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NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 2016

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Dear Parents,

I can't believe that we find ourselves at the end of another term and what a term it has been: trips, workshops, charity fundraisers, parents evenings, open class event, sporting events and so much more and we have enjoyed it all!

Christmas Fayre

It was wonderful to see so many friends and families of Sutton attend the Christmas Fayre last week. Many thanks to FoSA for organising the fayre and to all of our parents, staff and pupils for their hard work. It was a real team effort from the amazing hampers created by each class, the parents creating Christmas sweet treats with the children to the parents, staff and children running stalls. Altogether we raised just over £2000 which is an incredible total! Thank you to everyone who was involved! FoSA will be explaining how the money will be used in the new year.

Christmas Jumper Day this Friday! – We can't wait to see everyone in their favourite festive knit! Please don't feel obliged to invest in a brand new jumper – customise and create your own! This is our last charity event of 2016 and we are raising money for 'Save the Children' - something we all care about! We are suggesting donations of £1 but any amount can make a difference to a child in need.

We had our Christmas lunches last week which were enjoyed by all. A huge **thank you** to all the parents who volunteered to help with the Christmas lunches this year – we really appreciate your ongoing support and the children thoroughly enjoyed it.

Pantomime visit



Year 2 to Year 6 will be visiting the Courtyard Theatre to watch 'Aladdin' on Thursday. It will be lovely to see the children full of excitement and in the Christmas spirit!

Reception class and Year 1 have already had wonderful trip to the Courtyard to watch 'The Snow Queen'. The children had great fun and will be following this up with a drama workshop run by the Courtyard theatre.

Reindeer sighted at Sutton!

We are sure we have recently spotted Rudolph and Prancer in the sky! Rudolph's nose was shining so brightly! He sent a few of his reindeer friends to visit Sutton last week, and the children in Key stage 1 had great fun busying themselves with the Christmas activities the staff had prepared for them. We were joined by the pupils of Llangrove Academy- it was a great morning full of festive fun!



Thanks to FoSA who have donated funds towards both events. Pantomime goers will have an ice-cream during the interval and the cost of the reindeer visit was subsidised by FoSA.

Choir Visit to Woodville Grove

Choir have all been working extremely hard to prepare for their festive performances including our annual visit to the residents at Woodville Grove. The residents love having our choir visit and

are always complimentary about our children – well done choir members for all of their hard work and a big thank you to Mrs Watters for working with them all this term.

Lights, camera, action!

The staff and children have worked incredibly hard to put together the Christmas show, which will hopefully have you toe-tapping with a bit of Christmas swing by the end of it!

Once again, **Keith Lawton**, very generously, has volunteered to provide lighting for the performances. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Keith. I'm sure you'll all agree that the lighting adds to the whole experience and gives the children a real sense of the stage.

Fun Day Friday!

On Friday (last day of term) we will be having fun day where we allow the children to bring in toys and games from home to play (nothing expensive or of sentimental value please). The children will be able to join friends from all over the school throughout the day as a treat after all their hard work this term. Children will not be allowed electronic devices such as ipods, ipads, mobile phones or cameras but they are welcome to bring along games that they can share.

A fond farewell...

Sadly, we have two members of staff leaving us this week. Mrs Bishop, a valued teaching assistant in Year 3 and Mrs Lingard, our School Business Manager. Both ladies will be missed but their family commitments will see them embarking on new, exciting journeys with their families outside of Hereford. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them both for their hard work and commitment whilst they have been at Sutton and to wish them the very best of luck for the future.

We will be welcoming a new teaching assistant, Mrs Dennett and a new member to our office team, Mrs Dallimore. I'm sure you will join us in giving them a warm welcome as they join 'Team Sutton'.

End of Term Assembly

You are all warmly invited to join with us to celebrate the children's achievements over the last term. We will be presenting the Star of the Term badges to one worthy recipient per year group, looking back on some of the things we have done here at Sutton and hearing some favourite songs sung by the choir and the children from the whole school. This will begin at 9.15am – we look forward to welcoming you in.

Next term

Planning is well underway for new and exciting topics for Spring Term. The children may well come home with a little task to do over the Christmas holiday related to that topic so that they have something they can share and talk about in that first week back. Your child's teacher will let your child know what he/she needs to do. Please keep checking our website for events and planning information.

On behalf of all the staff at Sutton, thank you for all of your support over the last term. It has been an amazing start to the school year and we are extremely proud of all of the opportunities that we have been able to provide and of the children who have worked hard and made the most of these opportunities – they are a credit to you all.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you in the New Year!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Orton
Head of School



Dates for your Diary.

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

Friday 16th December

Term Ends at 2pm

Spring Term 2017

Wednesday 4th January 2017

Thursday 19th January

Friday 27th January

Friday 3rd February * change

Wednesday 8th February * new

Monday 13th February

Monday 20th February

Thursday 23rd February * new

Tuesday 21st February

Weds 8-10th March

Tuesday 21st March

Friday 24th March

Friday 31st March

Friday 7th April

Spring Term Begins

HMFA Multi-skills event Y1/Y2

Young Voices event in Birmingham (choir)

Class 2 Assembly

Y5 to Aylestone: Communication & Maths day

Half Term

Back to School

NSPCC workshops Y5/6

HMFA football event Y2/Y3

Y5 residential to London

Moving Targets performance at the Courtyard Y3

Class 3 Assembly

HMFA Tag rugby event Y5/6

Term Ends at 2pm

Summer Term 2017

Monday 24th April

Friday 5th May

Thursday 18th May

W/C Monday 22nd May

Friday 26th May

Monday 29th May

Monday 5th June

Tuesday 13th June

Friday 30th June

Tues 4th Weds 5th July

Thursday 6th July

Friday 21st July

Summer Term Begins

HMFA Cricket event TBC Y4/5

HMFA Rounders event Y5/6

Y6 Residential to Oaker Wood

Reception/Year 1 Assembly

Half Term

Back to School

HMFA Tennis event Y3/4

HMFA Athletics KS2

Y6 show at the Courtyard

Aylestone school games Y3/Y4

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.

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