

# Newsletter 5

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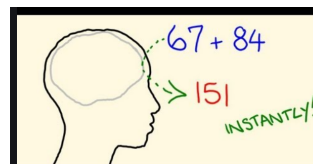
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## Maths videos

This week we look at how partitioning numbers can be helpful in mental addition, as well as using 'near doubles' to calculate a problem mentally. This technique is useful when children want to add numbers together quickly and using the most efficient methods. The video easily explains how you can help children at home with arriving at an answer, using what they already know. It is available on the school website or alternatively you can follow the link here

[www.sutton.cambs.sch.uk/website/maths\\_zone/505852](http://www.sutton.cambs.sch.uk/website/maths_zone/505852)

Children are more likely to remember such strategies if they have chance to use them in real life, so please do provide lots of opportunities when you are out and about or at home to put these methods into practice.



## Harvest Festival donations for Ely foodbank

Ely Foodbank are very keen to collect donations to mark Harvest Festival this year. We will be celebrating Harvest in school this year on Friday 16th October. There will be boxes stationed at each of the gates on the morning of Friday 16th October where the food items can be placed. They will be collected by the Foodbank at 9.20am (so please do not bring in donations after this time). Please keep this in mind when doing your food shop. To find out more about the work of the foodbank, please visit

[www.elyfoodbank.org.uk](http://www.elyfoodbank.org.uk)



## Are you travelling abroad at half term? IMPORTANT INFORMATION

We know that some families may have holidays booked already in half term. The current list of countries that have travel corridors with the UK and where an isolation period is not needed on their return can be [found here](#). If a pupil returns from one of the destinations not on this list, they will be required to isolate for 14 days and not attend school. It will be a requirement to provide remote education for these pupils. Although we clearly wouldn't endorse taking time away from school, please could you let us know if you are intending to travel to one of the country's not listed in the link by e-mailing the office staff at [office@sutton.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:office@sutton.cambs.sch.uk). The government message continues to be against 'all but essential' international travel.

## Wellness Week at Sutton Primary

This week marked 'Wellness Week' at Sutton Primary, where we all considered ways in which to incorporate the '6 Wells of Wellbeing' into our everyday lives. These were: Be Active, Keep Learning, Give, Connect, Take Notice and Care for the planet. The week began with an assembly from Mrs Jarman, who explained how Danish people use the phrase 'hygge' to remind them of things that create a sense of happiness and a good sense of well being. During the assembly, the whole school were set a challenge of learning a new skill, so that they could appreciate how well being can be achieved through persevering and setting goals for ourselves. The whole school learned to 'sign' a familiar song, whilst other classes learned how to line dance, how to speak in another language and Mrs Jarman even honed her window cleaning skills, which you can see on our School dojo story. Mr Baxter also taught all children across the school, the art of Tai Chi. We hope that your children enjoyed the week and have learned more about the ways in which they can make a good contribution to their own well being and perhaps that of others.



# Headteacher roll of honour

Oliver from Tanzanite Class—Oliver has been making a real effort with his writing this week. He has tried really hard to record sounds that he knows—great work Oliver!

Elodie from Aquamarine Class—Each time we see Elodie with a spare moment, she has her nose in a book. It is a pleasure to see her love of reading and that she knows how to select a good author!

Leo in Carnelian Class—Leo shows kindness, compassion and enthusiasm in all that he does. We see him being respectful at all times and it is lovely to have him in our school.

## Forthcoming Dates

14th Oct—Parent consultation evening (please see previously circulated information)

16th Oct—Harvest celebrations (see above)

20th Oct—Parent consultation evening (please see previously circulated information)

23rd October—Training day (school closed to children)

w/c 26th Oct—Half term (children return on 2nd Nov)

## Cake Sale at the Church

There will be a cake sale in the church porch, this Saturday from 10am until 12 noon. This will be a socially distanced event and there is a request to pay by card if at all possible.



## Permission forms

We currently have many outstanding 'permission forms', that include permission to take children's photos in school (including the school photographer). Please could you ensure that these are sent or e-mailed into the school office as soon as possible? If you require another form, please do let the office staff know. Thank you

## Flu Vaccination – Updated guidance

The Local Authority have been made aware that some parents are concerned that if their child develops a high temperature after having the flu vaccine, they won't know whether to isolate and book a test or not for Covid-19. [This poster](#) emphasises why it is important to get the flu vaccine and this link <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/child-flu-vaccine/> may be useful too. The Local Authority have had feedback from Public Health colleagues who have provided the following information:- The nasal spray flu vaccine can cause a mild fever which should respond to paracetamol. This does make it difficult to distinguish from Covid. However, the important thing is the timing - does it occur soon after the vaccination? If this is the case, it is more likely to be due to the vaccine. Giving the child a flu vaccine means that the family is less likely to get flu so less likely to need testing and self-isolation. We have been asked to share this information with parents.

### Attendance monitoring

Our attendance policy has just been revised and approved by the Governing Body and is available on the school website. The policy aims to promote good attendance at school and to support families where this is not being achieved. We know that we cannot help your children learn, without them being present with their teacher.

We do understand that children can be affected by common childhood illnesses, and this is why we only raise awareness of attendance issues with parents when this falls below 96%. For all children on the school roll, attendance is regularly monitored and if you do receive a letter notifying you that your child's attendance is below 96%, please be reassured that no further action will be necessary, providing attendance improves. Clearly, if attendance continues to decline, we want to work with you in ensuring that this can be reversed rapidly. Of course, we will be taking careful consideration of families where children may have had to self isolate and will not be including those situations in our figures.



## classtime or Facetime?



**CORONAVIRUS HASN'T GONE AWAY**

**We don't want our school to close.**

**Following safety measures at home  
will help keep our classrooms open.**



For further updates and information check our websites  
which will be regularly updated [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk)  
[www.peterborough.gov.uk](http://www.peterborough.gov.uk) • [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)

