

School Closure

Firstly, can I thank each and every one of you for your support and kind messages for staff over the last few days. We have all appreciated your good wishes.

Today is indeed a sad day as we say goodbye to most of our children for the time being as school closes for the foreseeable future. We have sent a folder of work home with a letter containing further information to support learning at home.

The school will be open on Monday for the children of key workers only. For further information please see the link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

We appreciate that key workers may opt for alternative childcare arrangements that will provide more appropriate social distancing for their children. The Government is clear that where parents can care for children at home they should do so to limit the chance of the virus spreading:

“The principle is that if children can stay safely at home, they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading. The Government is asking parents to keep their children at home, wherever possible – schools will remain open only for those children who absolutely need to attend.”

“If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be as the fewer children making the journey to school, and the fewer children in educational settings, the lower the risk that the virus can spread and infect vulnerable individuals in wider society.”

Our arrangements will be as follows:

Children need to come to school in school uniform. School will open from 8.45am, please drop your child off between 8.45am and 9am. Parents should bring Reception and KS1 children to Columbus Hall and KS2 to the Junior door. School will close at 3.30pm for KS1 and at 3.35pm for KS2. Children should be collected from the same locations as the morning drop off. They will need to bring their learning folders back to school on each day they attend.

Free School Meals (FSM) pupils will continue to be provided for those who are entitled. For children staying at home who normally have free school meals we are following guidance and are hoping to clarify this provision shortly.

The school kitchen will be open as usual, please order a meal when you arrive on Monday.

Please note that you should only send your child on the days that you are working.

Unfortunately the school is unable to provide before and after school care on Monday. However, we will be working with the after school Club to look at what provision they will be able to offer key workers from Tuesday onwards.

FoLSS have kindly sent home a Creme Egg for every child. The school has also sent a daffodil for all Mums to spread a little sunshine!

Take care everyone over the next few weeks. We will miss you all so much.

Act of Kindness

Last Thursday after school, a group of children found a hedgehog in distress at Harvestfield park. One of the Mums rang the hedgehog rescue charity who advised them to put the hedgehog into a box/carrier with a blanket and the lady would come and collect him. Harry in Year 3 went home to get a carrier and a blanket to place the hedgehog into. Harry, Jack and Masie from Year 5, Isobel in Year 3 and Emily in Year 1 were also amazingly helpful. All the children showed great care for the sick hedgehog and the charity lady commented that the children were great ambassadors for Little Sutton School and she was



Dates for your Diary
The school is closed until further notice



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Mothing Sunday Assembly

On Thursday we filmed our Reception children performing their Mothing Sunday assembly. All our mums will receive a copy of this to watch on this special day. I am sure you will need a tissue at the ready! Well done Reception.



Hope Helpline

From Monday, St James Church and Hope Cafe are launching "Hope Helpline." This will endeavour to support the vulnerable members of Sutton Coldfield's local community, or those who may be alone or having to self-isolate at this time without support. It will also offer support for young families in need of help at these difficult times. Support offered ranges from delivering food supplies and hot meals, to helping with essential shopping, or just being there for a chat. If this is something you feel you may need, don't be alone and contact them on 07483829891 or email H4S.H2H@GMAIL.COM. Also, if you would like to support this cause, the link is [JustGiving/HOPEFORSUTTON](https://www.justgiving.com/justgiving/HOPEFORSUTTON)



Year 1 Tudor Houses

On Thursday we presented a certificate to our children in Year 1 for their superb Tudor houses which they made as a home-work project. The standard was

amazing and we are really proud of our children for all their hard work.

E-Safety Tip of the Week

Get expert support and practical tips to help children benefit from connected technology and the internet safely and smartly. Visit: www.internetmatters.org/

Theatre performance

On Monday a theatre group came into school to perform to pupils in Year 3 and 4. They performed a play called 'Gulp!' which is a moving, magical story dripping with fun and unexpected twists and turns. The theme of the story was about how to care for the world and its precious resources in an age of plastic and climate change.. Thank you to Sutton Town Council who paid for this performance to take place.



Kids UK Workshop

This week, Year Five worked with Kids UK charity to learn all about the Easter story. They enjoyed taking part in a round-robin of exciting activities that focused on the events that led up to Jesus' crucifixion and Him rising again. It was also a real time for reflection on how they felt and what they could learn from the story. Thank you Kids UK, we had a fantastic morning.

Inspirational Person of the Month— Tom Banton (former pupil)

England Cricketer

Musician of the Month—Vivvaldi

Artist of the Month—James Doran-Webb

Word of the Month— Penultimate

Synonym— Intermediate

Antonym— Terminal