

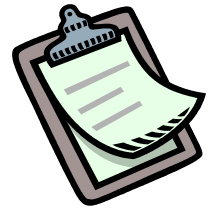


Learning for Life

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The Governing Body – What do they do?

The role of the governing body is an important one; its key jobs are to:

- Help set the overall aims and objectives for the school each year.
- Set the policies in school, which detail how we operate as a school on a day to day basis.
- Monitor the progress the school is making towards achievement of its aims and objectives and in raising standards of achievement for children. They hold the school and its entire staff to account for their work, and celebrate its' successes.
- Be a source of challenge and support to the school. They check that what has been agreed is being done and offer support in helping make it happen.
- Work with Ofsted and other key people to explain about the work of the school and their own work.



Dinnertimes

From next week we are trying something new. At Sutton CE, unless the weather is particularly horrible, the children always go outside at break time and dinnertime. We believe that children should get some fresh air and burn off some energy between learning.

However, from next week, Oak and Willow classes once a week will be allowed to stay inside at dinnertime for 20 minutes, the remaining time being spent on the playground. This time inside will be very much regarded as a privilege, needless to say best behaviour will be expected. Of course, the children will be fully supervised throughout.

The children will have the option to stay inside on their allocated day, to do something quiet. Children will have the option to read, draw, chat or play board games (no computers). We believe that these activities in themselves are beneficial for children and that most children will appreciate this opportunity. Although our children get on very well on the playground, this will also mean more room on the playground for those children remaining.

We will also be offering a lunchtime Maths Club to some of our children, the focus being on maths games. Again, children will still have a 'blast' of fresh air over dinnertime as well.

Behaviour in our school is good, and so it seems right to recognise this in the options we offer children.

Change of date

Weds. 9th March: Willow Class Assembly:
Weds. 16th March: Oak Class assembly.
Weds. 23rd March: Blossom Class assembly

Apologies for any inconvenience this causes.

Parents Evening

Weds 20th & Thurs 21st April
Booking information to follow
nearer the time.

Website

We continue to add useful information to our website, which is now viewed over 700 times a month.

- Information on how we teach phonics is on Blossom and Willow class pages.
- Information on national assessments, such as SATs and the Early Years 'Baseline Assessment' is under the parents tab>curriculum and assessment.

If you have other suggestions of what we could include – let us know.

Pupil-Parent Council

We met yesterday and discussed:

- Ideas for our school disco later this term
- Ideas around our new Behaviour Policy
- Ideas for Sports Relief and World Book Day

If you want to read the full minutes of the meeting look under the 'Pupil-Parent Council' tab on our website. Thank you to all who came to give their views and ideas.



Blossom Class went for a walk through Sutton Clough last week to get ideas for their story writing.



Bringing learning to life

Oak Class enjoyed a World War 2 day last week. They learnt about air raids, rationing and the evacuation of children



This week, we held a Science Day. 'Zoolab' visited and some very brave children got to handle rats, cockroaches, tarantulas and a very friendly Corn Snake called Solar