



### Dates for your Diary


	SEPT
27th	Y1 visit to Conkers OCT
12th	Y5 to Space Centre
20th	Half Term starts
30th	School reopens NOV
14th	Y5 to Cinema DEC
22nd	Break up for Xmas JAN
8th	School reopens FEB
16th	Half term starts
26th	School reopens MARCH
29th	Break up for Easter APRIL
16th	School reopens MAY
25th	Half term starts JUNE
4th	School re-opens
8th	Y6 Whitemoor Lakes JULY
24th	Break up for summer

### Closures

8th Jan	Training Day
3rd May	Voting Day
7th May	Bank Holiday
23rd July	Training Day
24th July	Training Day


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### Welcome Back

Welcome back, I hope you had a lovely summer. The children have returned refreshed, with great enthusiasm and have settled well into their new classes. I have enjoyed hearing about their adventures during the holidays in my visits to each class. Our new reception children have made a fantastic start and we extend a warm welcome to all our new families who are joining our school family. The children have attended for half day sessions and we look forward to seeing them in school full time from next Wednesday.

In our assemblies this week we have been talking about the importance of having a growth mind set. We discussed if you have a fixed mind set, when you fail at something or make a mistake, you feel it is unachievable and it is easy to give up. However, by being resilient and positive about finding new ways to overcome a challenge, it will help you to achieve success. It is important to see mistakes as new learning opportunities. The brain adapts to new information and practice by making new connections, so a challenge is a positive thing because it means we are growing our brains!

We heard about lots of inspirational people who have faced many challenges and setbacks, but have gone on to be successful because of their hard work, determination and self-belief. These include Bill Gates, whose first business failed, yet he went on to be the richest man in the world, JK Rowling whose first book was rejected by 12 publishing houses and Thomas Edison who said, "I have not failed. I have just found 10,000 ways that won't work," before he went on to successfully create the first light bulb. This year children and staff have set themselves a challenge to grow their brains through their growth mind set.

Our first Parents Evening in October is an opportunity to discuss how well your child has settled and for you to make the teacher aware of any relevant information to support your child. However if you do have any concerns during the term, please see your child's class teacher, preferably after school. If there is anything that you think myself or my Deputy Head can help you with please make an appointment via the school office. In addition my Assistant Heads Miss Kaur and Mrs Whittaker are also available.

This week, we have sent the newsletter to all families. It will normally be sent out via Parentpay unless parents specifically request a paper copy. If you have not received login details for Parentpay please contact the school office. The newsletter is also available on the school website from 3.30pm every Friday. To reduce paper and ensure parents know where to find important information, we try to keep the number of letters to a minimum. Dates, key events and updates will be included in the newsletter so it is essential you check this to ensure you are up to date with what is happening at Little Sutton.

I hope to see you at the many events during the year and look forward to another exciting and successful year at Little Sutton!

### This Week's Headlines

**Key Stage 2 Entrance**—Now that the children have settled back into school, please can KS2 parents leave their child at the KS2 gate to walk on their own into the playground in the mornings. This helps to reduce congestion on the playground and enables the teacher on duty to have a clear view of the children which is important for safety reasons. It also helps children to become more independent. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Dinner Money**— The estimated amount of dinner money needed to cover this half term is £74.25. Toast for Y1-Y3 will be £14.60 (£6.80 for Reception starting 13th September). Milk for Y1 and Y2 will be £16.06 (free for 1st half term for Reception ). Please make payment via Parentpay. Thank you.

**Old £1 coins**— A reminder that, due to our banking dates, we are unable to accept the old £1 coins in school after Friday 22nd September. Any received will be sent home. Thank you.

**Photographer**—The photographer will be in school on Friday 15th September to take individual and sibling photographs. Please note that children in nursery cannot be included.

**Considerate parking**—Please may I remind you to consider our neighbours when parking and not obstruct driveways. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Nasal Flu Vaccination**—Permission forms have been sent out today regarding nasal flu vaccinations for children in Reception to Year 4 taking place in October. Please read the accompanying information and return the slip to school as soon as possible indicating whether or not you would like your child to have the vaccine. Thank you.

**Run4school**—If you have not yet returned your Run 4 School sponsor money, please do so by Monday 11th September. Thank you.



### Menu for Next Week

In addition, there is a salad / fruit bar and a basket of crusty bread available. Please note that the choices may vary slightly due to circumstances beyond our control!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Bolognaise Veggie bolognaise Chicken fillets Fish fingers Jacket potato * Pasta Garlic bread * Sweetcorn Baked beans Green beans * Apple pie Yoghurt Fresh fruit	Chicken pie Chicken fillets Fish fingers Cheesy pasta Jacket potato * Pasta New potatoes * Sweetcorn Baked beans Carrots * Iced sponge Yoghurt Fresh fruit	Chicken curry Fish crunchy Pizza Jacket potato * Rice New potatoes * Peas Baked beans Sweetcorn * Chocolate hedgehog Yoghurt Fresh fruit	Roast Lamb Fish fingers Cheese flan Filled baguettes Wraps Jacket potato * Roast potatoes Mashed potatoes * Carrots Broccoli Baked beans * Muffins Yoghurt Fresh fruit	Cottage pie Veggie cottage pie Haddock grill Jacket potato * Pasta Mashed potatoes * Broccoli Sweetcorn Baked beans * Rice pudding Yoghurt Fresh fruit

### E-Safety Tip of the Week

Reporting extremist content online is simple, if you see it, report it. Visit [www.seeitreport.org](http://www.seeitreport.org) to find out how to report it on the relevant social media platforms.

### Swimming

Y3LB will be swimming each Friday from today until 26th January inclusive. Y3TV will then go from 2nd February onwards. We are very pleased to be using the brand new pool at Erdington Leisure Centre. Please ensure that your child brings their swimming kit into school each Friday. Thank you.

### Board Room Hire

As I made parents aware before the holidays, schools nationally now have very tight budgets. We are considering ways in which we can generate income to ensure that we continue to provide our children with the best possible education and experiences. We are fortunate to have a board room for our meetings and we are making this available to the local community for a charge. It may be that people who work from home require a room for meetings, training or interviews would find this an ideal venue. The facility has wifi, digital projector, laptop and ipad connections and comfortable seating. Tea and coffee making facilities are available and we can provide lunches if required. The room has capacity for up to 10 delegates. There is also a break-out room and toilets. It is a completely self contained unit and users would have no access to the school. For further details and prices please contact the school office.

### Music Tuition

Music lessons for existing pupils will start next week. Lessons will take place on the same day as last year with the exception of cello and double bass which will now be on a Wednesday.

The teachers will try to see their potential new pupils next week and you will then receive a letter with details of the instrument that your child has been allocated.

### Reminders

We are very keen to maintain our high standards in school uniform. May I remind you that children should wear black school shoes and not trainers or boots. Nail varnish and jewellery should not be worn, but watches are permitted. Please also avoid large decorative hairbands.

We are trying to encourage our children to take responsibility for looking after their belongings as school uniform is expensive and we want to ensure that if items are misplaced, they can be returned easily. We have a constant high volume of lost property and to help this problem we are asking that **all uniform is clearly labelled**, including jumpers, cardigans, coats, shoes, bags, PE kit and lunch bottles. On Wednesday September 20th there will be a uniform check to ensure that all items are labelled. Your cooperation with this would be appreciated.

We would be grateful if your child could bring a filled water bottle into school each day to be kept in the classroom. Research has shown that drinking plenty of water aids concentration and performance. Please do not fill the bottle with any other drinks as these are not permitted in class.

PE kit should be brought into school on a Monday morning, left in school for the week and then taken home on Friday for washing. Thank you.

### Parents Code of Conduct

We are very fortunate to have a supportive and friendly parent body. In order to maintain an atmosphere of mutual understanding and respect, we have a policy to provide a reminder to all parents, carers and visitors to our school about expected conduct on our site. Please see the school website for a copy of this Code of Conduct. Parents are also welcome to request a copy from the school office.

### Spotlight on Mike Hammond—LEA Governor

Mike has recently joined the School Governing Body as an LEA School Governor.

Living in Mere Green with his wife since 2003, he wants to support his local community and is delighted to have joined the Little Sutton Primary School Governing Body to help support our pupils and the school.

Mike is Chief Executive of University Hospitals Birmingham Charity and has been based at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham for the past eight years, running the hospital charity there including building Fisher House, the home away from home for military patients and their families at the hospital.

Since April 2017, Mike is now responsible for the hospital charities at Good Hope Hospital, Solihull Hospital and Heartlands Hospital as well.



Prior to joining University Hospitals Birmingham Charity, Mike worked in banking and is still a director of the Bradford & Bingley Pension Fund.

This month Mike will be taking part in Velo Birmingham, a 100 mile bike ride, to raise funds for a home for the families of young cancer patients at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital.

We are delighted to welcome Mike to our school.