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Flourishing Together, in the love of God, to live life in all its fullness.



Welcome back

First of all, we hope that all our families have had a restful and enjoyable summer with family and friends. We are incredibly excited to welcome our children back into school to get back to what we do best—creating a safe and enjoyable learning space for our children. I know all the staff are really looking forward to being with the children and have many exciting lessons and topics coming up for the children to get their teeth stuck into and tell you all about.

If you are joining our school for the first time this year—Welcome to Sutton CE! Thank you for attending all our transition events at the end of the summer term and we look forward to building positive relationships with you all.

We are delighted to have all the children back in the building ready to begin, what we know will be a fantastic year full of learning, experiences and opportunities for all, enabling us to flourish together.

Have a wonderful weekend.

With very best wishes,

Orla Gibbons



Queen Elizabeth II

Following the sad news yesterday afternoon of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, we join with people around the world in sending out condolences and prayers for all those who mourn her loss.

We want to mark this occasion, this moment in history in a special way. We will be holding special acts of collective worship and events to ensure we give our children, families and staff time to reflect and celebrate the life of our Queen, Elizabeth II. We have opened a Book of Condolence in the school office, you are welcome to come in throughout the school day. We are here to support in anyway that we can . If you wish to lay flowers you may do so underneath the school office window where we have dedicated a space for them. We will keep both open for the full period of National mourning.

Revd Helen Collings has also offered her support if there is anything she can do. There are also Books of Condolence

opened in each of our three local churches: St Thomas Sutton, Holy Trinity Cowling & Christ Church Lothersdale. The church doors will be open today, both before and after school, and also at the weekend

Gracious God,

We give thanks for the life of your servant Queen Elizabeth, For her faith and her dedication to duty.

Bless our nation as we mourn her death

And may her example continue to inspire us;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



Staffing

We would like to say goodbye to Mrs Sam Davison, one of our class teachers. We would like to take this opportunity to thank her for her time at Sutton CE and wish her well as she moves onto pastures new. Miss Steward will continue to be the full time class teacher for the rest of the Autumn term.

We will be advertising a full time class teacher position to join our fantastic team at Sutton CE. Applications will be on the North Yorkshire County Council job vacancy webpage. Please spread the word!

Consents

Thank you for taking the time to complete all the consents for the new year. If you have not yet done this, please do so as a matter of urgency as we need to ensure all details and contacts are as up to date as possible for all the children in school. Currently we only have 66 responses, this is just over half of the school. It is vital that we have the most up to date information regarding your child/children.

PE Days

Blossom— Monday and Friday

Willow—Tuesday and Friday

Birch—Wednesday and Friday

Oak—Tuesday and Thursday

Children come in full PE kit on their PE day



Medication

If your child is on any new medication, please come to the school office to complete permissions for the medicine to be taken in school. All medications need to be kept in the school office (unless it needs to be refrigerated or needs to be stored in the classroom) All medications taken in school must be prescribed by the doctor and have a clearly written prescription label.

Playtime Snacks

We encourage all children to have a snack at playtime to keep their energy levels up. Our Reception and KS1 children are given a piece of fruit/vegetable which is funded by the Government. KS2 children need to bring their own healthy snack. Appropriate snacks for playtime include: fruit, vegetables, cheese, etc.

No chocolate, sweets, biscuits and crisps please.

NO PRODUCTS CONTAINING NUTS PLEASE

School Library Visits

Please come and visit our school library after school. Reading is very important to us as a school and we would like to make sure that you get a chance to share this with us. Our school library is open after school three days a week. This is an opportunity to choose a book to take home and enjoy with your child/children.

Library Opening Times

Monday 15:20—15:45

Wednesday 15:20-15:45

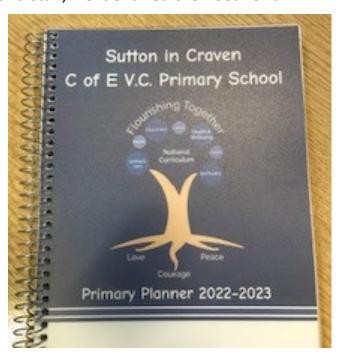
Thursday 15:20—15:45

READING— in case you missed our exciting news!

Sutton CE is proud to be described as a reading school and our new school reading diaries support this. After consultation with children and staff, we identified the need for a

change and designed a new diary for children to record, celebrate and be proud of their reading at home and at school.

We would like to establish a sense of responsibly around the reading diaries and view them as part of your child's school uniform. Children are expected to bring their diary to school everyday and parents will be contacted if it is forgotten. Teachers will record when they read with your child individually and also if they have taken part in a whole class read. Parents and children are encouraged to write in when they have read at home. Children can record any reading that they do, we love to celebrate it all!





Attendance

At Sutton CE, we fully recognise the impact of good attendance and punctuality on the success and development of young people both socially and academically. If a child of compulsory school age is registered at a school, it is essential that they attend school regularly and maintain a pattern of good attendance throughout their school career. Our whole school attendance target for this year is 97%.

Below are just some of the key reasons why it is so important children attend school:

- To learn.
- To make new friends.
- To experience new things in life.
- To develop awareness of other cultures, religion, ethnicity and gender differences.
- To achieve.
- To gain qualifications.
- To develop new skills.
- To build confidence and self-esteem.
- To have the best possible start in life.

How can parents and carers help

- Establish a good routine in the mornings and evenings so your child is prepared for the school day ahead
- Make sure your child goes to school regularly and follows the school rules.
- Ensure your child arrives at school on time – not late.
- Arrange dental and medical appointments outside school hours when possible.
- Always inform the school if your child is absent due to illness.
- Take family holidays outside term time.
- Talk to your child about school and take an interest in their school work.
- Attend parent evenings and school events.
- Praise and reward your child's achievements at school.
- **Every School Day Counts** 100% 0 days off school Perfection Equates to 2 days off 99% Excellent school each year Concerned Equates to 30 days off 85% Very Concerned 20+ days absence over the 97% - 100% 90% Under 90% Good chance of succes Be at the **Every Minute Counts** classroom on LATENESS = LOST LEARNING time and ready to (Figures below are calculated over a school year) learn! 5 Minutes late each day 3 days lost! 10 Minutes late each day 6.5 days lost! 10 days lost! 15 Minutes late each day 20 Minutes late each day 13 days lost! 30 Minutes late each day 19 days lost!

Discuss any problems or difficulties with the school – staff are there to help and will be supportive.

90% may seem like an acceptable level of attendance, but the reality is that 90% attendance means that your child will miss half a school day each week or 19 days of school during the school year – that's nearly 4 school weeks!

Flourishing together—We would like to welcome to our new children and families to Sutton CE. The children have had a fantastic first week at school.









Flourishing together



