



Dates for your Diary

FEB

- 2nd Y6 SATs parents workshop
- 3rd Swimming Gala, Walsall Baths, 5.30pm
- 8th Parents Evening 1
- 14th Y4 Assembly
- 15th Parents Evening 2
- 16th Break up for half term
- 26th School re-opens

MARCH

- 9th YR Assembly
- 20th Y5 Class Assembly
- 29th Break up for Easter

APRIL

- 16th School re-opens

MAY

- 3rd Closed for elections
- 7th Bank Holiday
- 14th SATs week KS2
- 21st SATs week KS1
- 23rd Y6 residential parents meeting 8.15am
- 25th Half term starts

JUNE

- 4th School re-opens
Arts Week
Y4 to Sutton Cricket Club
- 8th Y6 Whitemoor Lakes
- 11th Y5 to Sutton Cricket Club
- 19th Class & team photos
- 20th Y1 Assembly 9am
- 29th Sports Day

JULY

- 4th Secondary School Induction Day *
 - 5th Secondary School Induction Day*
 - 6th Reserve Sports Day
 - 20th Break up for summer
- * check individual schools



Reception Visit to Museum of Cannock Chase

On Tuesday our Reception children visited the Museum of Cannock Chase as part of their topic on Toys and Bears. Firstly they enjoyed a dance workshop where they became clockwork toys, robots and puppets. Next they had a lesson about toys and games in the past, including a story about the history of the teddy bear. They also had the opportunity to play with a selection of old toys, including whip & top and cup & ball.

The highlight of the day, as always, was the traditional Punch and Judy show which had the children in fits of laughter!

The children really enjoyed the day and learned and gained a great deal of information for their topic.

Y2 Literacy and SATs Workshop

Today parents of Y2 children were invited into school to take part in a Literacy and SATs Workshop. We like to take the opportunity at the start of workshops to share important information with parents and Mrs Hawkes gave a talk about our Anti-Bullying Policy and Internet Safety. Following this Mrs Hawkes explained how we teach Literacy in school and the assessments (SATs) the children will be undertaking in the summer term. The children then joined their parents to analyse the Little Red Riding Hood text using inference skills, and to identify word classes and punctuation. They went on to plan their version of the story. Parents received a pack to support their children at home. Thank you to parents (and grandparents) for joining us and for the really useful feedback we received.




Former Students


We really enjoy hearing about the success of our past pupils. Recently I received a lovely letter from one of our former students who has been offered a place at Cambridge if he achieves his grade predictions, to study Arabic and Spanish. In his letter he attributed his enthusiasm for languages to "...most certainly the exciting and engaging modern foreign languages curriculum at Little Sutton, that I remember enjoying since even Key Stage 1 (many, many thanks to Mrs Stratfull), that laid the solid foundation and provided that essential inspiration." I was delighted to hear how much he values his time with us, "Little Sutton has always held a special place in my heart and I remember my time there with a lot of fondness; I am also extremely appreciative of how well the education I received in such a caring environment set me up for the next stage in my educational journey." Former pupils and their families will always be part of our school family. We would love to hear from more former pupils about their achievements.

Closures

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


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This Week's Headlines

Swimming Gala— This will take place on Saturday 3rd February at 5.30pm at Walsall Baths.

Year 6 Literacy & SATs Workshop—This will take place on Friday 2nd February at 9am for parents of children in Y6. Parents will be working with their children so if you are unable to attend, you are welcome to send another family member.

Dogs on the School Playground—Please may I remind you that under no circumstances should dogs (other than assistance dogs) be brought on to the school premises. Thank you for your cooperation.

Parents Evening— These will take place over two evenings on 8th and 15th February. The focus of this meeting is to discuss your child's progress and see their work. Please return the reply slip as soon as possible to enable an appointment time to be sent out. **In order to give full concentration to the discussion, we ask that you make alternative arrangements for your children to avoid bringing them with you to the appointment.** There will be a parents evening later in the year when children may accompany their parents to show off their classrooms and their work.

Piano tuition— There may be an opportunity shortly for additional children to learn piano in school. If your child is interested please let the office know as soon as possible. The final decision as to which children will be offered lessons will be made by the piano teacher and a waiting list kept for future vacancies.

The word of the month is **intriguing**

Menu for Next Week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Bolognaise Chicken fillets Fish fingers Cheese pasty Jacket potato *	Chicken pie Chicken fillets Fish fingers Cheesy pasta Jacket potato *	Chicken Curry Fish crunchy Pizza Jacket potato * Rice	Roast lamb Fish fingers Cheese flan Baguettes/wraps Jacket potato *	Pork sausages Veggie sausages Haddock grill Veggie sausage Jacket potato *
Spaghetti New potatoes *	New potatoes Pasta *	New potatoes * Sweetcorn Peas	Mashed potatoes Roast potatoes *	Pasta Mashed potato *
Sweetcorn Green beans Baked beans *	Carrots Sweetcorn Baked beans *	Baked beans * Chocolate crunch	Carrots Broccoli Baked beans *	Broccoli Sweetcorn Baked beans *
Iced flapjack Yoghurt Fresh fruit	Iced sponge Yoghurt Fresh fruit	Yoghurt Fresh fruit	Muffins Yoghurt Fresh fruit	Rice pudding Yoghurt Fresh fruit

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

Clothing Collection for the Homeless

Thank you to everyone who has sent in donations of men's clothes for distribution to homeless charities. We are still collecting, so if you are able to help, please send donations into school with your child. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Food Bank

Even though the 'fill a bath' challenge has now finished, we are still a collection point for Erdington Food Bank. They are grateful for any dried or tinned food, biscuits, crackers etc. Please consider popping an extra item in your trolley this weekend and send it into school with your child. This will really make a difference to families in Birmingham who are struggling. Thank you in anticipation.

This Week's Awards

This week the following awards were presented in Celebration Assembly:

Lunchtime Behaviour Award— RMF & 4SA
Classroom Awards— 1JS & 3TV
Attendance— 1JF, 2AW, 4SA & 5AS with 100%
Overall Attendance— 98.12%
Annual Attendance Target—97%
Respect Award— RMF & 4SA
House Award—Scott with 371 points

Congratulations to the following children who received awards in Celebration Assembly —
Jessica YR, Amelie Y1, Avni Y2, Jai Y3, Sophie Y4, Georgina Y5 & Tamia Y6.

Assembly

On Monday Tim Watson from Sutton Christian Centre came into school to conduct an assembly. He told the story about the shepherd who lost his sheep, which the children enjoyed. He then linked it to the theme of how everyone needs to look after each other and be kind like the shepherd. He concluded with a role play of the story, involving the children playing hide and seek. As always, the message was put across in a very inspiring way and we thank Tim for giving up his time once again to visit us.

Relief Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancies

We currently have vacancies for Relief Lunchtime Supervisors to join our team. Hours of work would be as necessary to cover sickness absences of our lunchtime staff. If you would be interested in finding out more or to apply, please contact the school office.

Y1 Phonics Information Session

On Tuesday we held a phonics information session for Y1 parents. The session began with an explanation from Miss Faulkner about how we teach phonics in school and how parents can support their children at home. She went on to explain how all pupils are nationally assessed in the summer term. Thank you to parents for joining us and for your feedback.

Health Notice

We have been notified of a case of thread worms in school. This is very common in primary school children, but it is very rare at Little Sutton. We always encourage the children to wash their hands after using the toilet, and provide hand sanitiser for all children at lunchtime. If threadworms are suspected, the whole family will need to be treated. Please go to <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/threadworms/> for more information on symptoms and treatment.

E-Safety Tip of the Week

Microsoft will not call you to inform you of a virus on your PC, or to request payment for additional software that will keep you safe and protect your computer. You can download security updates from Microsoft by searching for Windows update on your PC and you can protect yourself by enabling Windows Defender. For more help with Windows updates visit.... www.windowsupdate.microsoft.com"

Community Notices

Swimming Courses—Erdington Pool have advised us that they will be running intensive learn to swim courses over the February and Easter holidays. Contact the pool directly on 0121 516 5650 for more information or to book a place.

Football Courses—We have received details of February half term Football Roadshows and Soccer School Days that Aston Villa are running at several locations across the city. They are also starting a Development Centre for Girls at Bluecoat School, Harborne, commencing 1st March. For more details see their website or to book a place go to tickets.avfc.co.uk or call 0333 323 1874.

FoLSS Update

Ladies Pamper Night—Please note a change of date for Pamper Night. It will now take place on Friday 27th April, 7-10pm. Save the date! Tickets £5, available soon.