

Dear Parents and Carers,

This term the children have been really enjoying their work on the wide variety of topics being taught throughout the school. I have seen some fantastic homework inspired by class topic work, particularly about the Shang Dynasty in Year 5 and the Stone Age in Year 3. It's fantastic to have children share their work with me. Thank you to all the parents that took the time to come to the Meet the Teacher meetings that have been taking place over the last couple of weeks. We are looking forward to seeing you all again when we have the parent target setting meetings which will take place at the beginning of November.

Best Wishes,
Mrs Jerrom

Attendance

The DFE consider that attendance of less than 95% of the school year is a serious concern and must be addressed. To put this in perspective, any more than 1 day off in every 4 weeks of school is a serious attendance concern. **96% is our target!!**

Below are the figures for this term so far per tutor group excluding Reception:

Arctic Fox - 95%
 Dolphin - 92%
 Husky - 96%
 Wolf - 94%
 Leopard - 93%
 Tiger - 95%
 Koala - 94%
 Kangaroo - 95%
 Hummingbird - 92%
 Toucan - 95%
 Seal - 96%
 Penguin - 91%

Headteacher Awards

Well done to the following children who worked so hard to achieve their awards:

Harry Y2 - For fantastic work about Neil Armstrong
 Lennon Y3- For great effort editing work
 Casey Y3 - For wonderful work about 'Stig of the Dump'
 Amelia Y6- For making a beautiful sculpture of Mary Seacole
 Robert Y6- For some fantastic maths work
 Lucas Y3 - For wonderful homework about farming in the Stone Age
 Henry Y3 - For great homework about tools and weapons in the Stone Age
 Phoebe Y3 - For some lovely homework about clothes in the Stone Age
 Billie-Rose Y5 - For going out of her way to show kindness and empathy
 Tommie Y3- For tidying the library
 Jackson Y3 - For great work about the Stone Age
 Elias Y6 - For a good work ethic and greater effort in all he does.
 Arya Y5 - Great homework about the Shang Dynasty
 Jithamithran Y5 - For working hard on homework about the Shang Dynasty
 Shageshkha Y5 - For great homework about the Shang Dynasty
 Aadhira Y5 - For writing a fantastic poem about a dragon
 Noor Y5 - For lovely homework about the Shang Dynasty



Dates for your Diary

Thurs 5th Oct - Yr6 Height & Weight Check
Thurs 12th Oct - Yr6 Sutton Synagogue Trip
Fri 20th Oct - Break up for half term
Mon 30th Oct - Children return back to school
Mon 30th Oct - Flu Vaccinations

Tues 31st Oct/Wed 1st/Thurs 2nd Nov - Dog Trust visit
Thurs 9th Nov - Parent Target Setting Meetings
Mon 13th Nov - Parent Target Setting Meetings
Tues 14th Nov - Individual School Photos
Fri 17th Nov - Yr6 Sutton Life Centre Trip

Foundation Stage

This week in both Reception Classes, the children have really enjoyed the story called 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt. by Michael Rose.' The children have enjoyed listening to the story and acting it out inside and outside of the classroom. They loved pretending to walk through the 'swishy swashy grass.' The children have been detectives and using the cubes to find out how many different ways they can make the number 5. The children have also been talking about different emotions they have during the day and we have been thinking of ways of dealing with how we are feeling.

Next week, we will be looking at where we live and the types of houses that are on our street. We will also be looking at maps and pictures of the local area from the past and present and describing the differences and similarities we can see .

Please remember to return the 'All About Me' booklets you received when your teachers visited your children at home. Please remember that afternoon Nursery finishes at 3:30pm.

Miss Digman

LKS2 News

This week year 4 enjoyed a fantastic trip to the British Museum. We went as part of our Invasion topic learning and found out about Anglo- Saxon and Viking life. We had an opportunity to use tablets for a digital tour of



the Sutton Hoo burial site and found out about the helmets, shields and cooking implements that were discovered nearly 100 years ago. The children also enjoyed looking at a number of Roman and Iron Age artefacts which reminded them of their learning last year.

Mrs Iraola

UKS2 News (Years 5 and 6)

Over the last couple of weeks, Year 6 have started looking at their new topic 'Maafa'. We have started looking at Ancient African Kingdoms and Empires and the way in which they have shaped history. We have also begun reading the book 'Freedom' by Catherine Johnson. This is about a slave called Nathaniel who is cruelly treated by his owners but he is determined to escape and earn the money needed to buy his family's freedom. In RE we are looking at Judaism and the children got to taste apple and honey which is a traditional Rosh Hashanah food.

In Year 5 we have been learning about narrative poems and figurative language. In Topic we have learned about the importance of oracle bones in Ancient China, as well as how their religion included human sacrifices. The children are glad we don't do these at school nowadays! Toucans are very pleased to have welcomed Mr Onyskiw back!

Mrs McLean

KS1 News (Years 1 & 2)

Year 1 have been looking at their new topic 'Childhood' and have been looking at old and new toys.

In maths we have been doing lots of counting, one more, one less. We also had our meeting of 'Meet the teacher' and unfortunately we were left disappointed at the lack of parents present. We will be holding another 'Meet the teacher and reading workshop., dates to be announced.

Year 2 have been writing a biography of a significant person of their choice,, who has made a significant contribution to this world.

In Geography we have been learning about the four countries in the United Kingdom and their capital cities and also how to use an atlas.

Miss Thirtle

Lost Property

The lost property bin is overflowing!! Please come and check to see if any clothing belongs to your child. Please remember to name your child's clothing so that it can returned to them if found.



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.

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

Medication

If your child has any medical conditions that requires medication please can you make sure this is handed into the office and that it is in date.

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.

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.

Reminder - No Nuts

We are a NUT FREE SCHOOL so please make sure that any nut products are in your child's packed lunch or break time snack.

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.