

Dear Parents and Carers,

Where has the time gone?! This half term seems to have flown by, but let's take that as a positive sign. We are all particularly pleased with the way the children in all year groups are engaging with the new curriculum we have implemented this term. Their feedback is that, while some of the work is a bit trickier than what they are used to, they are enjoying the challenge of learning about new things they would never have otherwise discovered.

Please continue to read with your children as often as possible - including over half term if you can. With half term just a week away now, and the newsletter being a fortnightly thing, let me take this opportunity to thank you for your support and wish you a happy half term break.

Best Wishes,

Mrs Jerrom, Mr Dix & Mrs Ashton

Harvest

Next Wednesday, 18 October, we will be holding a Harvest collection. In return for bringing in a small donation of a toiletry product or non-perishable food item, children may come in MUFTI clothes on the day (though no football shirts please). The donations will be sent to Sutton Night Watch, a charity which supports the homeless. (See separate letter from Mrs Gray for further details).

Parent Workshop

I am pleased to announce that we are being supported this academic year by Sutton Educational Wellbeing Service. We will be holding a Parent Workshop for parents with children in the Foundation Stage and Y1 on anxiety in November.

Dates to follow.

Mrs Ashton

Dates for your Diary

Wed 18th Oct - Harvest Mufti Day

Fri 20th Oct - Break up for Half Term

Mon 30th Oct - Children return to school

Mon 30th Oct - Flu Immunisations

Tues 31st Oct/Wed 1st & 2nd Nov - Dog Trust Visit

Fri 3rd Nov - Boys Football vs Manor Park

Thurs 9th Nov - Intra House Sports Day

Thurs 9th Nov - Parent Target Setting Meetings

Mon 13th Nov - Parent Target Setting Meetings

Tues 14th Nov - Individual Photos

Fri 17th Nov - Yr6 Sutton Life Centre Trip

ASPIRE Awards

The following children in Y4 Koalas were the proud recipients of Mr Dix's first Deputy Headteacher ASPIRE award. They have all shown tremendous engagement with learning, in completing all their homework, reading regularly at home and showing an excellent attitude to work in school:

Saanvi

Bobby

Aathithyan

Akankshi

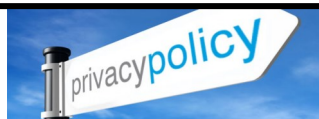
Jaxon

Alexa

Lost Property & Uniform

The lost property box is overflowing! Please come to the office and check if any of your child's uniform has been handed in. Please make sure that all items of clothing are named as this makes it easier to return items to the children.

As the weather is now changing, please can you make sure your child comes to school with a jumper, coat and suitable footwear. For early years and year 1, please can a spare set of clothes be left in your child's bag just in case of any accidents as we do not have enough spare clothing.



Details of our policies and procedures can be found on our website Including Data Protection and our Privacy Notice. If you would like a hard copy, please contact the School Office.

UKS2 News (Years 5 and 6)

Y5 have been learning about the importance of bronze in Ancient China and have created knowledge organisers about it. We have also enjoyed carrying out separation experiments in Science, particularly the messy ones involving sand! Y6 have been continuing their learning about Slavery and have written a letter of persuasion about why slavery should be abolished. In RE we have been learning about the Jewish religion and this week visited the Synagogue in Sutton where children got to learn all about a Synagogue and Jewish traditions.

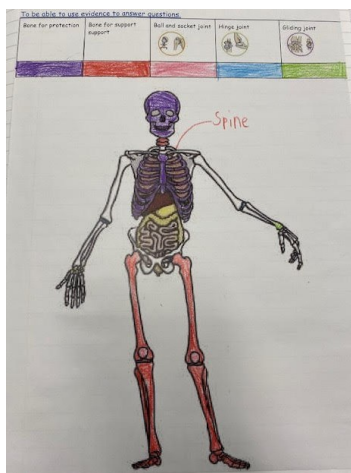
Mrs McLean



LKS2 News

Year 4 has been enjoying learning about the Anglo-Saxon invasion and the reasons why the Saxons left Denmark to come to Britannia. The children are busy writing their own playscripts in English lessons to explain the challenges and benefits for the Saxons. We are using expanded noun phrases, conjunctions, a range of punctuation and adverbs to uplevel our writing.

In Year 3 we learned that humans and some animals have skeletons and muscles for support, protection and movement. We also learnt about different joints and where they are in our bodies, such as ball and socket, hinge and gliding joints. We also discussed foods to eat to keep us healthy. In our English lessons, we have been reading a narrative story about Stone Age siblings who have to help each other overcome a problem and in Maths we have started to learn how to add and subtract larger numbers.



Mrs Iraola

Foundation Stage

This week in Nursery, the children have turned their home corner into a Meerkat hospital. The children have enjoyed looking after Kerry and wrapping her in bandages!

In Reception, we have been focusing on our phonic sounds 'k', 'ck', 'e', 'u', 'r' and also our tricky words 'I' and 'is'. We have been trying to read cvc words. So far we have learnt s a t p i n m d g o c k ck e and r. Please practise this at home and continue to recognise the sounds and tricky words we have been learning.

We have read the story 'Harold and the purple crayon' and the children have loved listening to the story and talking about what he has been doing. The children then had to make their own story using pictures and our newly learnt phonics sounds to tell their story. We have been practising writing our numerals and counting. Outside we have been making obstacles and exploring positional language. We then played a fun game of follow the leader! We have also been using maps to explore places we have been to. The children enjoyed talking about going on holiday and visiting places in the UK, i.e the beach. The children have been using their own interests to role play the hairdressers. They have been taking it in turns pretending to visit the barbers/hairdressers and talking about their own experiences. Please remember to bring back the 'All About Me' booklets back if you haven't so already! Thank you

Miss Digman

KS1 News (Years 1 & 2)

It's Harvest time!! Children have been learning the importance of Harvest and learning about food that grows in trees and underground. The children have had lots of fun going on an Autumn walk through the school and recognising all the Autumnal changes such as temperature, leaves changing colours and leaves falling to the ground. We have also been learning numbers that are greater than and less than in maths. In Art, the children have been looking at primary colours and learning how to make secondary colours. They have enjoyed mixing the paint and creating fantastic art work.

Year 2 have been looking at primary and secondary colours in Art and used different malleables to print with.

In Geography we have been looking at how to use a compass and also learning how to use a key

Miss Dhillon & Ms Siwale-Mali

Absence Request Forms

Absence request forms are now available from the school office. If you are requesting time off for your child during term time then this form needs to be completed and handed in to the office. Authorisation will only be given for requests of absence due to exceptional circumstances.

Jane Barbury

Sports News

This week was set to be a busy week for the boy's football squad with training on Wednesday and 2 matches as well! Thursday's match was away to Hackbridge. The whole team play a fantastic game and there were many shots at goal. Success came from Riley in the first half and Richie in the second. The team goalkeeper, Charlie, made some hard saves to ensure a victory for Tweeddale. The game finished 2-0 and the player of the match was Ellis. The team have made a positive start to the season with 2 wins from 2 games. The next game is today against Beddington.

Mrs McLean

Is my child too ill for school?

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school or nursery when they're unwell. The link below will give you an indication on whether you should send your child into school or keep them at home.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

If you do decide to keep your child at home, please remember that you must call the school office to let us know that they will not be in and give us a reason.

Year 6 Parents & Carers

The application portal to apply to apply for secondary school is now open.

There is a deadline of the 31st October 2023 to apply so please make sure this is completed otherwise you are at risk of not securing a secondary school place for your child.

Please log into your **E_ADMISSIONS** account and submit your application ASAP.

School Term and Holiday Dates for the 2023/24 Academic Year

AUTUMN TERM

School Holiday

Monday 4th September - Friday 20th October

Monday 23rd October - Friday 27th October

Monday 30th October - Thursday 21st December

School Holiday

Friday 22nd December - Friday 5th January

SPRING TERM

School Holiday

Monday 8th January - Friday 9th February

Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February

Monday 19th February - Thursday 28th March

School Holiday

Friday 29th March - Friday 12th April

SUMMER TERM

School Holiday

Monday 15th April - Friday 24th May

Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May

Monday 3rd June - Wednesday 24th July

INSET DAYS

Monday 4th September

Tuesday 5th September

Monday 8th January

Wednesday 24th July

There will be an additional **two** inset days which have yet to be announced and will be communicated in due course.