



# LITTLE SUTTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

## DESIGNATED NATIONAL LEAD SCHOOL

## THURSDAY 29TH MARCH

### Dates for your Diary

#### 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
- 30th Family Day

#### JULY

- 4th Secondary School Induction Day \*
- 5th Secondary School Induction Day\*
- 6th Reserve Sports Day
- 11th Y2 Assembly 9am
- 12th Parents Open Evening
- 19th Y6 Leavers' Assembly
- 19th End of year discos
- 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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**Breaking news!** Y6EW and Y6MK have joined forces to create the most amazing, magnificent and spectacular newsletter you have ever seen! It is our chance to become journalists and to show our passion for writing. Our tasks included: drafting, proof reading and submitting our work by a deadline. Obviously, it has been quite a challenge, however we managed to rise to it. As we all got to work the classroom was transformed into a newsroom. We hope you enjoy being the final stage in this process - our readers! Are you sitting comfortably...? *Hannah, Tamia & Freya*



### Bikeability

This week some members of Year 5 enjoyed a brilliant experience completing a cycling proficiency course known as Bikeability. This took place in the school playground and the local area. It included learning skills to enable young people to ride confidently and safely. For example, the children

now know: how to do a U-turn, how to go round a round-about and how to indicate to other vehicles. In addition they learnt how to check their bikes properly which was called the M check. Karla, in Y5AS, said, "It was fun and we were taught lots about traffic safety. All the children successfully completed their Bikeability tasks and had an incredibly fun day riding their bikes. *Max, Noah & Ben*

### Healthy Eating

Recently, we have been learning about the benefits of a healthy diet. It has been suggested that we try to stick to snacks that contain 100 calories and that really we should eat no more than two of these a day. As we are a healthy school, children are invited to bring in healthy snacks each day to enjoy at break time and as reward, on Fridays, cakes, biscuits and crisps are allowed. In science lessons, children have learned about the importance of eating five pieces of fruit or vegetable a day as these are so important for our growth, repair and wellbeing. Our school dinner menu also follows this healthier theme. Mrs Gallier (the head cook) recently stated, "I have limits for the amount of unhealthy food that I am allowed to put in the school menu, for example I am only allowed to have a certain amount of icing on a cake." We hope that studying healthy eating will make us think before we decide what to eat, so that we can grow up continuing to lead fit and healthy lives.

### E-Safety tip of the Week

At Little Sutton Primary School we are aware of all the dangers social media present, so we do all we can to keep our pupils safe. This is our tip of the week: always remember to keep your social media accounts private and not post any personal information (phone numbers, school uniform etc.) Make sure you check the age rating of any movie/app you may allow your child/children to purchase so that they do not encounter anything that will not be appropriate for their age group. We do this because it can make the children feel: scared, worried and uncomfortable. We hope you have an "egg-cellent" Easter and remember to stay safe! *Isla, Olivia & Isabella*

### Head Teacher's Afternoon Tea

On Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March, seven lucky children were invited to an extremely special afternoon tea with our Head Teacher, Mrs Davis. These fortunate children were: Scarlett Y6, Amy from Y5, Neel Y4, Lily Y3, Molly Y2, Darcey Y1 and Edward from Reception. At 2:30 pm, the children were taken to the luxurious board room (that even some teachers haven't been into) and enjoyed a fabulous afternoon of cakes, biscuits, tea and juice along with the company of each other and Mrs Davis. It was an opportunity for Mrs Davis to reward these children for their continued kindness. Scarlett (from year 6) stated, "I felt very excited about the cakes and juice as well as seeing the board room for the first time!" *By Lily, Poppy and Molly*



### Fond Farewell

Today we said farewell to Mrs O'Kelly, our TA for SEN, who is retiring after 17 years with the school. The children presented her with a card and flowers in this morning's assembly. She will be greatly missed by staff and pupils alike, and we wish her a long, happy and healthy retirement.



### Dinner Money Increase

Whilst we always try to keep the cost of school dinners as low as possible, unfortunately, due to rising food prices, we have no option but to increase the charges from after Easter to £2.30 per day, £11.50 per week. The estimated cost for the first half term is £64.40. Toast for the first term will cost £12.60 or £6.30 for Reception. This must be paid by the start of term. Thank you.

### Menu for Next Week

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.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chicken Curry Haddock Grill Pizza Jacket potato * Rice New potatoes * Sweetcorn Peas Baked beans * 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 potato Roast potatoes * Carrots Broccoli Baked beans * Shortbread Yoghurt Fresh fruit	Meatballs Veg meatballs Veg sausage Fish crunchy Jacket potato * Pasta Mashed potato * Cauliflower Sweetcorn Baked beans * Muffin Yoghurt Fresh fruit

### HSBC Bank

In the summer term, every Wednesday afternoon, several Year 6 children have the chance to take part in running the school's HSBC bank. These children were selected after being successfully interviewed in the Autumn Term and their roles include: cashier, manager, marketing executive and record officer. The school's bank looks after and organises children's savings and it is a great way of encouraging them to manage their finances sensibly. After the Easter break, there will be a new representative supporting our school called Lauren, to replace Debbie who retired in January 2018. Please see the bank team in Year 6 if you would like any further information on becoming a member of the bank. *Samuel, Alyssea & Isabella.*

### Maths Mastery

Over the last few years our school has been working with the NCETM (National Centre for Excellence in the Teaching of Mathematics). This service has helped our teachers to develop and improve the maths curriculum. The concept of Maths Mastery is all about helping our children think of maths as a fun subject whilst developing their understanding and reasoning skills. Maths has become a more popular subject with around 70% of children considering maths as their favourite subject in school. Fluency, problem solving and reasoning have all been developed from Reception to Year 6; in addition to this maths results have improved further. Miss Kaur, our Maths Curriculum Leader, is certainly proud of these developments and stated recently that, "Maths Mastery is a fun way of learning!" *Rayyan, Jacob & Jayden*

### Merit Assembly

Merit Assembly was once again a fantastic occasion and on the 27<sup>th</sup> March a variety of awards were given out to children who had been upholding the school's values. We were gathered in Johnson Hall and were treated to a brilliant start to the awards, a song from the school choir. Next, some of the children received a merit badge and certificate, for being excellent role-models. We then sang 'Shine Jesus Shine'. This was followed by: termly classroom award; termly dinner time award; handwriting award the coveted afternoon tea invitations given by Mrs Davis, our Head Teacher. The people chosen were: Scarlet, Lily, Neel and Amy. The final announcements were: Termly Attendance award, Quiz Club (1st place and 3<sup>rd</sup> place), House Points, which everyone was most excited for, and the Governor's award, (Bethan for outstanding achievements). Nancy also received recognition as the child who upholds the Trust Values. A quote from one of the children was "It was fun and the awards were well deserved! I especially enjoyed House Points, it was very intense!" By Mak, Jess & Jess

### Music in School

Over recent weeks, Years 3, 4 and 6 have been learning how to play the flute and recorder. All the children found this very exciting: in fact one pupil commented, "I just love it!" (Madeline Y3) As well as this, children can also attend other music lessons, these include: piano, guitar, cello and violin. "We are very much looking forward to seeing how all of the musicians' hard work has paid off, in the next summer concerts", stated Mrs Whittaker. As you can see, our school loves their music." I think the flute is really good: you are able to learn new skills" (Grace Y4). Overall, many children thoroughly enjoy playing their musical instruments. Please remember to take your instruments home for the Easter break to enable practice. *Prudence, Scarlet & Isy*

### Easter Assembly

On Thursday this week, an informative, but exciting assembly was held by Reverend Phil, to remind us of the true meaning of Easter. He delivered it in an enthusiastic and entertaining way; the children and staff thoroughly enjoyed it! During this assembly, we learned that Easter isn't all about chocolate eggs and scavenger hunts, but it's about love and forgiveness. Jesus sacrificed his life for us and to this very day we need to remember to appreciate what impact he has on modern life. Therefore, as delicious as chocolate is, we need to respect the story of Easter, and remember it throughout the rest of our lives! Have a joyful Easter! *Isobel, Emily & Tehya*

### Reading Challenge

Over the past two years, Little Sutton has been introduced to the 'Reading Challenge.' This has influenced children from all ages (5-11) to read different types of genres and a wide range of books. There is a variety of badges to collect, some of which are: bronze, silver and gold. In addition to this, your child will receive a 'Star Reader or a Platinum badge!' which are awarded when they complete their challenge booklet; this is given out at the beginning of the year. One pupil quoted, 'It's really fun and I like earning rewards.' Another said, 'I love the reading challenge because I can keep up to date with the books I read.' We would strongly advise you and your child to use this method of learning as there are exciting prizes to be won at the end of the year – anyone who completes their challenge is entered into a prize draw. One member of each class will win a book voucher and there will be one lucky winner in KS1 and KS2 who will win a Kindle. Happy Reading! *Tanvir, Eleanor and Anya.*

### SATs

In the next few months Y6 will be completing several S.A.T.s. tests, getting them ready for transferring to their secondary school! These will be held in the week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018 and the suspense is really building. One year six pupil states "I'm a little bit worried because I think I'm quite good at maths but not so confident in English." A couple of weeks ago, Y6 received CGP books to help them with their tests! We are obviously all hoping for the best them! *Jack Ben & Noah*

### Saving Electricity

Recently, Birmingham City Council has been making an effort to lower the CO2 emissions by 60% by 2027. Local school, Little Sutton Primary are trying to help the Council to save the environment and save money by reducing our carbon footprint. We can accomplish this by using less water, gas and electricity. A common way to achieve this is to simply turn off appliances after using them.

5 Ways to save electricity!

Turn off your lights at night/ when nobody is in the room.

Try not to use the air conditioning.

Unplug things that are not being used.

Don't leave iPads, laptops and computers on standby, when not being used.

Hand wash dishes rather than load up your dishwasher. *Ellie, Dylan, Hermaani, Heather & Cohen*

### School Council Events

Recently, Little Sutton's Council representatives were invited by the Lord Mayor to plant trees at Harvest Fields on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February. "We had so much fun and we even received hot chocolate at the end!" George – from Y6EW – stated. We are certain that this will have such a positive impact on the environment. Another matter being considered is the fact that all of our school houses are named after men (brought to our attention by an observant child). Although a lengthy debate is taking place, no final decision has yet been reached; you will be notified of any further advances. *Hanna, Isabella, George & Nancy*

### Science Competition

After Easter, Little Sutton has been invited to take part in a science project. This project is called 'Marble Run'. The run has to be no higher than 1 metre tall and has to take the glass marble down to the end without falling or getting stuck. To make the run, you could use junk modelling type of materials such as: cardboard, plastic boxes, yoghurt pots and other types of containers. The projects are due to arrive back at school on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2018. These projects will be judged and will be displayed in the hall. We will also like to invite parents to our school to see their children's amazing creations. A certificate will be awarded for everyone who brings in their science project and there will be a prize for KS1; lower KS2 and upper KS2. We would like to remind all parents that their children don't have to participate and this project is completely optional for every student here at Little Sutton. *Hermaani, Heather, Dylan & Ellie*

### Sports Report

Over the past year, Little Sutton have competed in a wide range of sporting events: football, cross country, handball and netball etc.

This evening our football team will be at Coppice Primary School (4:00pm) playing against our rivals in a 7-a-side game. After the disappointment of losing against Walmley, our team will hopefully win and bring a victory home.

One of our players, who is very confident, boasted, "We have got this in the bag, there is nobody stopping us!" "We wish our boys the best of luck in their game, but most of all we hope they have fun. *Jayan Omar & Logan*



### Word of the Month

In our weekly Celebration and Values assemblies, our Head Teacher, Mrs Davis, enjoys announcing a word of the month, which encourages children to use ambitious adjectives and adverbs in their work. We have been introduced to many words, such as: exquisite, enchanted, intriguing, equivalent and fascinating. As you can see, these are advanced words both in terms of meaning and spelling, however even Year 1 children can spell and use them correctly! This month, Mrs Davis has suggested a new word of the month - 'concealed'. This word can be used in many different writing genres and children across the school will be trying to use it in their big writing! Exposing children to these kinds of words allows them to widen their vocabulary, improve their writing and ultimately proceed throughout the years and strive to do the best they can. *Bethan, Constantine & Dan*

### Folss Events

On Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March, FOLSS organised a fabulous coffee morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. Steaming hot coffees and delicious, mouth-watering cakes were sold; each and every parent enjoyed their relaxing break. It's always good to catch up and socialise with friends.

In addition, Reception, KS1 and KS2 had a blast at the Easter, end-of-term disco (Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March). Little Sutton Primary School arranged an amazing disco where all the children had lots of fun, one even stated, "The Easter disco was thrilling and I enjoyed dancing with my friends," Grace 4KP.

Recently, many pupils entered an "eggstremely eggcellent" Easter egg competition which was an "eggstravaganza" of enjoyment. A very reasonable £1 fee was requested to take part. The deadline of the competition was Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March, 8:45am. A whole host of unique entries came into school and the winners were: KS1 Annabelle, Milo, Hollie-Mai & Adam., Y3/4 Harry, William, Lily, Dominic & Molly. Y5/6 Jessica, Joe, Matilda & Hannah. We congratulate all participants on their creativity! *Maria, Natasha & Luke*

### Lost Property

Recently there has been an overflow of lost jumpers, cardigans and even shoes! To alleviate this, please can you make sure all of your children's items are labelled and they take responsibility for their belongings in school; some of these items can be very expensive. Have a good Easter and don't forget to check Lost Property if items go missing during school hours. Please take this holiday opportunity to review labels which may have become faded due to washing. *Katy Eva & Charlotte*

### End of Spring Term Governor's report

As you would expect, it has been another busy term within the school and for the governing body. At the beginning of the term we spent a day in school, observing lessons and talking to the children. This is part of our role as 'critical friends'. We must make sure that the school is ensuring all pupils make progress and enjoy their time in lessons. And the feedback we received certainly confirmed that!

As well as being able to visit school, the spring term is always a time for reviewing budgets and looking forward to the next financial year. There is considerable pressure on school finances, not just at Little Sutton, but all schools nationally. We have had to approve a budget for next year that will considerably reduce our reserves. If it were to continue we would be into deficit by the following year.

That means we have to make some very difficult decisions. There is no easy way to overcome this and so we are looking for ways to increase our income or reduce our costs without reducing the fantastic teaching capability that we have. Please be reassured that the governing board and the school leadership team will look for the 'least bad' approach in these difficult times and we ask that you give us your support and help in any way you feel able.

There have also been the normal committee meetings which allow smaller groups of governors to discuss specific areas of our responsibilities in more depth.

The Learning Trust for Excellence continues to develop and the schools in the trust are all strengthened by this partnership. We are now looking at ways to deepen the partnership and see how the schools collectively can manage the challenges we face today. We are also looking outside of the Trust to learn from other organisations and ensure that our approach and outlook really is following best practice. I hope you all have a good Easter break and get a chance to 'recharge the batteries' before the summer term begins. *Mark Griffiths, Chair of Governors*



### A Message from Mrs Davis

What a super newsletter Year 6. I really enjoyed your style of writing and you have certainly packed it with lots of interesting information. I can see that I am going to have to try harder in future!



### SCHOOL MATTERS CAMPAIGN – Working in Partnership with Local Businesses

As you are aware, our school takes part in a wide range of collaborative activities with the Learning Trust for Excellence (LTE) schools. The Trust is keen to work with local businesses and community groups to develop and deliver projects which benefit children across the Trust schools.

We are excited to announce the first LTE partnership with the local business Easigrass Birmingham North. Easigrass is an artificial grass company who design and install artificial grass that looks like the real thing! Further information about their products is available on the school website.

Easigrass are offering a donation of £50 to the LTE for every order of artificial grass as well as purchase of selected products. This will create a fantastic opportunity for the LTE to purchase resources to enhance teaching and learning experiences for our children.

To help our school benefit from this business partnership simply quote easi/LSPS-50. This offer is also valid for friends and family. Easi grass will be displaying their products at a coffee morning on Saturday 21st April 10am-12pm at The Acorns, Coppice Primary School. All welcome.

### Sports Courses

**Easter Netball Courses**—These will take place for girls in key stages 2 and 3 on 5th, 6th, 12th and 13th April from 9am to 4pm at Arthur Terry School. The cost is £22.50 per day, children need to bring their own lunch. To book a place email [littlesuttonnetballclub@gmail.com](mailto:littlesuttonnetballclub@gmail.com) or call Rachael on 07342 041502 or Tony on 07951 580094.

**Football Development Courses**— Aston Villa will be running soccer schools through the Easter holidays. They also hold coaching sessions at Streetly Academy on Tuesday evenings. For more information or to book places please go to [tickets.avfc.co.uk](http://tickets.avfc.co.uk) or call 0333 323 1874

### FoLSS Update

**Easter Coffee Morning & Bake Sale** - Thank you to everyone who came to support the Coffee Morning today. Thank you also to the parents who donated the delicious selection of cakes on offer. We will let you know the amount raised in due course.

**Pamper Night**— 27th April 7pm—10pm. Tickets will be on sale after Easter at £5 to include a free drink.

**Little Sutton Summer Party**—Save the date! 22nd June 2018 at Aston Wood.