



Sutton Valence Primary School

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Newsletter: Weekending 16th June 2017

School Staffing

Sadly despite us still having this half term of work ahead of us we already have a small group of parents asking various members of staff, for the last couple of weeks, re the plans for September 2017. Our plans for Sept 17 will not be fully announced until later this term. I would like the focus to remain on the term ahead; a very important term's work for final assessments for your child.

What can be shared at this stage is that we have some staff leaving this summer. Mrs Excell (year six), who has been with the school since 2009 is leaving to take up supply work to offer her more flexibility for her family. Mrs Loughlin (cover teacher) is retiring this year in order to travel (lucky her!). Miss Sargeant (Reception year) leaves us to explore opportunities outside of teaching and Miss Glewis (year two) is moving onto a local school at Colliers Green.

I'm positive you will join our school team in wishing them well in their next steps and thank them for their dedication to the school, especially Mrs Loughlin who has been here since the start of my headship positively supporting the journey the school has been on.

In the last few weeks we have had various applicants' tour the school, with some interviewed for a potential post. I'm very pleased to share that we are fully staffed for September. In addition you should know that, as a school leader, I am personally very pleased with the appointments; especially when I reflect on our current needs towards our next OFSTED inspection. The full team of staff for September 2017 will be shared with you alongside your child's Report Target updates and latest attainment detail which is due home on July 14th.

School finances

You will have, no doubt, heard various news items about the financial position that schools are currently facing. The Government response to this area each time states that schools have never been so well funded. This may well be a fact, but it also needs to be stated that as a basic that needed to happen due to the growing child population. Simple really! What is not discussed publically enough is the amount of extra financial responsibilities each individual school now needs to cover that were once the responsibility of the Local Authority or even central Government without an increase within a school budget. Having discussed this with my colleague head teachers some of them have to take drastic action and are cutting staff costs to enable them to finance their school for September. When Mrs Excell and Mrs Loughlin leave us in July their posts will not be replaced; we will cover this internally. There will need to be some other changes in the year ahead so that the school is able to cover its costs.

Kent Test

The Kent Test window is now open for year five parents wishing their child to sit this test. I met some parents last week to discuss this test and school results. If any year five parents still need to do this please make contact via the office, or catch up with me when I'm on parking duty!

Healthy Body, Healthy Mind

Next week we will have a focus of work around keeping our mind and body healthy and how these two factors impact on each other. Please look at the website during the week to find out what the children have been studying. We'll also have an update next week with this.



Forest School

Please drop off any washed glass jam or pickle jars with lids in to the office for our Forest School.

Can Adults please bring these to the front desk.

Allotment

Huge thanks to Mr Kyoybashieva (Dennis and Aylins dad) who recently laid pathways.

MORE EXCITING ALLOTMENT NEWS TO FOLLOW

Attendance and Punctuality



This week the class with the best attendance was: Rabbits with a fantastic 99.60%. Well done! Unfortunately 15 late arrivals from across the school were recorded during this week. This has a big impact on how children start their day in school.

Hedgehogs	- 3
Rabbits	- 3
Foxes	- 1
Woodpeckers	- 1
Owls	- 1
Squirrels	- 3
Moles	- 3

Thank you for continuing to support your child's learning journey by bringing them to school on time.

Sports Morning

Next Friday (23rd) we have our Sports morning. You are more than welcome to bring a chair / blanket to have a space to observe the events. Once you drop your children off we will open up the field gate to the side of the school to enable you to walk around the back of the school. The children will be out on the field at 9:30am so that you have plenty of time to retrieve seats etc. should you want them. We are planning that this will last between two to two and a half hours and end before the hottest part of the day.

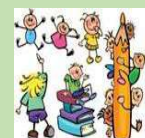
Now that we have a forecast ahead of positive weather we are pleased to offer an opportunity for you to stay and have a picnic on the field should you wish to. If you are unable to do this, don't worry as the classes can sit together for their lunch. Our only request is that if your child is in year R, 1 and 2 and you do not require a picnic lunch you let the office staff know asap so that Debbie (our cook) does not waste food, alongside the costs of this.

I am happy if, following the picnic, you want to take your child home directly rather than leave and come back within a short time frame. The children will all leave the field together, go inside, collect their belongings and come out to any parents on the playground as part of a normal collection procedure. We can then be assured who has gone home with whom.

Please be aware that if you are intending to take photographs, as part of our Safeguarding procedures, you will be required to sign an authorised register around photograph use.



Golden Children



This week's Golden Children are

Hedgehogs:	Millie, John and Riley
Rabbits:	Dougie and Freddie
Foxes:	Harvey and Ethan
Woodpeckers:	Toby and Laura
Owls:	Jude and Jack
Squirrels:	Dylan and Priscilla
Moles:	Cherise and Ben

Please ask us why we are Golden Children ☺

Headteacher Good Conduct Award

Robert Y1 and Riley Y1
Good manners to our visitors

Dates to be aware of

W/B 19.6.17	Healthy Body/Healthy Mind Wk
22 nd June	2:30pm year 1 parent open session
23 rd June	Sports Morning
29 th June	DISCO
30 th June	INSET DAY 5/5
3 rd July	Isle of Wight - Y6 Away
6 th July	3:15pm Open Thursday
8 th July	Summer Fair 12-3pm
10 th July	Class Swap Afternoon
13 th July	Modern Foreign Language Day
14 th July	Y6 Leavers Production 6:50
14 th July	2.30pm year 3 parent session
14 th July	pm year 2 parent session
14 th July	3:15pm Open Thursday
18 th July	1:30pm year 5 parent session
19 th July	House reward
20 th July	Most Improved Children's Tea
21 st July	Y6 Leavers Assembly 11:00am

Open parent sessions are where the children will share their latest achievements, with an opportunity for you to have a look at their work and chat with your child about their learning.

School Disco 29th June 2017



The DJ has been booked and the children are pleased about our next school disco.

We just need to start selling the tickets! Please print off the slip as per the attached or write out the same detail and put your ticket requests plus money into the school office. We would like to set a deadline of 23rd June for buying your tickets. Thank you

Tickets are £3 per child (Includes a Hotdog, Ice-Lolly and Drinks)

SCHOOL DISCO 29TH JUNE 2017

KS1-SCHOOL DISCO REQUEST SLIP

Name of 1st Child: _____ **Year:** _____

Any Dietary Requirements: _____

Name of 2nd Child: _____ **Year:** _____

Any Dietary Requirements: _____

Name of 3rd Child: _____ **Year:** _____

Any dietary Requirements: _____

ARE YOU ABLE TO HELP PLEASE ?

Parents/Carers Name: _____

SCHOOL DISCO 29TH JUNE 2017

KS2-SCHOOL DISCO REQUEST SLIP

Name of 1st Child: _____ **Year:** _____

Any Dietary Requirements: _____

Name of 2nd Child: _____ **Year:** _____

Any Dietary Requirements: _____

Name of 3rd Child: _____ **Year:** _____

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