



# Sutton Church of England V.C. Infant School

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Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back. I hope you all enjoyed a lovely half term break - how lucky were we with the weather! It is a really busy half term in the lead up to Christmas so please keep a careful eye on the newsletter dates - we try really hard not to have to alter anything but sometimes things happen beyond our control! Remember there is a phonics information workshop for parents at Sutton Infant School at 6pm on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November which all are welcome to so do pop along if you get the chance - it will last for about an hour and give you the chance to ask any questions you have.

Our value for life this half term is 'Service' and we began the week by learning about a remarkable young Jewish woman, Hannah Senesh who gave her life to serve others during the second world war.

## Orange Class Parent consultations

Thank you all so much for bearing with us while we got this sorted out – it was only on Monday that we really were able to plan ahead with a clear idea of exactly what was happening. So the lovely Ms Wones and Mrs Bales will be taking the consultations on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> Nov – so far 12 families have signed up so make sure you get your name down if you haven't yet – if the board isn't outside just ask the member of staff on duty and they'll track it down for you! Could I just take this opportunity to thank the staff for working so hard to ensure the education of the children has not suffered during this period – Ms Ashley has been doing the majority of the planning, Mrs Bales has provided the continuity for the children, working far more hours than we pay her for to ensure the classroom runs smoothly, Mrs Norman has really got the children into their routines and Mrs Fiske stood in on her non work days to do some supply for us – all in all everyone has really pulled together. We are looking forward to welcoming Miss Gallagher who is coming in on a voluntary basis before she takes up the reins full time so she can work with Mrs Norman and Mrs Bales to ensure there is a smooth transition. An especially big well done to the children – they have coped admirably with the changes and uncertainty and we are very proud of them.

Have a lovely and safe bonfire night,  
Kind regards  
Ms Nutbeam/Ms Wones

## Homework

Thank you for all the questionnaires which were returned – as a result of your feedback Ms Ashley has made changes which will be outlined in more detail when this half term's home learning is sent home.

## Year 1 request

Year 1 would like junk modelling materials, e.g. boxes, bottles, foil etc. for their space project next week. Just drop anything off to Mrs Bales.

## Samaritans Operation Christmas Child

We will again be collecting shoeboxes and details of this will be sent out shortly – we just want to give you as much notice as possible – the service will be held on Sunday November 20<sup>th</sup> at 3pm.

## Library Books

We would be grateful if you could check at home to see if you have any of our library books. There are a few that are missing which we would be grateful to have returned. Thank you.

## Headlice

We have had some reports of headlice. 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.

## Stalham Academy Open Evening

Please remember the Open Evening to be held on Thursday 3 November.

## Dates for Diaries

Shown below are dates for your diary so far. This is amended regularly and all these dates are on the website – newly added dates are shown in red.

| <b>Date</b> |                            |  |
|-------------|----------------------------|--|
| 03/11       | 12noon<br><br>5.00-6.30pm  | Bonfire Lunch Special<br>FoSIS Meeting – time to be confirmed<br>Stalham Academy Open Evening for Years 1 & 2 children |
| 04/11       |                            | Yr1/2 Flu Immunisation   |
| 07/11       | 3pm                        | Orange class parent consultations – Ms Wones/Mrs Bales   |
| 09/11       | 6pm                        | Phonics information workshop in hall   |
| 10/11       | 3pm                        | Orange class parent consultations – Ms Wones/Mrs Bales   |
| 18/11       |                            | Children In Need Day   |
| 22/11       |                            | Whole School Outing to Planetarium Workshops at Catfield School  |
| 23/11       | 9am – 1:15<br>2.00-4.00pm  | Y2 to Stalham Academy for activities<br>FoSIS Christmas Fayre – further details to follow                              |
| 28/11       | 2pm                        | Open afternoon for parents making Christmas decorations for the festival   |
| 06/12       |                            | Whole School Outing to Pantomime at Catfield School  |
| 08/12       | 10am                       | Y2 to attend Christingle service at Sutton Church  |
| 12/12       | 1.30pm                     | Nativity Production  |
| 13/12       | 10.00am<br>12 noon         | Nativity Production<br>Christmas Lunch   |
| 16/12       | 9.00am<br>Last day of term | Church Service<br><b>Christmas Jumper Day</b>  |