

PUPILS SHARE POWER OF GIVING IN WELLBEING WEEK



Pupils across the school have taken the opportunity to celebrate and thank people in their lives during this weeks 'Wellbeing Week'.

The theme for this half term is 'Give', which has encouraged pupils to consider how kind words, complimenting one another and taking an interest in and celebrating our differences can be just as powerful as giving a tangible gift or present. Through classroom discussions and our whole school assembly, pupils have also considered the how the real value in doing these things, and not expecting anything in return, can actually create a community in which respect and compassion are at its very heart.

All of the children have demonstrated this throughout the week with messages of appreciation, acknowledging each others talents and sharing kind words of support.

Staff have also got in on the act with lots of messages of kindness being shared between pupils and adults alike.

Having received some lovely messages myself, I can wholly testify to the positive impact it can have on your wellbeing!

PARENTS WELCOMED BACK INTO SCHOOL!

This week saw the school welcome parents back onto the school grounds at the beginning and end of the school day.

Feedback has been enormously positive, but we are also hugely appreciative of parents who have raised concerns; we are keen to refine and adapt the newly adopted system to ensure everyone coming onto the school grounds feels safe and welcome.

I would like to thank you all for being so accommodating. All of the staff have really enjoyed the opportunity to have face to face conversations with you all again. This week has really felt like a big step back to some sort of normality in school. Long may this continue!

A NEW COLLECTIVE VISION FOR OUR SCHOOL

The school has undergone significant changes over the last year, not just in relation to Covid but also in our drive to ensure we are delivering the best possible education for our pupils and fulfilling the needs for the community we serve. This has led to a systematic review of all aspects of the school in an effort to ensure everything is geared towards achieving this.

One key aspect of this is the school's mission statement and vision. Many of you may not be aware of these, but they should form the basis upon which all school procedures, policies, interactions and decisions are made. In short, they should define the school and highlight its distinctiveness tailored specifically for the village of Sutton.

We are keen to hear the views of all stakeholders and have therefore produced an online survey to give you all an opportunity to identify the values you wish to see demonstrated within the school and wider community, values you would like instilled in our children, values which will enable our children to become well rounded adults with a first class education to thrive and contribute to our community and wider society in the future.

As a church school, these will be Christian Values, but I am keen to emphasise that these same values are upheld in all faiths and cultures across the world. For this reason, our new values will not only celebrate our Christian distinctiveness, they will also help broaden pupils world view and celebrate our similarities and differences with people and cultures around the world.

This is the first step in redefining our school vision, but we value your input and would love to hear your thoughts. The survey should take little more than five minutes, so do please take a moment to let us know what you think.



Please use the hyperlink below to access our short Values Survey:

<https://forms.gle/HHf5vgrYbbrDvYeq8>

KEY DIARY DATES

6th July Reports sent home to parents

7, 8, 9th July Stay and Play sessions for Reception starters

9th July KS2 Sports Festival

14th July Reception & KS1 Sports Festival

14th July Report follow up appointments for parents (more details to follow)

21st July Last day of term for children

22nd July Inset day (school closed to children)

Mark Your
Calendar

OVER £1,000 RAISED IN F.O.S.S. SILLY SKIP!



A huge thank you to everyone who has so generously donated to the F.O.S.S. Silly Skipping fundraiser. Pupils and staff across the school got into the spirit by wearing whacky colourful outfits and taking part in lots of skipping challenges during the day. At the time of going to print, over £1,150 has been raised with the proceeds being shared equally between F.O.S.S. and the RSPCA. Its not too late if you would like to make a donation! The link below will take you to the F.O.S.S. GoFundMe page. Any contributions will be very gratefully received.

On behalf of the school community, I would like to extend a massive thank you to the Sutton Staff and F.O.S.S. for organising such a fantastic event.



SPORTS DAYS TO GO AHEAD, BUT FAMILIES UNABLE TO ATTEND

We are delighted to announce that Sports Days will be going ahead this year however, having sought advice from the Local Education Authority, we have made the difficult decision not to grant access to parents this year.

Sports Day is very much a highlight of the school year for me as it brings the community together in celebrating sport through participation and healthy competition. Even though parents and carers will not be able to attend, we very much intend to create a tournament feel to the events.

To do this we will be placing children across the school in coloured teams (Red, Blue, Yellow and Green). Pupils will represent their team in a range of different events in order to secure points. These points will be collated together to identify 'Bubble Champions' and overall 'School Champions'.

Children will be informed of their team today or at the beginning of next week. We are asking parents to see if they can provide the relevant colour t-shirt for their child on the respective Sports Day dates. The dates are as follows:

Friday 9th July	Years 3 & 4	Green Bubble	9:00am—10:15am
	Year 5 & 6	Blue Bubble	10:30am—11:45am
Wednesday 14th July	Reception & Year 1	Red Bubble	9:30am—10:30am
	Year 1 & 2	Yellow Bubble	10:45am—11:45am