



Sutton Church of England V.C. Infant School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have hit the ground running at Sutton for the new term. The children have all arrived back with a very good work attitude - long may it continue!! The lovely weather has been a real bonus - we'd like that to keep going too!

Welcome to Emily B, David, Gracie, Tommy F, Poppy, Edoardo, Lily H, Thomas H, Alivia, Abigail, William, Brayden, Emma L, Matthew, Lucy, Lily N, Frankie, Ruby P, Finley, Holly-Paige, Alfie, Billy, Lucas, Ruby W, Matilda, Ellie-Mai and Ethan who are all new to our school - they have settled in well. We have also welcomed Miss Ashley to our staff - she too has settled in - lots to remember but the children are keeping her sorted!

This week we have celebrated Roahl Dahl's 100th birthday by dressing up as our favourite characters and doing lots of different activities during the day. This did coincide with the hottest day of the year so we had lots of very hot Oompa Loompas by lunchtime across the Federation!

Next week we are particularly looking forward to hosting Circus Ferrel at Catfield - a proper big top! Every child in the Federation will have the opportunity to take part in a circus workshop in the big top and also be part of the actual shows if they want. Very exciting. Please come along to the shows if you can.

We are holding an Open Morning at Sutton 4th October from 10:00 - 11:30am. Please spread the word and, even if you are not looking for a school place, do pop in if you are passing for a cup of tea and to see what we get up to.

Enjoy this last burst of summer,
Kind regards,
Ms Jo Nutbeam & Miss Wones

Home School Values

Our value for this half term is Wisdom – an information sheet accompanies this newsletter giving more information.

Friday celebration assemblies

As in previous years, you are invited to join our Family Assembly every Friday morning at 9.00am when children are encouraged to show and share some of their work or achievements. These occasions will not be 'polished performances' and are held for the children to share with the other children and their parents, the work or skills that they are proud of. Our first Family Assembly for this academic year will be held this Friday, 16 September.

Parents are also invited to join us for our regular Monday morning assembly which is usually led by a member of the clergy.

Notification of Absence

Please advise the school office before 9.00am if your child is not going to be in school. If there is no-one in the office to take your call, please leave a message – our answer-phone is checked regularly. Could you also let us know if there is any change to your contact details as it is very important that we hold the correct information.



Mrs Shirley will usually be in the office every day from Monday to Wednesday so please speak to her on one of these days should you have any administrative queries.

On no account is any child allowed to leave the school premises at the end of the day unless collected by a parent or person authorised to do so. If someone different is collecting your child, please let us know in advance.

Summer summer, summertime...still!

As we are still having hot sunny days, please ensure your child brings a **sun hat** to school. Sun cream, in named bottles, may be brought in. NO sunglasses please.



Parental Consent Form – 2016/17

Please find attached a Consent Form for this academic year. This includes permissions for visits off site in the local area and our Federation Schools, Catfield Primary and Hickling Infant. We send out separate letters for other educational visits which require transport by coach. Please note that we adhere strictly to L.A. guidelines regarding the required adult / pupil ratio and will provide adequate supervision at all times.

The Consent Form also refers to Responsible Internet Use, web publication of work and images and newsletter preferences. We usually send out newsletters every fortnight on a Wednesday and these will be sent via email unless you request a paper copy from Mrs Shirley. The Rules for Responsible Internet Use are on our website but a copy is enclosed with this letter for our new parents.

Special Diets

Norse, our meals' provider, wants to ensure that a safe and suitable menu can be provided for those pupils who require a special diet. They are working with a Nutritionist, Lesley McFarlane, and a Dietician, Nicole Madden, to further support schools and parents with the challenge of catering for special diets. Nicole will be holding a Special Diet Advice Line every Tuesday and Thursday, between 4.30-6.00pm during term time on 07718 200884 – more details are available on our website www.norsecatering.co.uk.

School Lunches & Milk

School lunches can be ordered on a day-to-day basis at morning registration. Milk is available through the Cool Milk Scheme which you will already have details about.

The children are encouraged to drink water throughout the day and are welcome to bring in a clear plastic bottle, marked with their name, which can be re-filled as necessary. **No juice please.**

Post box on Playground Wall

The post box, for you to leave payments etc, is located on the playground next to the door to the staffroom. It will be checked and emptied every day and there will be no money left in there overnight or over the weekend.

Uniform / PE Kit

Please could we ask that ensure all clothing is labelled as it is very difficult to allocate the right sweatshirt to the right child when there are nearly sixty to match up, unless they are named! Spare clothes and underwear, particularly for our Reception children, would be appreciated in case of accidents.

It would be good if you could keep a PE kit in school for your child – we suggest T-shirt, shorts and plimsolls for indoor activities and track suits and trainers for when the children go outdoors. This can be taken home at the end of each week to be washed. We will also be making regular use of our wildlife area so a pair of wellies in school is also a good idea!

Medical Forms

If your child is asthmatic, please complete and return an Asthma Record Care Plan, available from a member of staff. We would also ask that we have a spare inhaler in school for your child. Should your child have to bring medicine into school and you would like us to administer prescribed medication, such as anti-biotics, you will need to complete a Form Med 1. Medication needs to be handed to the class teacher. We also need to know if your child has any specific medical needs. If so, please speak to a member of staff.

Helping in School

Family and friends are always welcome to help in class, either to read with the children or assist with practical activities. Speak to a member of staff for an informal chat if you wish to find out more about what you could do. Government regulations for the protection of children require that schools carry out DBS checks on adults having regular contact with children. Applications are now done online - please speak to Mrs Shirley who will take you through the first part of the process.

Parking

Please could we politely request that parents do not use the school car park and take care at the beginning and the end of the day by not parking close to residents' driveways.

Could we also encourage you to use the path whilst on school premises, rather than cut across the staff car park, to avoid any unnecessary accidents. Thank you.

Cake Raffle



We are going to run the 'Cake for the Weekend' raffle again which is drawn every Friday morning. If you would like the chance to win a delicious cake for the weekend, please put your name (or your child's) in one of the squares on the grid.. Cost: £1.00 per square. The first cake raffle for this term will be this Friday, 16 September.

Thank you to those who have put their names down on the rota for this term already. The proceeds from the raffle will be banked into School Fund, which is used to pay for all the little 'extras' and to subsidise the cost of transport for our visits.

Recycling

Please feel free to use the paper re-cycling skip situated just inside the main entrance to the school. For each 'empty' the school receives approx £30 from Norfolk County Council.

One minute it was there – the next it wasn't Our textile bank was removed from the playground last week which we didn't know about until a lorry turned up to take it away! It has had to be returned for refurbishment and we will have another one in place as soon as possible so please hold onto your recyclables. .

Tesco Bags of Help Initiative

Catfield Primary, has managed to secure a place in the Tesco's Bags of Help initiative. They will be using the money raised to help develop the Early Years outside area, including a much needed canopy. Tesco in Aylsham, Stalham, Fakenham and Sheringham will be where you can vote using tokens which will be available in store from 26th September - 9th October, so please, please, please tell all your friends, family, neighbours etc to vote for them. Thank you.

A message from Reverend McPhee

'Hi all,

Hope the summer has been good to you! As you know, I am moving on to be Rector of Horsford Benefice. If you would like to come to my (and Richard's) farewell service, it is on Sunday 25 September, 10.30 am, St Mary's Church, Stalham.

You are also invited to my Licensing Service when I am to be inducted by the Bishop of Thetford. This is Wednesday 5 October at 7.00pm, St Mary and St Botolph Church, Hevingham.

It will be lovely to see you at either or both!

As a school, we thank Reverend McPhee for her regular visits to see us and wish her well for the future.

Dates for Diaries

Shown below are dates for your diary so far. This is amended regularly and all these dates are on the website

Date		
19/09		Governors' Deep Dive Day
23/09	6.00pm	Whole School Outing to Circus Ferrel workshop at Catfield Circus Ferrel Show
24/09	2.00pm	Circus Ferrel Show
30/09	9.00am 2.00pm	Harvest Festival at St Michael's Church *provisional* Macmillan Coffee Event – watch this space for more info!
04/10	10.00-11.30am	Open Morning
07/10	9.30-10.30am	Maths Café
12/10	3.00-6.00pm	Federation Day for Reception Classes to be held at Sutton Yr1/2 trip to Gressenhall – further details to follow Parent Meetings
13/10	3.00-4.30pm	Parent Meetings
14/10	2.30pm	Sponsored Wheels event – further details to follow
21/10	3.00pm	School closes for half term
31/10	8.50am	School re-opens for second half term
12/12	1.30pm	Nativity Production
	10.00am 12 noon	Nativity Production Christmas Lunch
16/12	9.00am Last day of term	Church Service Christmas Jumper Day

