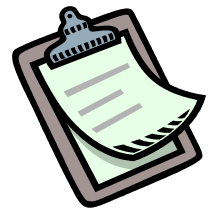




Learning for Life

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Sports Day 2016

Come and join us for races and fun
Wednesday 6th July
1.15pm in Sutton Park



Sutton Fun Day 2016

Come and join us for the parade where this year we are dressing as Kings, Queens, Princes and Princesses to mark Queen Elizabeth's 90th Birthday.
Meet at School, 11.15am – The Parade Starts at Midday

Pupil-Parent Council Meeting NEW PARENTS WELCOME

Tuesday 28th June, 2.00pm

We will be making a decision on which 'tablets' to buy with all the money you have helped raise this year, which currently stands at over £6000.

Our IT provider will be coming along to demonstrate (and let us play!) on some different devices, to help us make a decision.

...as ever, everyone is welcome to join us.

UPDATE

Our unsafe play equipment (which is currently cordoned off) will be being repaired over the summer holidays - as will our playground shelter.

REMEMBER

If you need any clarification on our new Behaviour Policy...please ask.



DADS!

Our Father Day lunch is next Friday
If you have booked, please arrive at school around 11.50-12.00am



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Homework in school: What you think

Firstly, thank you to those who took the time to give their views on homework in school. I know some of you feel that homework is not something you feel is appropriate for younger children. However, as stated in previous newsletters all schools are obliged to provide this. I was therefore pleased that of the limited feedback we did get, most of you are supportive of the approach we take.

- You commented positively on the level of communication on what needed to be done and that the two-way use of children's planners to give and receive messages was useful in helping this.
- You spoke positively about the clarity of knowing what children were working on, although some of you felt the maths targets were sometimes confused.
- Some of you commented on how some parents help their children on projects more than others. Whereas I accept this could be frustrating please be assured this is always taken into consideration when Teachers mark these. We encourage parents to get involved and getting the balance right between supporting your child and doing it for them can be tricky. However, we would not want this to put parents off doing projects with their children, which is hugely beneficial in its own right. Most of you felt that the projects were fun and inspired children to learn, although more guidance on these is wanted by some parents.
- Most of you were pleased that there was a strong focus on 'basic skills' like timetables, spellings and reading.
- Some of you felt that there is sometimes too much to do. We aim for 10-20 minutes a night (depending on the child's age). If it is taking longer than this or if you are unclear on what to do – please ask. In addition, if your child is particularly tired or unwilling to complete homework, again, please speak to us – we are very understanding and flexible and don't want homework to become a huge burden which everyone dreads!
- Interestingly, some of you with older children commented that the expectations for homework at secondary school are now very substantial and setting expectations at this early stage is helpful.

At our weekly staff meeting we discussed possible changes to homework, based on your responses and have made some minor changes for 2016-17. We are aiming to make it clearer and more consistent in what children are expected to do. As ever, all homework provided will be tailored to children's age and ability.

- Reading (daily)
- Spellings (weekly)
- Project (half-termly)
- Maths (weekly: this will always be either: timetables, doubling and halving or 'number bonds')

You will be informed via your Class teacher's newsletter what any maths targets or projects will be.

In addition, some of you felt some guidance on projects would be useful. What we are suggesting is that since projects are kept in school for around a week, following their completion, parents might wish to come into school to get a 'flavour' of what ideas, level of parental support etc. other projects have involved. We then welcome you to come and see what children have done. They look great and the ideas are very varied, so taking a look is fun as well.

Thank you for all your support in helping your child at home. As parents ourselves, we know that it can sometimes be a bit of a 'battle'. Always remember, we are small school and are here to listen and give support at all times if you need it – just come and speak to us.



Sponsored Walk 2016: Thursday 30th June

A well established Sutton CE tradition – our annual sponsored walk to 'Wainman's Tower' and 'The Pinnacle'. This usually raises between £500 and £700 – which would be a welcome final boost to our fund for our new 'tablets'. Children in Oak class will need a packed lunch for the day as this year our older children will be walking to both Wainman's Tower *and* the Pinnacle - about 6 miles in all. Children will shortly be bringing home a sponsor form. Every small amount helps us – so please support us if you can.

**We hope lots of you can join us – everyone is welcome. We will be setting off about 9.15am
... more details to follow**

Worried a child might be at harm or risk of harm?

I am what is referred to as the school's 'Named Person' in charge of Child Protection, however, you can speak to any member of staff who will pass on information to me. Alternatively, you can contact the Local Authority (NYCC) contact: **01609 534527**.

Mr Phillips



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