

SUTTON SCHOOL BIDS A FOND FAREWELL TO REV'D MARY HANCOCK



Pupils, Staff and Governors come together virtually to bid a fond farewell to our much loved vicar, Rev'd Mary Hancock, on Wednesday afternoon.

Despite ongoing Covid measures in and around the school, we were keen to give a fitting send off to Rev'd Mary who has contributed so much to Sutton Primary and the village as a whole.

Year 6 pupils performed some beautiful hymns and a special farewell song linked to chocolate—a recurring theme in many school anecdotes about Mary and her fantastic assemblies over the years! We also got a little insight into Mary's life before she became a vicar. There is no denying she has lived an extraordinary life and it is clear where her passion for education and raising aspirations has come from.



It will come as no surprise to you all that Mary has been an integral part of the school and its commitment to serve the Sutton Community; so much so that it is impossible to do her justice in a Newsletter article. We hope the assembly went some way to showing just how much she is appreciated and loved.

Mary officially retires on Monday 17th January, and in doing so will relinquish her position on the School Governing Board. However, we are keen to keep in touch and keep her legacy at the forefront of school life moving forward. We will draw upon Mary's knowledge and insight to formulate our new Church School Vision and will celebrate her dedication to education and strong Christian Values in our new 'Rev'd Mary Hancock Cup' - a new trophy to be presented to the winning House at the end of each academic year.

I'm sure you will all join us in wishing Mary a very long and relaxing retirement and thank her for the amazing service and dedication she has given to Sutton.

A MESSAGE FROM SCHOOL CHAIR OF GOVERNORS



On behalf of all our Governing Body, I'd like to welcome you all back to school and hope that you have had a lovely Christmas break. Last term was a challenge and it sadly it looks like that will continue longer than we ever thought it would.

I can't thank our staff enough for their dedication and hard work in doing the best for the children of Sutton. It is because they are such a great team that I am confident that the school will continue to thrive. The Local Authority agree and as Mr. Harrison said in his last newsletter, they have now ceased their close scrutiny and monitoring meetings. This also includes their monitoring of the Governing Body as the LA agree that Governors now know the school well and carry out their roles confidently and competently.

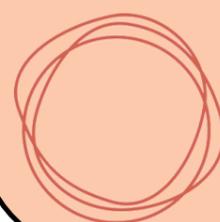
When the LA asked me to join Sutton, this wasn't the case. There were few Governor visits and monitoring of standards. Now the GB is far more independent and able to stand alone, so I will be resigning from Sutton GB and leave at Easter. I've been proud to be a part of Sutton's journey which I'm confident will continue until Sutton is as 'good' as it deserves to be!

With very best wishes for 2022,

Sue Rudge, Chair of Governors

KEY DIARY DATES

- 17th January** National Child Measuring (Rec & Y6)
- 19th January** Inter School Football Competition @ Ely Hockey Club
- 4th - 8th February** School Wellbeing Focus days
- 8th & 9th February** Virtual Parent Consultations
- 11th February** Last day of half-term
- 21st February** Children return to school
- 1st April** Last day of Spring Term
- 19th April** Summer Term Starts
Children return to school
- 6th June** Platinum Jubilee Holiday (school closed)



Mark Your **Calendar**

YEAR 3 & 4 PUPILS COMPLETE BIKEABILITY COURSE



Well done to all of the pupils in Years 3 and 4 who completed their Bikeability course this week. The instructors were impressed by the children's listening and concentration skills, which has enabled them to become more confident, considerate cyclists.

Many thanks must go to The Bikeability Trust, who provide fantastic training for children across the country.



INVENTORY

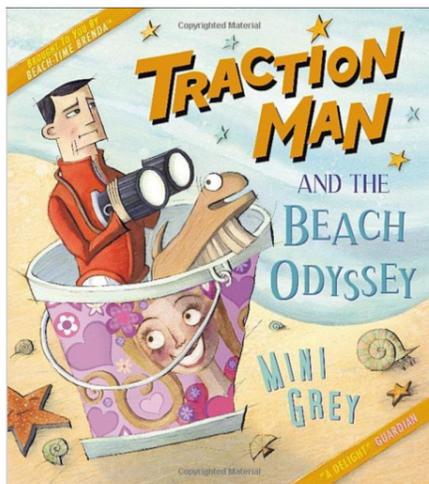
SIGN IN SOLUTIONS

This week saw the installation of our new Inventory automated sign in system. This will compliment our commitment to ensure pupils are safe, personal data is handled correctly in line with GDPR laws and school efficiency remains at an optimal level.

All adults entering the school building will have to sign in, and out, via this screen.

RECOMMENDED READS LINKED TO PUPIL'S TOPICS

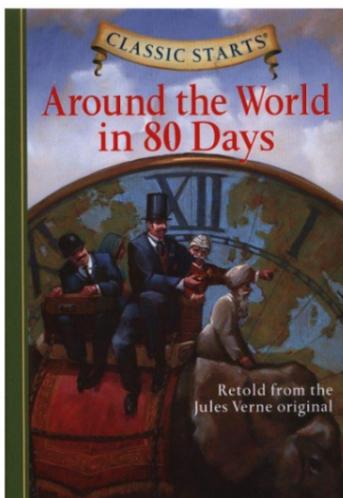
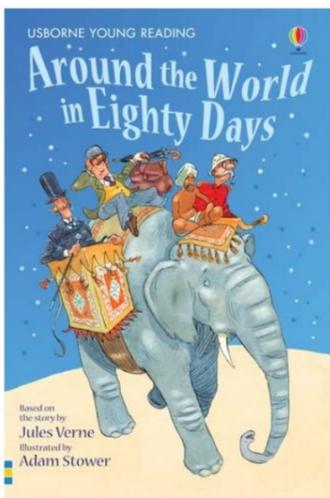
The children have already been introduced to their new Topics for this half-term and what better way to develop their understanding than to read a book! Here are some recommended books that link to our Key Stage Topics. I have hyperlinked each text to their respective Amazon page, just click on the images. I am confident you will be able to pick these up in any good book shop too. Enjoy!



Key Stage 1

Traction Man and Scrubbing Brush are at the beach! Traction Man even has his special Squid-Proof Scuba Suit, perfect for exploring the secret crevices of the Rock pool. But there are adventures in store for our intrepid hero as he faces the thrills of Operation Picnic, the tribulation of being buried in sand and - worst of all - being washed away by a giant wave...

Join the daring duo as they meet new challenges ... and new friends.



Key Stage 2

The classic tale of Phileas Fogg and his quest to travel around the world in just eighty days.

Years 5 & 6, these are abridged versions, but do look for the original if your child is an able reader.

PARENTS/CARERS TO SET UP PUPIL ASSET ACCOUNT

You should now have received an email inviting you to log in to the new Pupil Asset Parent Portal. Please check your spam/junk folder if you cannot find it in your inbox.

It is imperative you register with the email address to which the Pupil Asset invite has been sent as this is the one we have on our records.

If you have not had an email by midday Wednesday, please could you email office@sutton.cambs.sch.uk with your name and your child's name from the email address you wish to use to sign up.

ALL households will need to register as this will be the address to which all email correspondence from the school will be sent. This will also be the platform on which parents will need to book appointments for our forthcoming Parent Consultations.

This new system will also enable parents to keep the school informed of any changes in their circumstances and their contact details.

If you are encountering difficulties registering, please do contact the school office using the email address above.



HOUSE POINT TOTALS



YOU ARE VALUED

Next week we are focusing on, '**You Are Valued**'. If your child has an achievement or would like to share something they are good at with the class - please let the class teacher know via ClassDojo. Photographs or presentations can also be shared via your child's google classroom.

We look forward to sharing and celebrating your child's achievements!