



Learning for Life



# Sutton in Craven Church of England Primary School

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## Maths Superstars

We are having a big push on maths this year in school. As part of this, in our Friday 'awards assemblies' Teachers will be picking 2 children who have particularly stood out for their excellent maths learning through the week. Teachers will be giving their 'maths superstar pencils' to one child who has shown great maths thinking in their problem solving skills and one to a child whose arithmetic and calculations work on sums has impressed them. These could be for excellent skills, increased effort in class or in their homework - or simply having the increased confidence to 'have a go'.

If you want to know more about how you can support your child's maths at home – come and speak to us about additional learning at our up and coming parents evenings (or anytime at all!).

# Attendance

You may recall from previous newsletters that our school's overall attendance dropped from being in the top 20% of schools nationally to below national average last school year.

Ofsted expects children's attendance to be a minimum of 90%. Whereas this may sound high, this equates to a full morning of school missed every week throughout the year. Worryingly, 18 children in school already fall below 95% attendance and 4 Children's attendance is already below 90%.

As you will also recall, all schools nationally are not permitted to authorise absence from school unless this is for 'exceptional circumstances', details of which are on our school policy, which is on our website.



## Diary Dates

- Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> and Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> Nov: Parents evenings
- Tues 10<sup>th</sup> Girls inter-school football
- Weds 11<sup>th</sup> Nov: Remembrance service
- Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Nov: McMillan coffee morning
- Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> Nov: 'Maths Day' in school
- Sat. 5<sup>th</sup> Dec: Christmas Fair
- Tues 15<sup>th</sup> Dec: Afternoon whole school nativity performance (2.00pm) and evening performance (6.00pm)

**Total Tree Services** today very kindly offered to remove the large overhanging branch on Gaistering Lane – free of charge - as they were in the local area. If you need a service like this yourselves I can't recommend a friendlier service!  
**(07866-555535)**



A reminder that our prayer competition, to choose a new school prayer, is open until Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November when we return to school.



## Open Mornings 2015

**Do you know someone whose children will be starting school in September 2016?**

If so, tell them about our open mornings:

- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November 9.30-11.30am
- Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November 10.00-12.00pm



As you are aware, school was raising money today in aid of the Syrian refugee crisis. This is something we have been talking about in assemblies and we thought it appropriate to help the children feel they can make a little difference in such situations.

We raised **£85.68** today, all of which will be going to Oxfam to help their efforts in supporting those people affected.



### School Sport Awarded

School has achieved the Bronze Sainsbury's School Games Mark Award for our commitment and delivery of competitive school sports over the past year.



### **We are baking!**

During November classes will get busy baking cakes and biscuits.

Children will be baking and holding their own cake and biscuit stalls to raise funds for our pupil-parent council. All money raised will go towards the class set of ipads we want to buy – it will also be good fun!



On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November children from Willow and Oak classes will attend the village's remembrance service to mark Armistice Day. This is held annually at the war memorial in Sutton Park and commences at 10.45am. This is an 'open' service, and all are very welcome to attend.

As ever, we will be selling poppies in school in the run up to Armistice Day and will be talking to the children in all classes about the significance of the day.



### **North Central Area Accordion and Music championships**

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November**

Beckfoot School, Wagon lane Bingley, BD16 1EE  
Hosted by Craven accordion- orchestra

For more details call:  
07749-176827



### **Don't forget...**

School closes today for the half-term break and re-opens on:  
**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**



Mrs Hayton has not been in school this week. We have tried our best, in Mrs Hayton's absence, to help with any queries particularly regarding payments and other administrative issues. Thank you for your patience.



Our footballers did themselves and our school proud last week at the South Craven inter-school's football tournament. Children from years 3 and 4 played their hearts out – securing 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall out of 10 schools – a fantastic achievement. As one of the smaller schools in the locality, this is particularly impressive....most importantly, we beat Sutton CP School! Years 5 and 6 also played extremely well. I am really impressed this year at the willingness and great attitude to sports shown by children in our school towards school sport.