



Learning for Life

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Pupil-Parent Council News

Thanks to all those who came along to our meeting last Friday, a good turnout!

We discussed the plans for the Christmas Shopping Evening and Christmas Fair. We discussed other events for the year, basing these on feedback from those of you who kindly completed the 'Pupil-Parent Council Questionnaire'. In the Spring Term we will be holding a DVD / Pyjama party. Bingo also proved a popular choice so in the Summer Term we will be holding a 'Bingo Picnic' in Sutton Park.

The Council also agreed on what to raise money for this year. In the past, you have helped raise £3000 to refurbish our library and £7000 on computers.

The council aim to raise around £5000 this year for a 'Gazebo' for the playground. This can be used for outdoor learning, as well as at playtimes and dinnertimes – and provide a bit of added shelter for parents on rainy mornings. This could be built near the existing shelter, with the longer term goal of 'landscaping' this area of the playground to create a seating / garden area. We will let you know more about this through the year. However, in the meantime – we need to raise the money to do it!

Christmas Fair Plans

Yes, we know it *seems* ages away! We decided which stalls to have at this year's Fair and will need your help in making sure we have all the 'bits and pieces' we need to make it a success.

On 25th November we will be having a 'non-uniform' day – with the request for children to bring in something for the fair. What we really need is:

- Chocolate (for the ever –popular chocolate tombola)
- Bottles (for the bottle tombola)
- Unused toys, games and children's books to sell.

Next meeting Friday 25th November, 9.00am

The minutes of all our meetings are on our website under the 'Pupil-Parent Council' tab



SATURDAY 10am-12pm

We hope you can join us this Saturday for a cuppa and a slice of cake. We are holding a MacMillan Coffee Morning, to coincide with our 'Open morning' for prospective parents. We'll be open 10.00am-12.00pm and hope to see you there!

Children in Need 2016



We will be going 'Spotty and Hair-Crazy' next Friday in aid of Children in Need. All we ask is that children bring a donation (at least a £1 would be great)

We will also be collecting in all your old pennies and spare change, all the 'coppers' soon add up and children will have the opportunity to guess the number of sweets in a jar for 50p.

(Oak Class will be going swimming – so no hair dye I'm afraid!)

Don't Forget...

We are going 'paperless' in January. All newsletters and most letters will be sent out electronically to email and phones.

Do we have you most up to date contact details?

Copies of all our letters will be available on our website from January onwards and if we need your signature for something then we will continue to send out paper copies. However, if you would like to continue to receive all correspondence in 'paper form', just let us know.

This is to cut down on paper and photocopying, to ensure you get important information directly and faster and to reduce the amount of time taken in preparing paper copies to send home.

Pupil questionnaire feedback

Alongside our annual parent questionnaires, we also gather views from our pupils.

- 96% of pupils said they are happy to come to school.
- 90% says that behaviour is good, 96% saying that behaviour has improved in our school.
- 90% say they feel safe and that any bullying is dealt with well by the school
- 96% say they think teaching is good and Teachers help them learn, 96% say they understand their homework clearly.

To read the full results – please go to our website and look under the ‘Parents’ tab.



CAP Money Course 15th November 7pm-9.00pm Sutton Cricket Club

Struggling to make ends meet? Want to make your money go further? Then the CAP Money Course is for you. This three-week course covers how to build a budget, how to live within your means, how to manage savings, and a completely confidential way to get help if you're struggling with unmanageable debt. And it's all free.

The course is a joint venture between St Thomas and South Craven Baptist Churches and will be delivered by money coaches from St Marks', Utleby and the Keighley Shared Church.

To book, or for more information please text/call Simon on 07989 186616 or call John Fletcher the Money Coach on 01535 635620.



I was very proud of all our children today during our annual remembrance service in Sutton Park. We have talked about the meaning of remembrance Sunday this week in school. All the children showed the greatest respect during the service.

Your support for your child's education is crucial to their progress. Please tell us if there is any adjustments we need to make to help you support your child, for example: letters in large font; letters in different languages; wheelchair access; explaining things over the phone; a discussion with a school colleague of the same gender.

Traffic

We have been informed of some works taking place around Greenroyd Mill starting on 16th November for a period of 3 weeks. The road which adjoins our school and Greenroyd Mill, which some parents use, will be out of use during this period.

Please can I remind parents again not to drop off children whilst parking on the zigzag lines outside school – it is really dangerous, especially on such a busy road. I have personally witnessed a child get knocked down outside a school due to a parent doing this – none of us want this happening at Sutton CE.

Snowy Weather

In the event of school having to close due to snowy weather, parents will be informed via a 'ParentPay' message. We also post a message on our website. We aim to make the decision as early as possible. That said, we have closed only once for snow in the past six years.

School Meal Options

Parents are reminded that the school office currently requires at least **two weeks'** notice to change menu choices. As from January parents will need to give half a term's notice to change lunch options – thank you.

E-Safety

E-safety is vitally important to ensure children stay safe online. To learn more about the risks facing our children when they use computers, please log on to <http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk> Other useful websites you might like to visit:

<http://support.xbox.com/en-GB/xbox-live/online-privacy-and-safety/online-safety>

<http://www.childnet.com/ufiles/Parent-Factsheet-0413.pdf>

<http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/ufiles/Facebook-checklist-Nov2013.pdf>

<http://www.digizen.org/downloads/cyberbullyingOverview.pdf>

<http://www.connectsafely.org/guides-2/>

Child Exploitation and Online Protection (CEOP) is a police agency tackling child abuse on the internet. This website includes a unique facility that enables parents and young people to make reports of actual or attempted abuse online. www.ceop.police.uk