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NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 2016

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Sutton Primary Academy and a very warm welcome to all our new families! There have been a few changes over the summer, most noticeable, the construction of our two new classrooms set up for Years 4, 5 and 6. The children and the staff love the new rooms which have given us a lot of extra space which is fabulous.

WHATS HAPPENING?

The children have had a fantastic start to the term which has begun extremely positively. Here's a little more information about what is going to be happening in each class.

Reception Class – Mrs Russell

We are really delighted with how well our reception children are settling in their new classroom environment! It is lovely to see them already playing happily and developing their relationships with each other and with us too. The children are now familiar with the classroom routines and are growing in confidence as members of the whole school, with lots already venturing into the 'big' playground. They really shone during our whole school 'Creativity Day' last week and were praised by the other teachers for their willingness to join in and all returned to the class full of excitement and keen to share what they had been doing throughout the day! We have started our topic 'Magical Me' and over the next few weeks the children will be finding out more about themselves and each other. There will be lots of opportunities to listen to and talk about stories, (including some traditional tales with a twist, such as, 'Goldilocks and the Three Teddy Bears' and 'Give us a smile, Cinderella'). They will be engaging in lots of activities and experiences which focus on sharing and taking turns, counting and of course learning our sounds. Please continue to look at the sounds in your child's little blue book with them, but remember it is reading to your child that will give them a love of books and stories and will in turn make them want to learn to read.

Class 1 – Miss Tape

The children have settled in so well this term and have already been having lots of fun whilst learning. Our topic is called 'When I Grow Up', as part of this we will be looking at: our family trees, what we want to be when we grow up and the first Police Officer. We will also be completing exciting activities based around our favourite jobs, such as: building a rocket like an astronaut, building houses and exploring dinosaur bones as a palaeontologist. In English, we will be learning the Story of Little Red Riding Hood using our own actions.

Class 2 – Miss Harrison

We have been learning about the Three Billy Goats Gruff and writing some lovely character descriptions about the troll. We have also been learning about the great fire of London learning about cause and consequence. We made a paper model of London and re-enacted the great fire by setting fire to it! We mimicked the houses being blown up with gunpowder and watched how this affected the fire. It was so much fun! The children have also created some amazing art work around this topic – both of which have really brought this topic to life.



Class 3 – Miss Durham

In Class 3 we will be going on a journey around the world, we will be visiting different countries and using different skills to investigate. We will be Geographers and visit the River Amazon, River Nile and also River Danube. In addition to this we will be working scientifically to discover facts about soil, rocks and volcanoes. In D & T we will be learning to cook healthy treats. The children have settled really well and I'm really looking forward to the term ahead with them.

Class 4 – Mrs Watters

We have had a fantastic start to the Autumn term in class 4, we have already learnt so much and visited lots of different countries as part of our 'Passport to the World' topic. We have travelled to Africa to create our own African sunsets using silhouettes, Spain to explore work of Pablo Picasso and more recently, Mexico to create colourful 'calacas'. The children loved our practical work in science, it was great to see how the digestive system works and make our own poo! Our talk for writing story, Icarus, has inspired us to produce some fantastic writing of our own, the children are very keen to get their own stories written now. After half term we will be looking at food from around the world, Ancient Greek history and animals of Australia.

Class 5 – Miss Easterby and Mrs Orton

Class 5 have come back to a lot of change. They've got their brand new classroom (which they love) and for the first time ever, the two year groups combine to make a Y5/6 class in the afternoon. They work well together in the afternoons whilst also enjoying the single year teaching in separate learning environments in the morning. During this term Class 5 will be exploring the topic 'Time and Place, Earth and Space' looking at a variety of scientific theories, significant events in history and creating some amazing artwork. We are hoping to organise a space-themed trip later in the term – watch this space!

Parents Assembly

Throughout the year parents will be invited to join us for special assemblies where the children will share what they have been doing. They will be led largely by the children themselves and each class will have their own assembly date – ALL parents are welcome to every assembly.

SATS & Holidays

The KS2 (Year 6) SATS will take place in the week beginning 8th May 2016. We respectfully ask that you do not book any holidays for that week or in the week leading up to it. Y2 will be throughout the May and June and Y1 phonics will be in the month of June.

Change of Details

Please can you inform the office of any change in details, in particular, medical ones, as it is very important that our records are kept up to date.

NO NUTS IN SUTTON! As you will already be aware we have a child in Class 1 who has a life threatening allergy to nuts, sesame seeds and egg. His allergy is so severe that he must have an epi-pen with him at all times. Because of this **extremely high risk**, please will you help us protect this child by ensuring that you do not send in ANY NUTS OR SESAME SEEDS (the school will manage the risk of eggs).



Milk in School

Every child under the age of 5 is entitled to FREE school milk. Once your child reaches the age of 5 you must go online at www.coolmilk.com or telephone 0844 854 2913 to register them and make payment if you want them to keep receiving milk in school.

Macmillan Coffee Morning – Thursday 29th September 2016

Many thanks to the parents, teachers and children who organised and helped at this year's event. Also a big thank you for the lovely cakes that were donated. A total of £164.52 was raised which was fabulous.

Dates for your Diary.

Please add these dates to your diary so that you don't miss out!

Autumn Term 2016

Monday 17 th October	HMFA Netball Tournament Y5/6
Thursday 20 th October	Open Day for Potential New Parents 1pm
Friday 21 st October	Whole school ramble for Children in Need
Monday 24 th October	Half Term
Monday 31 st October	Back to School
Friday 4 th November	Halloween Disco 3 – 5pm in Village Hall
Friday 11 th November	Class 4 Assembly
W/C Monday 21 st November	Open Class Event
Tuesday 22 nd November	HMFA Hockey tournament Y3/Y4
Friday 16 th December	Term Ends at 2pm

Spring Term 2017

Wednesday 4 th January 2017	Spring Term Begins
Thursday 19 th January	HMFA Multi-skills event Y1/Y2
Friday 27 th January	Young Voices event in Birmingham (choir)
Friday 10 th February	Class 2 Assembly
Monday 13 th February	Half Term
Monday 20 th February	Back to School
Tuesday 21 st February	HMFA football event Y2/Y3
Weds 8-10 th March	Y5 residential to London
Tuesday 21 st March	Moving Targets performance at the Courtyard Y3
Friday 24 th March	Class 3 Assembly
Friday 31 st March	HMFA Tag rugby event Y5/6
Friday 7 th April	Term Ends at 2pm

Summer Term 2017

Monday 24 th April	Summer Term Begins
Friday 5 th May	HMFA Cricket event TBC Y4/5
Thursday 18 th May	HMFA Rounders event Y5/6
W/C Monday 22 nd May	Y6 Residential to Oaker Wood
Friday 26 th May	Reception/Year 1 Assembly
Monday 29 th May	Half Term
Monday 5 th June	Back to School
Tuesday 13 th June	HMFA Tennis event Y3/4
Friday 30 th June	HMFA Athletics KS2
Tues 4 th Weds 5 th July	Y6 show at the Courtyard
Thursday 6 th July	Aylestone school games Y3/Y4
Friday 21 st July	End of School Term at 2pm

Please note that other dates will be added each month and we will inform you as new trips/opportunities are arranged.