



# LITTLE SUTTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

DESIGNATED NATIONAL LEAD SCHOOL

FRIDAY 24TH MAY 2019

## Dates for your Diary

### MAY

24th Break up for half term

### JUNE

3rd School reopens to children

5th Y3 SA Museum of Cannock Chase

6th Y3LB Museum of Cannock Chase

7th Y6 Residential Visit

19th Y1 Assembly

21st Midsummer Party

28th Sports Day

29th Family Day

### JULY

5th Reserve Sports Day

9th Y6 Drayton Manor

19th Break up for summer

## Year 5 Visit to Botanical Gardens

What a fantastic day out was had by Year 5 when they went to visit the Botanical Gardens. On a less than sunny Friday, Year 5 travelled to Birmingham to continue their science work on plants. The children were split into small groups and while one group were taken into the gallery for some 'Spectacular Science', the other groups took their time to explore the grounds, as well as taking part in an amazing orienteering course—even meeting a very friendly peacock! Meanwhile the second group learned about DNA, colour creation and acids and alkalis with the help of one very cold, red cabbage. A wonderful day was had by all. Thank you from Year 5 to the parents who gave their time to help.



## Closures

22nd July Training Day  
2nd Sept Training Day  
30th Sept Training Day  
25th Oct Training Day

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Musician of the Month

Andrea Bocelli

Artist of the Month

Bridget Riley

Word of the Month

Inquisitive

## Y6 Visit to Buddhist Vihara

This Wednesday, Year Six visited the Buddhist Vihara in Birmingham. The host, Ellen, met the children and allowed them to explore the gardens before entering the pagoda. Once inside they also met one of the monks who spoke to the children about his life. The different artefacts on display were explained along with what it means to be a Buddhist today. Year Six were commended on their excellent behaviour, enjoying the entertaining and informative explanations from Ellen. Finally they were able to explore the pagoda and had the chance to meditate. The children took donations for the monks, which were gratefully received. Thank you to parents for your generosity! It was a fabulous morning, helping our children to have respect for different faiths and beliefs which is an important British Value. Many thanks to Ellen and the monastery for allowing us to visit.



## Exciting History

On Thursday when the school was unavoidably closed to pupils for elections, we took advantage of the closure to have an additional training day. The focus of the training was History and how to develop powerful knowledge and really effective historical skills. Mrs Hawkes and Mr Violet, from our Humanities team led the training. Staff then used the training to prepare engaging lessons and resources to teach History. There is a wealth of fascinating history in our local area and some of the aspects studied include in Year 4, Bishop Vesey and the impact he had on changing Sutton Coldfield, the highwaymen who lived in Four Oaks, which Year 5 investigate as part of their study of the famous Highwayman Poem by Alfred Noyes. To find out more about the History units your child is learning about, please see the curriculum guidelines sent out recently and our website where you can see how history is taught through the school. Please talk to your child about their learning and encourage them to find out more through reading and research.

## This Week's Headlines

**Mid-Summer Party**—This takes place on 21st June 7pm at Aston Wood Golf Club priced £35 and are available by emailing [folssenquiry@gmail.com](mailto:folssenquiry@gmail.com). We would love to see you there.

**Consultation process for updated Sex and Relationships Policy.**—Parents are invited to review a draft of this updated policy over the next three weeks. It can be found on the school website under School Information/ Policies/ SRE policy. Please send any feedback, comments or queries into school for the attention of Miss Peck, PSHE leader by Friday 14th June.

**Book Club**—Our new Scholastic Book Club is up and running! Go to <http://schools.scholastic.co.uk/little-sutton> to browse the latest books and order online. For every £1 you spend on this month's Book Club, our school will earn 25p in Scholastic Rewards. Please place your order online by June 30th, 2019.

We hope you have a wonderful half term break and we look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 3rd June



### Menu for Next Week

In addition, there is a salad / fruit bar and crusty bread available. Please note that the choices may vary slightly due to circumstances beyond our control. Every week we add taster pots and additional items to the menu to encourage children to try different foods.

| Monday  | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday   |
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| Chicken curry<br>Haddock grill<br>Fish fingers<br>Pizza<br>Jacket potato<br>* | Bolognaise<br>Chicken fillets<br>Fish fingers<br>Cheese pasty<br>Jacket potato<br>* | Pork sausage<br>Veg sausage<br>Chicken fillets<br>Fish fingers<br>Lemon sole grill<br>Jacket potato<br>* | Roast chicken<br>Fish fingers<br>Cheese flan<br>Baguettes / wraps<br>Jacket potato<br>* | Chicken pie<br>Chicken fillet<br>Fish fingers<br>Cheese flan<br>Cheese pasta<br>Jacket potato<br>* |
| Peas<br>Sweetcorn<br>Baked beans<br>*   | Sweetcorn<br>Carrots<br>Baked beans<br>*  | Broccoli<br>Sweetcorn<br>Baked beans<br>*  | Carrots<br>Broccoli<br>*  | Sweetcorn<br>Carrots<br>Baked beans<br>*   |
| Rice<br>New potatoes<br>*   | Spaghetti<br>New potatoes<br>*  | Mashed potatoes<br>Pasta<br>*  | Roast potatoes<br>Mashed potato<br>*  | Pasta<br>New potatoes<br>*   |
| Ices sponge<br>Yoghurt<br>Fresh fruit   | Shortbread<br>Yoghurt<br>Fresh fruit  | Cookies<br>Yoghurt<br>Fresh fruit  | Flapjack<br>Yoghurt<br>Fresh fruit  | Chocolate crunch<br>Yoghurt<br>Fresh fruit   |

### Your Opinion Matters!

Each year we produce a School Improvement Plan with Key Objectives to focus on for the academic year. The Schools in the Learning Trust for Excellence work on the same plan and where possible have joint training. This enables us to attract high calibre trainers. In preparation for the plan we would be grateful if you could complete the proforma sent home with your child recently. This asks you to identify three strengths of our school and any areas for improvement. We really value the views of our parents and will take into account your feedback when formulating the plan. Thank you for the responses we have received so far.

### Sports Report

Some fantastic teamwork was displayed on Wednesday evening by a mixed boys and girls rounders team. The incredible batting and fielding matched some of their impressive catches. Y5 and Y6 earned themselves a bronze medal by defeating Shrubbery 6-4 in the 3rd /4th place play-off. Well done to all involved!

### E-Safety Tip of the Week

CEOP is a command of the National Crime Agency. They operate to keep children safe from sexual abuse and grooming online. You can report directly to them if something has happened online which has made you feel unsafe, scared or worried. This might be from someone you know in real life, or someone you have only ever met online. All reports are taken seriously and they will do everything they can to keep you safe. [www.ceop.police.uk](http://www.ceop.police.uk)

### Christmas Market Competition

Birmingham's Frankfurt Christmas Market will mark its 20th anniversary this year, so to celebrate children are being invited to create a new design for the market's festive shopping bags. Young artists are being asked to create a festive image, using the theme Christmas in Birmingham, fitting the design brief below. The winning design will feature on the market's paper bags. The competition is open to Birmingham children, aged 11 and under. All entries must be submitted as portrait images, 28cm x 20cm, using up to five different colours on a white background. The deadline for entries is Friday 28th June 2019. Paper entries should be sent to: The BFCM Schools Competition, European & International Affairs, The Council House, Victoria Square, Birmingham, B1 1BB. Electronic designs – and any queries – can also be sent to [info@thebfc.co.uk](mailto:info@thebfc.co.uk)

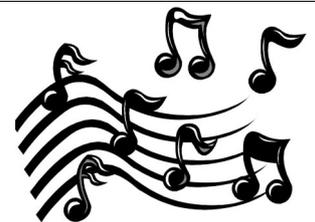
### Admission to Grammar School September 2020

The eight grammar schools in Birmingham have advised us of their key dates for next year. If you want your child to be considered for Bishop Vesey, Sutton Girls, KES Camp Hill, KES Five Ways, KES Handsworth boys, KES Handsworth girls, KES Aston or KES Camp Hill they will only need to sit one test. This will be held on Saturday 7th September 2019 but applications must be registered by 4pm on Friday 28th June 2019. More information, along with dates of open days, can be found at [www.birminghamgrammarschools.org](http://www.birminghamgrammarschools.org). Please note that grammar schools outside of Birmingham have their own admission arrangements and parents should consult the individual schools for more information.

### Music Assemblies

Parents are cordially invited to the following assemblies where children who learn an instrument in school will be showcasing their skills. They are very much looking forward to performing for you!

5th June 10am—Guitar and Ukulele  
18th June 10am— Piano  
21st June 9.05am—Brass  
8th July 10am—Woodwind  
12th July 2.45pm—Cello and double bass



### Folss Update

We are very looking forward to our Family Fun Day which will be taking place on Saturday 29th June. If you are available to help on a stall for any amount of time please let us know so that we can add you to the rota.

The next FOLSS meeting will take place on Friday 7th June at 9 a.m. at the school. Why not come in for a coffee after school drop off and hear all about the work of FOLSS. It would be great to see some new faces to help plan the future events we have coming up.

We will also be holding a second hand uniform sale on Friday 7th June after school from 3:30-4:15. Why not come and bag a bargain to see them through for the rest of the year or in preparation for September.