

SUTTON CE (VC) PRIMARY  
SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER 5

Harvest Festival

Thank you so much to all the parents and pupils who donated food items to our Harvest appeal this year.

Once all the children had taken their harvest gifts up to the front of St Andrew's Church there was a lovely display of all our Harvest offerings. These will be given to the Ely Foodbank for distribution to local families who are finding it hard to feed themselves.

The foodbanks provide food to families in crisis, either as Emergency Food Boxes (EFBs), or as bagged food from one of Foodbank's Distribution Centres. The food includes cereals, milk, fruit juice, soup, pasta, meat, fish, pudding and vegetables, providing balanced and nutritional meals for 3 days. Foodbank Distribution Centres stock all the food items issued in an EFB as well as some additional items which are not practical to put in the standard 4 person boxes these include: household items, baby food, tin openers and extra treats or snacks.

Parent Consultations

After today there is just one further opportunity to attend a Parent Consultation with your child's class teacher this term:

Thursday 20 November 5.30 – 7.30 pm

All appointments are 10 minutes in length. Appointments can be made by contacting the school office. It is not necessary for parents to attend every consultation held during the year

Please note appointments cannot be made on the day of the consultation;

this allows staff time to prepare for this event.

Book Week

A letter was sent home to parents last Wednesday detailing our plans for our annual Book Week.

If you did not get a copy of this letter please contact the school office staff who will ensure that a copy is sent home. The whole week will take the theme of Myths. The key points for the week include:

- Theatre production visit to school to perform 'The Sword in the Stone'
- Book Shop in school from Wednesday 15 October until Tuesday 21 October – before and after school
- Film night in the hall from 3:10 until 4:30pm on Thursday 16 October. Showing the Disney version of Sword in the Stone. £1 entry includes popcorn.
- Dressing Up Day – Friday 17 October. Pupils are encouraged to come dressed up as their favourite book character.

Once a Week take a Peek!

One in five children will have head lice at any one time...Head lice are an extremely common issue but they can cause a great deal of frustration, embarrassment and upset to both children and parents if not caught early enough and treated correctly.

The website [www.onceaweektakeapeek.com](http://www.onceaweektakeapeek.com) has some great advice for parents on head lice management.

There is also a new animation on head lice available. The video is a fresh new approach to head lice

management – an amusing yet cautionary tale for parents. Visit [www.facebook.com/onceaweektakea](http://www.facebook.com/onceaweektakea) for more information.

### FOSS Cake Break

FOSS will be holding a Cake Break for the children on Thursday 16 October 2014.

During the academic year parents in each Key Stage are asked to bake a few cakes each which are then sold to the children at morning break time. Each cake costs 30p and the pupils are allowed to purchase one cake during their playtime. Any spare cakes are then sold to the parents at the end of the school day.

All proceeds from these events go to the Friends of Sutton School (FOSS) charity.

During the year FOSS help to fund a number of school trips across the school by subsidising the costs to parents. This is in addition to the major fund raising activities that they are currently working towards. This year FOSS have agreed to help the school with our programme to replace the Interactive White Boards (IWBs) throughout the school.

### Promotional School Meal – Bonfire Night

During the school year Cambridgeshire Catering Services (CCS) who provide our school meals run promotional lunches to link into school or national events. For Bonfire Night CCS are currently promoting a special lunch which all our pupils can participate in.

In previous years these special meals have always attracted a greater uptake by pupils and for this reason we ask all parents, even those whose children are entitled to Free School Meals to return the slip at the bottom of the promotional flyer by the given date.

This is because our school cook often needs to order in additional ingredients in order to cater for the larger than normal pupils numbers.

If your child would like to participate in this promotional meal please send the slip back by midday on Friday 17 October 2014

### Holidays during Term Time

Our school Attendance Policy clearly states that we aim to minimise the amount of time lost to term time holidays through a policy which actively discourages parents from arranging family holidays during this time. Parents should not expect leave of absence to be granted automatically as leave for the purpose of a family holiday will only be granted in exceptional circumstances and not for multiple requests during a school year. If leave of absence is taken without authorisation, it will be recorded in the schools attendance register as an unauthorised absence and may be referred to the school's Education Welfare Officer.

Absence during term time interrupts the continuity of teaching and learning and disrupts the educational progress of individual children. In a week lots of things can happen within the life of a school; children can miss whole areas of a topic being taught in maths or English. In addition the social aspects of a child's development including their friendships can move on making it difficult for the returning child to fit back in with their peer groups.

### St Andrew's Junior and Youth Choir

St Andrew's Junior and Youth Choir are looking for new members. If you have children who are aged 6 ½ years or older and like singing then do consider letting them join..

You don't need to be able to read music as it's possible to join in with the

songs by learning the words along with the other members.

The choir meets on a Friday evening from 6:00 – 7:00pm. For further details please contact Mrs Bradley via the school office

#### BBC Ten Pieces

This is a project aimed at encouraging children and adults to listen to and enjoy a wide range of classical music.

During their KS2 Music lessons Mrs Bradley will be introducing the children to the 10 chosen pieces of music.

Radios 2, 3 and 4 are promoting this project along with The One Show and CBBC. If you want more details please go to:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p01vs08w>.

You can access clips of all 10 pieces of music chosen for the project as well as links to find out more information on the pieces of music.

#### St Andrew's Church – Flower Festival

This weekend St Andrew's Church is hosting a Flower Festival. The theme of the festival is Scarecrows.

As a school we have entered the festival with a school themed scarecrow. A number of the children have worked on different parts of the display including our FS pupils who worked with their buddies to make the crows.

If you have time over the weekend please do call in and have a look at the lovely displays. The church is open from 11:00 until 5:00pm.

#### School Newsletters

We send out a School Newsletter on a Weekly basis. These are all numbered and dated to help parents

keep up to date with what is happening at school.

An electronic copy is placed on our school website, [www.sutton.cambs.sch.uk](http://www.sutton.cambs.sch.uk) if you mislay your copy.

#### Dates for the Half Term

**Thursday 9 October** – Parent Consultations 3:30-5:30pm

**Friday 10 October** – Yr 5 to Ely Fire Station

**Monday 13 October** – Book Week starts

**Tuesday 14 October** – Theatre Visit to school

**Tuesday 14 October** - Governors Finance and Personnel Committee

**Wednesday 15 October** - School Book Shop in the school hall

**Thursday 16 October** – FOSS Cake Break. KS2 Parents to bake please

**Thursday 23 October** – Phonics Evening for Foundation Stage Parents

**Thursday 23 October** – End of KS2 SATs Information Evening for Yr 6 Parents

**Friday 24 October** – INSET Day for teaching staff

**Monday 27 October – Friday 31 October** inc Half Term Holiday

**Monday 3 November** – School starts following Half Term holiday.

**Thursday 13 November** – Individual School Photographs

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