



Learning for Life

## Sutton in Craven Church of England Primary School

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## COME FOR COFFEE AND CAKE

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. Last year we raised about £100 and would love to beat it!

**There's only one other thing we're missing – cakes!** If anyone has spare time!?! to bake (or donate) cakes or biscuits to help us raise some money for MacMillan Cancer Support – we'd be very grateful.



### ATTENDANCE

#### Class Attendance in the Autumn first half-term

- Willow Class: **97.3%**
- Oak Class: **97.2%**
- Blossom Class: **97.0%**

This is already an improvement on the same time last year, which is great.

#### One hundred percent-ers!

- At the end of last half-term, 56 children had no time off school at all...how many will still be at 100% by the end of this term?



### Diary Dates

**Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> Nov:** Maths 'problem solving morning'

**Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> Nov:** Christmas Shopping Night, 7.00-9.00pm

**Sat 5<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Christmas Fair, 11.00am-1.00pm

**Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Yr.4 RE-Wind to Christmas Church event

**Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> Dec:** 2.00pm and 6.00pm: Christmas Productions, St Thomas' – more details to follow.

**Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Carol Service, St Thomas, 9.15am (all very welcome).

**Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Whole school to watch 'Jack & the Beansalk. 1.30pm Skipton Auction Mart Theatre

### Can you help?

Isabelle and Aimee (in Blossom Class) have decided to have their hair cut and to donate a minimum of 7" of hair to the Little Princess Trust who provide real hair wigs free of charge to children suffering hair loss due to cancer treatment.

They both have a hair appointment booked on Thursday 26th November and would like to raise as much as possible for the charity. We have set up a just giving page (I'm hoping the link is below!)  
<https://www.justgiving.com/Isabelle-twitchett>.

JustGiving sends your donation straight to Little Princess Trust and automatically reclaims Gift Aid if you are a UK taxpayer, so your donation is worth even more.

Thank you for your support!  
Emma

Some of our parents contribute towards a Facebook Page associated with the school name. To avoid any confusion, I have been asked by the Governing Body to clarify that this is not an 'official' school page.

Our school's key ways of communicating with you are by:

- Letter
- Text message
- Email
- Through our website
- Newsletters

### **Bobbins: Important**

**All children should be collected from Bobbins by 5.30pm.**

If parents are consistently late (3 times or more per half term) a charge will be applied at a rate of £5 per child)

To ensure there is no disagreement, parents are asked to sign a late collection sheet with the time recorded. This may seem strict, but staff cannot work for free and this service is run on a non-profit basis by school – we can't afford for school to have to effectively subsidise it.

### **PARENT PAY**

Just a reminder that we will be going completely cashless after Christmas. All payments after this date will need to be made with 'ParentPay'.

If you need help in using your ParentPay account, please speak to Mrs Hayton in the school office.

Thank you.

## Parent Questionnaires 2015-16

First of all, thank you if you took the time to complete our annual questionnaire. 28 responses were received, a good response compared to previous years. We find this genuinely useful. Overall, it has been great to get such positive responses. This builds our confidence in the work we are doing and means a lot personally to our school team. There were some areas in which some parents were less positive than others. This gives us aspects of our work which may need discussion and further consideration.

- **100%** of parents say their child is happy to come to school, feels safe and is well looked after.
- **100%** of parents say their child is well taught and makes good progress.
- **100%** of parents say they would recommend our school to another parent.
- **100%** of parents said they feel the school is well led and managed.
- **97%** of parents said they feel the school deals well with any concerns they have.

### Homework

- **79% of parents 'strongly agreed', 17% 'agreed', 4% 'disagreed'; that their child received appropriate homework.**
- A few parents disagree with homework being given. Homework is a Government requirement and is built into the Ofsted inspection process for *all* schools nationally. It is important therefore that we make homework as meaningful as possible, in supporting children's learning.
- Homework provided is carefully considered by Classteachers and we know that this really does give an added boost to classroom learning. The additional one-on-one support that parents can give is really useful in helping their child learn. It also involves parents more in how well their child is doing.
- I agree with the view some parents have expressed that children *already* work hard at school. This is why we expect children to only do 5 – 20 minutes of homework an evening, depending on their age. When children go to Secondary School they are routinely expected to complete 2 hours of homework a night so we aim to build children up to this expectation as they get older. However, if you feel that your child is doing too much homework please speak to their Classteacher. They should not be doing more than the suggested time.
- If homework is becoming an 'issue' at home (e.g. by refusing to complete homework), please speak to your child's Classteacher so we can think about how we can help.
- We are reviewing the way we feedback to parents about homework, to ensure you feel homework has been appropriately marked by Classteachers. All homework is looked at but we need to make this clearer to you in some cases.

### Keeping you informed of your child's progress

- **85% of parents 'strongly agreed', 7% 'agreed', 8% 'disagreed'; that they receive valuable information about their child's progress.**
- We meet with parents twice a year for parents evening and provide a detailed end of year report, this being standard practice in the large majority of primary schools. Almost all parents have told us that they are happy with this arrangement. However, some of you have expressed the view that you would like more information.
- As we are a small community school we are able to work with you in a much closer, more flexible way than other schools. If you would like to meet at other times during the year to discuss how your child is doing, just arrange to see your child's Class Teacher. Class Teachers are very busy people and meeting with them every other week would not be possible or indeed necessary. However, we offer an 'open door policy' at Sutton CE whereby we offer our time to talk about your child at other times through the year. For some parents we have met informally with them on an ongoing basis through the year. We pride ourselves in the way we make ourselves available to talk and meet with parents, so please talk to us if you have a concern or question or simply want to know how your child is getting on.

### Behaviour and Bullying

- **86% 'strongly agreed', 14% 'agreed' that children are well behaved and bullying is dealt with robustly by the school.**
- We are very pleased to see this figure improve from last year. The work of any school to secure outstanding behaviour never ends. We have worked very hard over the years to ensure this happens and we never take it for granted. We also feel very positively about behaviour in school this year and we are pleased this has been noted by parents also.

**The FULL RESULTS can be found on our website under  
The 'Parent' tab>'Pupil and Parent questionnaires'.**