



LITTLE SUTTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

DESIGNATED NATIONAL LEAD SCHOOL

FRIDAY 2ND FEBRUARY 2018

Dates for your Diary

FEB

- 3rd Swimming Gala, Walsall Baths, 5.30pm
- 8th Parents Evening 1
- 14th Y4 Assembly
- 15th Parents Evening 2
- 16th FoLSS Meeting
- 16th Break up for half term

26th School re-opens

MARCH

- 1st World Book Day
- 9th YR Assembly
- 20th Y5 Class Assembly
- 29th Break up for Easter

APRIL

- 16th School re-opens
- 27th Folss Pamper Night

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

Closures

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

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Roman Day

On Wednesday, Year 4 had a fantastic day with an interesting visitor from AD 43. Titus, the Roman soldier transported them back in time and explained what life was like for Roman soldiers. He also taught them about the Romans and Celts. The children were excited to have the opportunity to examine some Roman artefacts (including trying on the very heavy armour and helmets!), worked on their Roman battle strategy with shield formations, including the famous 'Turtle Formation'. It was a brilliant day and Year 4 enjoyed learning more about the Romans in a practical way. Please have a look at our QR code to see a video from the day.



Governor Day in School

The Governing Body were invited into school on Tuesday to see the school in action. This occasion provides the governors with an excellent opportunity to observe a normal day, meet the children and ensure we know as much as possible about how the school works. It also enables us to carry out our prime function of taking responsibility for the conduct and strategic direction of the school.

The day began with a detailed look at the school's performance through the online progress reports collated and published by Ofsted. These have recently been changed from the previous system and the new ones provide a much better and more insightful analysis in a standard way for all schools.

Having reviewed the statistical data which can provide areas to focus on, we went on a Learning Walk which means we visit every class for a few minutes each to observe specific aspects. On this Learning Walk we were focused on affirming the fantastic results achieved from maths mastery and how reading was being approached in class. It was great to see how attentive and engaged the children were. It is sometimes not obvious when you don't have a comparison, but the children's behaviour at Little Sutton School is beyond outstanding when compared to many other primary schools.

Following the Learning Walk each governor spent a short time talking to around 4 or 5 children from their allocated year groups. This gives us a chance to have a chat with the children and find out how they feel about the school and learning in general. Again, the children's behaviour was exemplary and you as parents should be very proud of how articulately and confidently the children spoke. I personally was able to gain some insight into the challenges we all face in getting boys to read.

For the next session governors spent time in their own year group observing, joining in, trying activities and providing support if children asked. At lunch the governors spread out across the dinner hall and it was lovely how children just wanted to come and sit and talk with us whilst we enjoyed our lunch. Next we had a presentation from the School Council about their impact to date, plans for this year and how they intend to spend their allocated budget.

In the afternoon we spent a considerable time discussing the challenges we face with our budget. This is something that all schools are facing and there are no easy answers. The simple fact is that the budget we have does not allow us to continue to deliver the teaching and learning as we do today and so we are exploring a number of options, but I'm afraid to say none of them are painless. We will undoubtedly have to ask for more support from parents.

After school we attended a regular Governing Body meeting. It is a long day for the governors, but one which we all thoroughly enjoy. It really is a pleasure to observe and talk to all the children. They are incredibly polite, enthusiastic and confident. We should all be proud of the achievements and progress they make as they grow through the school. Thank you to all the teachers who let us join-in their lessons and congratulations on a great job! *Mark Griffiths, Chair of Governors*

This Week's Headlines

Parents Evening— This week you should have received your appointment time for Parents Evening, at which teachers will be discussing your child's progress and their targets for further improvement. Appointments will take place in the school halls and the children's work will be available for you to look in your child's classroom. If you have not yet requested an appointment, please send the form back on Monday and we will arrange a time. At this Parents Evening we are asking parents to make arrangements for their children and not bring them to the event. The Book Fayre will be available at both events, please have a look as the commission earned really helps the school.

Swimming Gala—Good luck to our children taking part in the Swimming Gala tomorrow. We look forward to hearing all about it in next week's newsletter.

Menu for Next Week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chicken Curry Lemon sole grill Pizza Jacket potato * Rice New potatoes * Sweetcorn Peas Baked beans * Iced flapjack Yoghurt Fresh fruit	Chicken pie Chicken fillets Fish fingers Cheesy pasta Jacket potato * New potatoes Pasta * Carrots Sweetcorn Baked beans * Iced sponge Yoghurt Fresh fruit	Lasagne Veg lasagne Chicken fillets Fish fingers Jacket potato * Pasta Garlic bread * Sweetcorn Green beans Baked beans * Apple crumble Yoghurt Fresh fruit	Roast turkey Fish fingers Cheese flan Baguettes/wraps Jacket potato * Mashed potatoes Roast potatoes * Carrots Broccoli Baked beans * Shortbread Yoghurt Fresh fruit	Shepherds pie Veg shepherds pie Fish crunchy * Pasta Mashed potato * Cauliflower Sweetcorn Baked beans * Cookies 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.

E-Safety Tip of the Week

Safer Internet Day 2018 will take place on Tuesday 6th February with the theme 'Create, Connect and Share Respect: a better internet starts with you.' Coordinated in the UK by the UK Safer Internet Centre the celebration sees hundreds of schools and organisations join together to raise awareness of online safety issues and run events and activities right across the UK. Find out more and get involved!
www.saferinternetday.org.uk #SID2018

TV Stars

Two of our children will shortly be starring in TV programmes. Larry in Y3 will be in an episode of 'My World Kitchen' on BBC's CBeebies on Saturday 24th February at 10am, and Amelia in Y1 in 'What Would Your Kid Do?' this Tuesday 6th February at 8pm on ITV. Well done to both of them!

This Week's Awards

This week the following awards were presented in Celebration Assembly:

Lunchtime Behaviour Award— 1JF & 6EW

Classroom Awards— RWB & 5AS

Attendance— 4KP with 100%

Overall Attendance— 97.14%

Annual Attendance Target— 97%

Respect Award— 2AW & 3BL

House Award— Livingstone with 230 points

Congratulations to the following children who received awards in Celebration Assembly — Lewie YR, Emily Y1, Rose Y2, Dominic Y3, Zara Y4, Thomas Y5 & Hannah Y6.

Inspirational Past Pupil visit

Following the exciting news about one of our former pupils, William Kirby being offered a place at Cambridge, he kindly agreed to talk to our Y5 and 6 pupils about how he achieved this. William explained the need to work hard, to be focused in lessons avoiding distractions; manage time well to complete homework during the week, leaving time to enjoy the weekends; to be open minded; have the confidence to try new things and take opportunities that come your way so you don't have any regrets later in life. The children had the opportunity to ask questions about secondary school and he was able to allay fears and give top tips about making new friends, getting lost in the much larger buildings, being well prepared for exams, avoiding last minute revision and meeting the challenges of lots of different subjects. Our thanks go to William for giving up his time to inspire the children and we wish him every success in the future.

World Book Day

On 1st March we will be taking part in World Book Day and inviting the children to come to school dressed as their favourite book character.

Hole in the Wall Curtains in Walsall are currently running a competition for World Book Day. If you are making your child's costume from fabric bought from them you can win a £50 voucher to spend in store or a £30 Amazon voucher and chocolate. All you need to do is like them on Facebook, share their competition post and then post a photo of what you have made.

Y6 Parents' Workshop

Today we welcomed Y6 parents into school for a SATs workshop, which began with Mrs Hawkes providing the parents with useful e-safety advice and clarifying our anti bullying policy and procedures. Following this Mrs Murphy and Mrs Whittaker provided parents with an overview of what the SATs entail and useful tips and guidance to help them support their children during both the build up to, and throughout, test week. With their support packs in hand, they then joined their children for a maths SATs class with their teachers, including Miss Kaur. There were top tips shared on how to complete some of the trickier concepts and then they were all let loose on completing SATs maths questions. It was an action packed session which the children really enjoyed. Many thanks to the parents for their continued support and also FOLSS for providing the refreshments.

Help for the Homeless

Thank you very much for the generous donations of clothes we have received for homeless men. I am pleased to say some of the clothes have gone to a soldier returning from Bosnia who has found himself homeless. A lady from Canwell Church, Mrs Farley has organised a flat for the young man and worked hard to furnish it and collect food. The clothes have been put in his wardrobe, which will be a lovely surprise when he receives the keys on Monday. Mrs Farley has asked me to pass on her heartfelt thanks for helping to make such a difference to this man's life. The rest of the clothes will be distributed by the Salvation Army to the homeless.

The word of the month is **intriguing**