



SUTTON NEWS

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Well, we have finally reached the end of another academic year. It feels clichéd to suggest the end of this year is a relief, but in some ways it very much is! There is no doubt it has been significantly influenced by Covid and has made life challenging for us all, but there is still so much to celebrate. Without wishing to tempt fate in anyway, the fact there have been no bubble closures in school for the entirety of this year is an amazing achievement. Believe me, there are not many schools who can make a similar claim. Working collaboratively as a community has enabled us to ensure the impact of Covid on our children's education has been reduced significantly.

This leads me onto the next achievement. Although no substitute to having the children in school every day, the tireless work of all the staff in providing online learning and in class provision for all pupils during lockdown has meant they have continued to engage in their education – albeit with a great deal of help from you all too! I've no doubt it has been said before but, on behalf of every one in school, thank you for being so accommodating and supportive during these periods. I think it is fair to say no one wants to go back to a home schooling situation again.

On top of this, we have seen some degree of normality return to school. Although opportunities for parents to be involved have been limited, the Sports Days, 'Big Camp Out', 'Move Up Morning' and a field trip to Hunstanton carried out in recent weeks has seen pupils get a taste of how things were before lockdown. The children have been amazingly resilient throughout this pandemic and we are determined to make sure we do all we can to ensure the last 16 months do not define our pupils nor stifle their potential, hopes and aspirations.

We can not say with absolute certainty as to what September will look like with regards Covid, but we are very much planning for normal service to resume. We will continue to be cautious in our approach to removing Covid protocols and procedures though. We recognise the role we play reducing the risk of infection in our community and many aspects of what we have done to reduce the risks have become the 'new normal'. The beginning and end of day procedures will remain, as will virtual assemblies, but children will be allowed to mix frequently. The Bubble system is unlikely to continue in September and therefore pupils across whole key stages will be able to play and learn together once again.

I am hugely optimistic that next year is going to be a fantastic one for Sutton Primary School. Building upon recent success and developing the school into an outstanding education provider is very much in our sights and working together as a community makes this goal all the more achievable.

On behalf of everyone at Sutton Primary School, I would like to wish you all a long, happy and safe Summer Holiday—you all deserve it. We are going to get right back into the swing of things in September and I for one can't wait!

Mr Harrison,
Headteacher

STAFFING UPDATES



Mrs Boshier



Miss Holland



Mr Baxter



Mrs Head

Today was a day of celebration and goodbyes. Having celebrated the Year 6 Leavers in a special service, we also held another assembly for the staff leaving this week. Mrs Chappell, Mrs Korniotis, Miss Pauley, Mr Sewell and Mrs Williams have collectively contributed nearly 25 years service to Sutton Primary School and have been integral members of the school community. I'm pleased to say they are all staying in education (or retiring in the case of Mrs Chappell) and I'm certain we will see them again in the future. I'm sure you will all join me in wishing them all the very best in their next adventure!

Departures often signal new arrivals and I am delighted to welcome Mrs Boshier, Mrs Head, Miss Holland and Mr Baxter who will all be joining our team in September. Mrs Boshier and Miss Holland will be teaching in Key Stage 2. Mr Baxter, previously coaching at the school with Premier Sport, will be leading PE across the school and ensuring pupils have lots of opportunities to participate and compete in a wide variety of sports. Finally, Mrs Head will be joining our Admin Team and helping ensure things continue to run smoothly in the school office.



YEAR 6 LEAVERS GET BIG SEND OFF

We were proud to be able to give our Year 6 Leavers a special service to celebrate their time at Sutton Primary School on Wednesday. This was made even better by the fact we were able to invite their parents to this last event of the academic year. Despite the sweltering heat, we managed to host the event in the school courtyard, and with the help of the other Key Stage 2 classes, it proved to a fitting finale for our fantastic Year 6 pupils.

Many thanks must go to the Year 6 staff, Rev. Mary and Mrs Bradley for all of their hard work in pulling this together.

Our Year 6 pupils have been a credit to the school throughout their time at Sutton and we have no doubt they will go to enjoy even more success in secondary school. Well done!



A group photo of the six children selected by the staff and pupils for our special 'Superstar Awards'.



KEEPING YOUR CHILDREN OCCUPIED THIS SUMMER!



Keeping your children occupied during the Summer Holidays can be a challenge and although we have set any specific homework (the children deserve a rest too!), you may want to keep these to hand in preparation for a rainy day:

Reading Passports Reading is the key to learning, so we have provided a Reading Passport, which will highlight recommended reads, possible reading activities and an area to record new words to motivate reading during the holidays. On your dojo, you will find a Reading Passport aimed at the year group your child is going in to, as well as a 'supporting reading' passport - If your child would prefer to practise the skills of a previous year.

Moving Up English and Maths Activities Fun activities to play in the shade can be found on your child's class dojo page from Thursday. The activities are designed to develop and reinforce key skills, needed in the year group your child is moving in to.

2021-22 TERM DATES

- 6.9.21** Children return to school
- 21.10.21** Last day of half-term
- 1.11.21** Children return to school
- 17.12.21** Last day of term
- 5.1.22** Children return to school
- 11.2.22** Last day of half-term
- 21.2.22** Children return to school
- 1.4.22** Last day of term
- 19.4.22** Children return to school
- 27.5.22** Last day of half-term
- 6.6.22** Children return to school
- 22.7.22** Last day of academic year



YEARS 3/4 TAKE A TRIP TO THE BEACH



On Monday 19th July, pupils from Years 3 and 4 had a day trip to Old Hunstanton. The children were a credit to the school with members of the public commenting on how well our they behaved when out and about. They managed to squeeze lots of fun activities into the day with sandcastle building, paddling in the sea and visiting the local RNLI Lifeboat station. Many thanks to Mrs Williams for organising and all of the accompanying adults who helped make this such an enjoyable day.

WISHING YOU ALL A HAPPY HOLIDAY!

