



Dates for your Diary

APRIL

12th Break up for Easter
29th School reopens to pupils

MAY

13th SATs Week
17th Y5 to B
24th Break up for half term

JUNE

3rd School reopens to children
5th Y3 Museum of Cannon Chase
6th Y3 Museum of Cannon Chase
7th Y6 Residential Visit
17th Sutton Cricket Club
19th Y1 Assembly
21st Midsummer Party
24th Sutton Cricket Club
28th Sports Day

JULY

5th Reserve Sports Day
7th Y6 Drayton Manor
19th Break up for summer

Closures

6th May Bank Holiday
22nd July Training Day

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Year 6 Have Taken Over

Hello, and welcome to the newsletter! Y6 have been given the tricky task of writing about everything that has been going on at Little Sutton this week; in fact, you could even say that we have been mini news reporters! We were all allocated different topics to research and write about as part of our English unit. In addition, we have been trying to incorporate the grammar and punctuation rules we have been practising in preparation for our SATs in May. "It has been really enjoyable to write the newsletter," stated Amber in 6JM, "I can't wait to see the finished product!" We really hope you enjoy reading about what the school has been up to from our perspective! *Matilda & Thea*



ambassadors for the school! *Esme and Bethany*

Y2 Visit to Black Country Museum

On Tuesday, the children in Y2 visited the fascinating Black Country Museum. They thoroughly enjoyed this educational trip, as it was a pleasant break from all of their diligent work currently being undertaken, during the run up to the SAT's in May. The pupils were fascinated by the working Victorian village and particularly enjoyed visiting the school house! All of the Year Two staff are all very proud of the children and their behaviour; they were fantastic

Afternoon Tea

In the past week seven special children have been selected for a prestigious Afternoon Tea with Mrs Davis. This is a momentous occasion for the children. In the afternoon all seven children met in the board room. This is a very special room which many members of staff have not even been allowed in yet. The Afternoon Tea began with some gentle tunes with delicious cakes laid on the intricate wooden table along with juice and tea. The children were chosen for the example they set with their kindness and they all enjoyed a well deserved treat. *Dan, Adam & Jack*

Easter Disco

Yesterday, many children were lucky enough to attend an 'Eggcellent' Easter disco; KS1 were boogying on the dance floor between 6pm and 7pm (such fun) whilst KS2 were listening to the latest hit songs played by our terrific DJ hired by Folss. The children were able to dance along to the music between 7:15pm and 8:30pm (they must have been exhausted by the time they got home!). There was a variety of sweets and drinks on sale in case the children were hungry or thirsty. This fundraising disco was in aid of school fund, enabling more equipment to be purchased. The night was a great success and this was all thanks to the school staff and FOLSS! *Benjamin, Georgina, Hannah & Ivie*

Year 3 Synagogue Trip

On Wednesday, Year 3 visited a Jewish holy place of worship - The Central Synagogue (located in Birmingham). The children learned many facts about the Jewish religion and their way of life. They were surprised to learn that the Torah (the Jewish Holy Book), actually became the first five books of the Holy Bible. "The Torah is so valuable it cannot be touched by hands so a special stick called a 'Yad' is used to point at the words," Lily (from Y3LB) commented. "The children were fascinated by everything they learnt whilst on the trip and demonstrated great respect along with outstanding behaviour." *Amy and Addison.*



Easter Assembly

This week on Thursday we were lucky enough to have an assembly with Andi Markham, this time with a special Easter theme. It was incredibly enjoyable, mesmerising and entertaining for the children, whilst sharing the true meaning of Easter. We are very thankful that Andi Markham took time out of his busy schedule to share with us his perspective of this historically fascinating event. As always, Jack and Grandad did not fail to get the children on the edge of their seats with laughter by sharing their side of the chaotic week they faced. One of the engaged students recalled, "It was very amusing and extremely funny (as always)." Following the amusing puppets, there was a time of reflection on the importance of Easter. We are already looking forward to our next assembly with Andi Markham and know it will be another great one. *Isabelle and Katie*

Merit Assemblies

On Monday morning this week, a KS2 Merit assembly was held; this included eight children receiving a certificate and a prestigious merit badge which can be worn on the pupils' school jumpers. These children were: Lily (Y3LB), Annabelle (Y3SA), Richard (Y4KP), Anaya (Y4TV), Anjali (Y5AL), Sophie (Y5AS), Niamh (Y6EW) and Dylan (Y6JM). As well as this, the Good Manners Award was presented to Alicia (Y5AS). The KS2 Termly Classroom award was awarded to class 4TV. Y3LB received the KS2 Termly Dinner Time Award and 3SA won the Termly Attendance. Well done to Scott House who were delighted to win the House Points with the grand total of 3,360 points. The final award of the assembly was given to Ellie in Y6JM, which was the Governors' Award. Everyone was also treated to a fabulous performance from the school choir, who sang brilliantly. On Wednesday, there was a special Merit Assembly held for KS1. The children who received a merit badge and certificate were Noah (RMF), Harlow (RKS), Arcelia (1JF), Thomas (1JS), Varun (2AW) and Ibrahim (2CH). Well done to everyone who received awards; your hard work is fully deserving of this special celebration! *Zack, Theo & Poppy*

Sports Report

On Monday 8th April, a football tournament (organised by The Rotary Club), was held at Coles Lane. Our Year Five and Six teams took part in this event, and despite not coming away with a particularly pleasing result, both teams very much enjoyed participating. Y4 teacher, Mr Viollet, is very proud of both teams representing Little Sutton, and stated: "I am extremely proud of how the boys played; they showed true sportsmanship. Well done footballers!" With our Year Six team placed 5th, and Year Five team placed 4th, we could not be any prouder! Well done to all our participants, and thank you for representing our school as brilliant ambassadors! *Connie, George, Lexie & Mitchell.*

E-safety Tip of the Week

A really important tip is to remember that your password is like your toothbrush; NEVER share it! It is vital to protect your online identity and the sharing or posting of personal information should be carefully considered. One way you could do this is using an avatar as a profile picture and not a photo of yourself. This is so people cannot identify you and also so they cannot comment on your appearance, for example. Also, always use strong passwords. You could think of a phrase and use the first letter of each word in that phrase. For example "The fat cat sat on a mat" would be "tfcsoam". It is not a word, but it makes it easy to remember. Go on, give it a whirl and stay safe! *Tom and Seb*

Music in School

Last Friday, the whole school enjoyed a spectacular performance from our Y4 violinists. Also children who have violin lessons on Thursday or Friday showcased their talent. Their teacher-Mr Murphy- is incredibly proud of them. He wanted to challenge himself to teach the entire year group to play this difficult instrument. Jodie in Y6 exclaimed, "It is amazing how fabulously the children can play - Mr Murphy has taught them well". We hope that this experience inspires the children to continue on their musical journey. *Ayumi & Megan*

FAB Leaders Update

Earlier in the year, eighteen children from Year Six applied for the role of FAB Leader. The application involved having an interview with Mrs Davis and the applicants writing to state why they thought they would be suitable. The peer monitors who provided the training taught us to never share someone else's argument outside the playground and to confer calmly so that the younger pupils do not feel upset. This position involves understanding how children feel and, most importantly, working to prevent bullying from occurring in our school environment. The FAB leaders give up break times and lunchtimes to 'FAB Lead' on the KS1 and KS2 playgrounds. Our head of FAB leading (Mr Viollet) stated, "They do an excellent job of taking care of the younger children on the KS1 playground, they are fantastic role models and they are always doing the right thing to help others!" Remember to speak to a FAB leader at playtime or lunchtime if you need to. *Hannah M, Diyana & Ted*

Mary Poppins.

As you may know, Y5 and Y6 pupils are currently working on a 'Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious' Mary Poppins production! The whole cast is excited about this prestigious event and are taking time during their own lunch times to rehearse in order to be word perfect for the performance. This spectacular production will take place on the 25th, 26th and 27th of June. We hope you will come to this 'Practically Perfect' show! Ticket information will be issued shortly; please keep your eyes peeled. *Mia, Niamh, Ellie & Georgia*

Reading Gladiators Assembly

On Wednesday afternoon, we were treated to a wonderful assembly from the Reading Gladiators in Y6, Y4 and Y2. Reading Gladiators is a group of children who meet once a week to discuss newly released and award winning books. They receive a new title six times a year – an eagerly anticipated event! During the assembly, the gladiators read poems by prestigious poets, such as William Blake, Edna St Vincent Millay and Emily Bronte and encouraged others to try this genre. One pupil from Y6 commented, "I am now inspired to read a poetry anthology; it gave me a wonderful insight into the variety of books available in school." We are all very proud of the children who volunteered to read their poetry choices in front of the school. Remember...keep reading! *Elliot & Kiera*

School Council News

The Little Sutton School Council have been busy thinking about how to make our planet a better place. They have generated many ideas. First of all, the whole school is taking part in the Great British Spring Clean! This is because our school wants to collect a lot of litter that has been dropped on the floor and in local areas. Every class is taking part in this litter pick and this is where each class will be cleaning up: YR & Y1 - School Grounds, Y2 & Y3 - Nearby roads surrounding school, Y4-Around Harvest fields and up to the Co-op, Y5-Sutton Park, Y6-Sutton Park (after SAT's). Also, the School Council recently sent out a letter to ask for donations for parents to bring in canned or packaged food for the local food bank. This is for less fortunate children living in poverty in Birmingham. The School Council recently presented an assembly to remind the children about how we can try and save animals and our planet. They also talked about how we are taking part in the Great British Spring Clean and everyone is excited to participate! *Lucy & Oscar*

Lost Property

We would like to inform you about the vast amount of jumpers, PE kits and coats that are currently in our lost property. If you think that you have lost any items or uniform then please go to the lost property located near the Year 3 and 4 classrooms. In addition, we wish to remind parents to label your child's clothing as then it is easier to find lost items more easily. Please help us to keep the amount of lost property to a minimum. *Ali, Harrison, Amber & Lottie*

Healthy Eating

At Little Sutton we believe that eating a balanced diet is key to maintaining a healthy body and enabling a growth mind set. It has come to our attention that pupils are not making the appropriate choices through Monday to Thursday when we try to encourage them to have a healthy snack. Please make sure that when providing your child with a snack, it is a piece of fruit or a healthy cereal bar. To add to this healthy eating approach, we provide a salad/fruit bar at lunch times to promote the importance of healthy options. One of our pupils stated, "I think it is very important that we try to keep healthy in school and even outside of school. Also, I love the salad bar that is provided at lunch and break times!" Even though healthy eating is a vital part of the school, we do allow students to have a little treat on Fridays to reward them for their hard work across the week. *Molly & Olivia*

SATS

As many of you may know SATS (Statutory Assessment Tests) can be a very nervous and stressful time for Year Six, however we are all feeling more and more confident as we could not be working harder to achieve the best we possibly can in these assessments. Long before SATS start, the teachers give lots of help and advice with how to do certain questions and give everyone practice papers. Most feel thoroughly prepared for the upcoming tests and despite the revision, they are enjoying the lessons and seeing the progress they are making. Good luck to all of Year Six; you are working really hard and we are almost there, so make sure you also have a good rest at Easter too.

Ashton, Tristan, Dylan, James & Charlie

Easter Holidays

Did any of you give up anything for Lent? If so you will be happy to know that this period is nearly over! Lent is the six week period leading up to Easter Sunday that is a time of preparation and reflection. Christians especially give up luxuries to replicate Jesus Christ's sacrifice. We will be breaking up today on Friday the 12th April and Easter Sunday falls on the 21st April. We look forward to welcoming you back on the 29th April. Remember stay safe and have fun eating chocolate! *Jack & Joe.*

Safety At School

Getting to school safely is a major priority for the school and although we encourage as many pupils as possible to walk, not every student is able to, so they have to travel by car and parking is not easy. Yellow markings are shown on the nearby roads which means parking there is strictly forbidden; this helps the cars to get around easier, less traffic is caused and it reduces the danger posed to our students. However, cars outside the grounds are still parking either on yellow lines, blocking other vehicles or parking too far on the curb causing difficulty for people with pushchairs and wheelchairs. Recently, our year group have taken part in parking patrols wearing hi-vis jackets (to keep them protected), in order to hand out notices to cars that are parking particularly dangerously. Please ensure that you park responsibly; the safety of our pupils is paramount.

In addition, all smoking and vaping is strictly prohibited on school grounds for the pupils' safety and well-being; this can cause problems such as asthma and at worst- lung disease. Although we can't control your choices, we would advise you to stop smoking while on the school grounds.

Finally, some people may have severe allergies to some pets. Different breeds of animals might have an aggressive attitude to children and parents on the playground, so we believe that all pets must be kept out of the school area to avoid harm to pupils and adults. *Karla, Jodie, Harry & Alex*

Word of the Month for April

Our word of the month is 'prestigious' which is an adjective and means having a high status or commanding respect and admiration. A synonym is a word that has a close meaning or the same meaning as a given word, so some synonyms for 'prestigious' are: 'celebrated', 'eminent' and 'distinguished'. Antonyms are words that have the opposite meaning of a given word. Antonyms for prestigious include 'lowly', 'minor' and 'humble'. Remember, there is a raffle prize available for those of you who use the word prestigious in your writing! *Charles & Adam.*

HSBC Easter Prize

On Wednesday, the HSBC Team held a raffle to win a Cadbury's Easter egg. The lucky winner Tom in Y4 had the pleasure of receiving this "Egg-cellent" prize! The team stated, "We loved seeing his reaction, it brightened up our day knowing that we had done a good deed for one of our HSBC members." The HSBC staff (Ayumi, Zara, Matilda, Lily, Ffion and Joe) decided to advertise this prize to encourage all children from Years 3 – 6 to learn to save up their well-earned money and be prepared for the future. *Lily & Ffion*

Message from Mrs Davis

Well Y6, what an informative newsletter! You have certainly reported on a range of interesting events. I am impressed by the use of academic vocabulary and you have definitely put your knowledge of grammar and spelling rules to good use. I can see I am going to have to aspire, in future newsletters, to the high standards you have set. Well done Y6, I am very proud of you!

May I wish all our families a happy and restful Easter and I look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 29th April.