



Dear Parents/Carers,

**Easter Hats**

Well done to everyone who brought in an Easter Hat. As always, there was a fantastic variety and a lot of hard work had obviously gone into them. It's a shame that the outdoor parade had to be cancelled due to the weather, but the children enjoyed seeing each other's hats in the hall.



**Easter Holiday**

Have an enjoyable Easter Holiday. Children return to school on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April.

**Academy Conversion**

Thanks to those parents who turned up to the briefing sessions about our plans to become an academy within the Greenshaw Learning Trust and to everyone who's completed and returned a response form. Information about the proposal can be found at <http://www.greenshawlearningtrust.org.uk/page/?title=Tweeddale+School&pid=40>

**Swimming Lessons**

We are fortunate to have our own swimming pool and this will be back in action for the Summer Term, starting on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April. Please make sure your children have the correct swimming kit.

Monday afternoon	Year 2
Tuesday afternoon	Year 6
Wednesday afternoon	Year 4
Thursday morning	Year 1
Thursday afternoon	Year 5
Friday morning	Reception
Friday afternoon	Year 3



**Measles Cases**

There has been a significant rise in cases of measles in South London recently, particularly among children who have not been vaccinated. If you think your child may have a measles rash, especially if he or she has had a fever, telephone ahead before visiting your GP surgery, urgent care centre or A&E and report to reception on arrival. For more information, go to <http://www.nhsinform.co.uk/health-library/articles/m/measles/symptoms/>

**ParentZone Report On The Internet and Children's Mental Health**

ParentZone has released a report, 'Perfect Generation: Is the Internet Undermining Young People's Mental Health?'. For more information, go to <http://parentzone.org.uk/event/mental-health-digital-age>

**Schools Funding**

In the current financial year, which ends this month, our school was given £58,000 less than the previous year while most schools in Sutton were given a considerable increase. This was because the Formula Review Group changed the funding formula to reflect numbers rather than need. Although we were promised that there would be no further reduction, the new budget next month sees a further drop of £28,000.

You may have seen that the DfE is consulting about a national system of funding and if you'd like to take part, go to <https://consult.education.gov.uk/funding-policy-unit/schools-national-funding-formula>

Green - Sir Chris Hoy  
3,358

Red - David Weir  
3,208

Blue - Mo Farah  
3,198

Yellow - Victoria Pendleton  
3,135

## SIMS Parent Learning Gateway

The Learning Gateway has finally been installed. It will be trialled with one year group early next term and then released to all parents. By the end of next term, you will be able to see your children's attendance, current achievement grades and behaviour records (particularly the good bits). Class Dojo will be phased out from those classes using it and any Class Dojo points will be transferred to the SIMS Behaviour module.

### Minecraft Mod Warning

If you allow your children to play Minecraft on your machine or device, this BBC article gives important information: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-34474883>

### ooVoo

ooVoo is a video chat app which lets users make video calls, voice calls and send texts. Like many other sites, apps and games, ooVoo's Terms & Conditions specify that it is for over 13s only. However, if you know (or suspect) your child has an ooVoo account, this ParentInfo article will be useful <http://parentinfo.org/article/oovoo-everything-you-need-to-know>

### Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you for your support of our book fairs. The most recent one gave us £351 worth of books for our children.



### Nail Varnish and False Nails

A reminder that children may not wear nail varnish or false nails to school. This rule applies equally to girls and to boys.

### Sainbury's Active Kids Vouchers

Thank you also for the vouchers donated so far – please keep them coming.



## Design Competition From The Mayor Of London

Big Dance and the Institute of Imagination are inviting 5 – 14 year olds to 'dance through their imagination' and enter a competition to design an iconic London travelcard holder.

The winning design will be printed onto 10,000 travelcard wallets to be distributed across the capital – that's 12 full tube trains' worth of Londoners! Additionally, the winning design will be brought to life on the Blippar augmented reality platform.

*Theme – "Dance through your imagination"*

What is imagination? What is dance? Now imagine the two together – who or what would dance, where would the dance be, what music or sound would the dance be to or would it be silent? How would the dance make the dancer or audience feel? For inspiration, you could check out the websites of your favourite dance companies or images from the Big Dance website.

*How to enter*

Download the Entry Pack from <http://www.bigdance.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/Big-Dance-Entry-Pack-1.pdf> . You can enter as many times as you like.

You can either email your artwork on the travel card template along with a Competition Consent Form filled out by a parent or carer for each entry to: [competition@ioi.london](mailto:competition@ioi.london) OR post it to the Institute of Imagination at: iOi Big Dance Institute of Imagination, 18 Broadwick Street, London, W1F 8HS.

*Deadline*

The closing date for entries is 5pm on Monday 4 April 2016. The winner will be notified by Friday 15 April.

### Headteacher's Awards



Sadia	Kestrel	Effectively Using Description In Narrative Writing
Kaviya	Kestrel	Effectively Using Description In Narrative Writing
Patryk	Polar Bears	A Wonderful Piece Of Work With Viking Runes
Ryan	Polar Bears	A Wonderful Piece Of Work With Viking Runes
Max	Butterfly	Great Progress In Phonics
Lillymae	Ladybird	A Lovely Model House For The Three Bears
Abbie-Mae	Turtle	Excellent Work In Her Home Maths Project
Eliza	Polar Bears	Using HTML Code To Write An Excellent App
Anointing	Turtle	Using An Apostrophe Correctly And For Improved Handwriting

### Dates for your diary

Monday 11th April .....	INSET Day - school closed all day
Tuesday 12th April .....	Children return to school
Monday 2nd May .....	Bank Holiday - school closed all day
w/c Monday 9th May .....	Year 6 SATs week
Monday 16th May .....	School Photographer - whole class photos
Tuesday 24th May .....	Year 3 trip to Butser Farm
Friday 27th May .....	Break up for half-term (one week) at normal time



**Further dates are available on our website**

### Term Dates 2015-2016

These are the London Borough of Sutton term dates for the 2015-2016 academic year and our INSET days.

Thursday 24th March 2016	- Break up for Easter	Monday 6th June 2016	- INSET Day
Monday 11th April 2016	- INSET Day	Tuesday 7th June 2016	- Children return to school
Tuesday 12th April 2016	- Children return to school	Thursday 21st July 2016	- Break up for Summer
w/c 30th May 2016	- Half term (one week)		

### Term Dates 2016-2017

These are the London Borough of Sutton term dates for the 2016-2017 academic year. Please note that five INSET days are still to be planned.

Monday 5th September 2016	- Sutton return to school date	Friday 31st March 2017	- Break up for Easter
w/c 24th October 2016	- Half term holiday (one week)	Tuesday 18th April 2017	- Sutton return to school date
Wednesday 21st December 2016	- Break up for Christmas	w/c 29th May 2017	- Half term holiday (one week)
Tuesday 3rd January 2017	- Sutton return to school date	Friday 21st July 2017	- Break up for Summer
w/c 13th February 2017	- Half term holiday (one week)		