 7pm via zoom

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