

Sutton Valence Primary School

The constant quest for knowledge, learning and adventure.....

Newsletter: Weekending 8th September 2017

Fabulous start!

The children returned to school looking fantastic in their smart uniform. Thank you for this. They also all returned with a really fabulous attitude towards their learning and have already immersed themselves in this week's whole school theme in learning about their Brain. It has been great to see the children so enthused about their work and the term ahead.

We also welcomed new pupils across the school alongside our new Hedgehog class. The children have all welcomed their new peers into the school.



<u>Meet the teacher</u>

I'm sure by now that you would have greeted your child's teacher on the playground. We would also like to provide you with the opportunity to informally meet with your child's teacher to discuss the term ahead and the class routines etc. These meetings will be at 3:20pm on:

Mon. 18th Sept. Year 5 and 2 Tues. 19th Sept. Year 6 and 4 Thurs. 21st Sept. Year 1 and 3

These sessions will be for approximately 30 minutes. If you are unable to attend, not to worry, as today the class newsletter* is available for your reference and we will be having our fortnightly Open Thursday again this year.

*Please find these available on our school website

<u>School dates</u>

Many dates have been added to our school website, please do take a look at the school calendar so that you have as much notice as possible for planned events.

Beautiful British weather!

It is important that the children have the opportunity for some fresh air during the school day. Therefore with the weather being so changeable can you please ensure your child has a coat in school so that they can go outside. Even if it is light rain we still go outside for some air. Thank you.

Support for the school

We regularly receive kind offers from the parent group offering time to come into school and help out. On Dad's day, in particular, we have offers for a bit of gardening or painting etc..

I am currently looking at a few dates where we can, hopefully, take this offer up and make further improvements to your child's school via a parent group. One area we desperately need support with is our pond. The children loved studying the wildlife last term, but now it looks very tired. Do we need to pull out all the growth within the pond or just cut everything back? We do need to cut back the plants surrounding the pond again soon. We would like the pond to be in the best possible condition over the winter so that it attracts as much wildlife next year as it did this year. So if anyone has that knowledge and is happy to come into school to help out we would really appreciate that. This would not have to be within the pupil day, but at the end of the day if preferred.

We will let you know soon of any other mini projects where you might be able to help.

Our Allotment

Thank you to the parents that supported the school allotment, with your children, over the summer break. This term the Forest School team will be looking at opening our shop up again to sell our produce. All the money made goes straight back into our Forest School facilities. I'm sure you know by now just how much the children love their Forest School time!

Attendance and Punctuality

This week the class with the best attendance was: Woodpeckers & Squirrels with a fantastic 100%. Well done!



Next Week

Next week, as part of our Sutton Valence Citizenship, the children will be learning about how their voice can be heard. They will be meeting within their Houses (Cedar, Holly, Maple, Rowan) for the prospective candidates to give their speeches about house captaincy. The children will then all have a voting slip and vote for their choice of captain. The results will be announced next week.