



A very warm welcome to a new academic year at Sutton Primary School! We hope you've had a fantastic Summer Break and have all returned refreshed and ready for an exciting new term.

Lots of work has been going in the background over the Summer months as we seek to enhance the service we provide for our commu-

nity and deliver the best possible education and outcomes for our pupils. Hopefully the children have been telling you all about our new school values that have been devised with the help of parents, staff and governors; one week in and the children have already shown a desire to reach our increased expectations for positive learning behaviour and a willingness to take on new challenges.

This coincides with our new Positive Behaviour Policy which places an emphasis upon positive reinforcement and adhering to our three simple school rules—READY, RESPECTFUL and SAFE. This has also been a focus for discussions in classrooms and assemblies this week.

Not only that, but our timetables have been reconfigured to ensure we deliver a broad and balanced curriculum to enable our pupils to experience a wide range of learning opportunities in which to excel.

Classrooms and corridors have been decluttered as we begin to develop our learning environment so children feel inspired and motivated to do their best.

School procedures are also changing. Our newly devised Assurance of Excellence Policy outlines the strong lines of accountability placed upon all staff and governors and how we will STRIVE to ensure all children reach their full potential.

You will be able to find out more information about these, and many more developments in and around the school, on our new website which is set to be launched within days!

I hope you will all agree, this is an exciting time to be at Sutton Primary School and we are very much looking forward to working alongside you all to make this a hugely successful year.

Mr Harrison  
Headteacher

## LOOK OUT FOR OUR VALUES AND RULES POSTERS AROUND THE SCHOOL:

### STRIVE

- SAFE** We uphold and protect each other's rights to be safe from harm
- TOGETHER** We work and play together in an environment where all are welcome
- RESPECT** We celebrate and embrace our differences
- INTEGRITY** We are open and honest with one another
- VALUED** We listen to and respect each other's views
- EXCELLENCE** We try our best so that we may reach our full potential

*Our values identify us as a school and highlight the behaviours and attitudes we seek to demonstrate as a school and instil in our pupils.*



*Our rules provide guidelines as to how we expect all pupils to behave in school. Adhering to the rules will enable pupils, and their peers, to learn more effectively.*

## YEAR 6 STUDENT RAISES MONEY FOR LOCAL CHILDREN'S WARD



During the Summer Holidays, Emily set out to raise money for the Addenbrookes Children's Ward.

We are very fortunate to have such a fantastic hospital on our doorstep and Emily felt inspired to help those who may be feeling unwell. When asked about what motivated her to do fundraising she said, 'I want to help make the poorly children feel happy again.'

In total Emily managed to raise an amazing £160! Here she is with her certificate of thanks from Addenbrookes.

## KEY DIARY DATES

- 13th September** Year 1 & 2 'Meet the Teachers' Virtual Meeting
- 15th September** Reception pupils begin full time provision
- 16th September** Year 3, 4 & Rhino Class 'Meet the Teachers' Virtual Meeting
- 16th September** Year 6 & Salamander Class 'Meet the Teachers' Virtual Meeting
- 30th September** Witchford Village College Open Evening
- 19th & 20th October** Sutton Parent Consultation Evenings
- 22nd October** INSET Day—School closed to pupils
- 1st November** Start of Autumn 2 Half Term
- 8th November** Reception Pupil Eye Screening (TBC)
- 8th November** Individual Pupil Photos
- 10th November** Flu Vaccines

Mark Your  
**Calendar**

## YEAR 1 PUPILS INVESTIGATE HOW TO MAKE THE PERFECT SANDCASTLE



Year 1 pupils in Elephant Class have started the term with an exciting Science challenge.

In their investigation they had to mix sand and water to find the ideal proportions to make the perfect sandcastle.

Following some rigorous experimentation, the children were able to craft some beautiful sandcastles!



In an effort to safeguard our children and reduce the risk of severe allergic reactions and anaphylaxis, we must insist no nuts, or products containing nuts, should be brought onto the school premises.

Thank you for your cooperation with this.

## YEAR 6 PUPIL ENJOYS FURTHER MUSIC SUCCESS

At the end of the summer term Eloise passed her grade 3 ABRSM Descant Recorder exam with a merit. This meant going to the exam centre in Cambridge and playing her pieces, scales and other bits to the examiner. Congratulations to Eloise.



## HOUSE TEAMS TO BE INTRODUCED THIS HALF TERM!

Following the success of our end of year Sports Days, we are keen to embed an exciting House System within to further develop our school new school values.

We will have four houses into which all pupils at Sutton Primary School will be allocated. We will endeavour to ensure pupil allocations to each house are evenly distributed and siblings will be in the same house irrespective of year groups.

This will become the basis of our new reward system in which children will collect points for exemplary learning behaviour, demonstrating our school values, competing in intra-school house competitions, making a positive contribution to life in school etc.

We are in the process of allocating children to Houses and getting everything ready for our big launch in October. It is for this reason that ClassDojo are no longer being awarded. You may have already noticed this, so please don't worry—you're children are being impeccably behaved!

We have yet to choose names for our four houses, which is where we would like pupils and their families to help! We'd like our House team names to be inspiring and relevant to our community, but also reflect our place within a wider global community. If you have any ideas do share them with your child's class teacher as this will be a topic of conversation in our forthcoming Class Council meetings!



## School Fruit and Vegetable Scheme

Free, daily fruit and vegetable provision for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 has resumed this term. Pupils from these respective groups can bring in their own snack, as can pupils across Key Stage 2, but these must be either a piece of fruit, a vegetable or a healthy dairy product (e.g. cheese, yoghurt etc.).

In keeping with the Government's Healthy Schools initiative, all pupils are to adhere to this.



**Don't forget all Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 pupils are eligible for free school meals irrespective of family income.**