



# Sutton Church of England V.C. Infant School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope the start of the new school year has been smooth for you all - as ever it's been busy! All the children are getting ready for our harvest festivals and it would be lovely to see lots of you at church on Friday 29th at 9.00am.

Forest Schools began last week and as yet Ms Wones hasn't got too wet! Mind you, it's early days. The children celebrated Roald Dahl's 100th birthday with lots of lovely activities although we did decide not to get dressed up this year as we realise that this puts a lot of pressure on you all when we also celebrate World Book Day!

Our value for this half term is 'TRUST'. This week during collective worship we have been looking at different types of relationships and the trust involved. We then thought about how people can lose trust by thinking about the story of 'Peter and the Wolf'.

Enjoy what may be the last warm weekend of the year,  
Ms Nutbeam.

## 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. They will be led by each class on a rota basis which began last week with Green Class. 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.

## 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.

## Parental Consent Form – 2017/18

Please return the Consent Form that was sent out last week as soon as possible. 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 that was also sent 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 have also been sent out.

## Welcome Wednesdays

You are invited into school each Wednesday from 2.40-3.00pm to read with your child. This will be a regular weekly event.

### Harvest Thanksgiving Service

This will be held at **9.00am on Friday 29 September in St Michael's Church, Sutton**. We would like to make a Harvest display and send any donations to the Cromer & District Foodbank. There are collection boxes on the playground or you can bring items directly to Church. We would be extremely grateful for anything listed below (thanks for the kind donations received so far):

Pasta Sauce, Tinned Tomatoes, Tinned Potatoes, Rice Pudding, Tinned Fish, Tea Bags, Savoury Snacks (pot noodles, crisps, etc), Toilet Roll, Shower Gel, Deodorant, Children's Tooth Paste and Toothbrushes

Could we ask that the children sit at the front with parents at the back, as we usually do in the hall when assemblies take place in school. This will make it much easier for the children to hear and see what is happening.

### Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

We are holding a Macmillan Coffee Afternoon on Friday 29 September from 2.00pm in the hall. Home bakes would be much appreciated and we are still looking for volunteers to help set up and run this event from 1.00pm. Donations will be collected on the day. You are welcome to collect your child from class from 2.30pm to either join you in the hall or take them home.

### Memory Walk

On Friday 6 October we have organised a Memory Walk in aid of the Alzheimer's Society. The children will be walking around the village from 2.00pm, meeting back at school at about 2.30pm for refreshments. All welcome to join us and support the children during this event. Donations will be collected on the day.

### Pupil Photographs



We shall all need to look our best for Monday 2 October at 9.00am. We use Deena's Photography who will be in school during the morning to take individual photos. Please note that this is for Sutton Infant School pupils only.

### Friends of Swallowtail Federation

An AGM was held at Catfield Primary School last Wednesday when a committee was formed to be the 'umbrella' for each school within The Federation. We now have to elect a PTA Committee here at Sutton consisting of Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and two representatives from each year group for the forthcoming academic year. This will be held on Tuesday 3 October at 2.00pm.

We have joined PTA UK as Friends of Swallowtail Federation (FoSF) but each school within FoSF has joined it its own right, will have its own account for events happening within the school and has its own unique Membership Number – Sutton's is 20296. If you interested in becoming involved with FoSF, request to be added using the following link: <https://www.pta.org.uk/login>

All parents, friends and staff are automatically members of FoSF and therefore are invited to support the AGM. This is your chance to hear and see how the funds you will help to raise will be used for the benefit of the children at our school.

If you would like any more information or have any queries, please speak to Mrs Shirley.

### Textile Recycling

We are going to recycle with Bag2School, the UK's leading textile recycler. Please send in any unwanted textiles in the bag provided – this can include adults' and children's clothes, shoes (tied together please), hats, belts, handbags and soft toys, (please refer to <http://uk.bag2school.com/> for full details). In addition to raising much needed funds it will also raise awareness amongst the children of the benefits of recycling and reuse.

If you fill the donation bag and still have more, you can use any other bag to donate your items. Don't forget to ask grandparents, friends and neighbours to have a sort out as well!

Your child will have been given a donation bag which **Bag2School** will collect on Tuesday 10 October at 9.00am. Please place your bag (or bags!) under the covered area inside the playground gate on Monday 9 October and help us have a really good collection.

### Paper 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 £40 from Norfolk County Council.

### 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 regularly 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 sixty five 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!

### Head lice

We have had some reports of head lice. Please could you check the heads in your household and, if necessary, treat appropriately. There is plenty of advice on the internet on how to deal with this pesky issue.

### 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 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



Thank you for your support of 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.

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.

## Dates for Diaries

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

<b>Date</b>		<b>Autumn Term 2017 at Sutton Infant School</b>
29/09	9.00am 2.00pm	Harvest Festival at St Michael's Church Macmillan Coffee Event
02/10	9.00am	Individual Photos by Deena's Photography
03/10	10-11.30pm 2.00pm	Open Morning Friends of Sutton Infant School A.G.M.
04/10		RSPB Sessions for Green and Orange Classes
05/10	12 noon	RSPB Sessions for Red Class 'Batman' Special Lunch
06/10	2.00pm	Memory Walk in aid of Alzheimer's Society
10/10	3.00-4.30pm	Bag2School Collection of unwanted textiles Parents Evening – Green Class
11/10	3.00-6.00pm	Parent Evenings – all classes
12/10	3.00-4.30pm	Parent Evenings – Orange and Red Classes
19/10	2.00pm 3.00pm	Maths Café School closes for half term
30/10	8.50am	School re-opens for second half term
02/11	12noon	Bonfire Special Lunch
06/11		Anti-Bullying Week
17/11		Children In Need Day including 'Sutton's Got Talent' at 2.00pm
30/11	9.00am	Christmas Craft Morning with Parents
01/12		Christmas Fair
04/12		Federation Day @ Catfield – Advent
11/12	1.00pm	Whole School Outing to Catfield Pantomime – 'Beauty & The Beast'
12/12	10.00am	Nativity Production
13/12	1.30pm	Nativity Production
15/12	12 noon	Christmas Lunch
19/12	9.00am Last day of term	Church Service <b>Christmas Jumper Day</b>