



## Sutton in Craven C.E (V.C) Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

### Happy New Year and Welcome Back

A very Happy New Year and I hope that you and your family had a peaceful festive period and restful break. Welcome back to school. We are back to full swing; staff setting high expectations for learning and behaviour, children settling back into school life very quickly and rising very well to these expectations.

As we begin 2023, we look forward to many enriching experiences this Spring term; 'Come dine with me' for all classes next week, Storytelling week, Class, Room on the Broom visit, Safer Internet Day and many more. All additional information will be highlighted and communicated in the Yearly Planner. Alongside these experiences, the staff have been working together to ensure our curriculum is rich, sequential and ambitious. Our subject leads have been driving clear enhancements enabling all children to access learning that is memorable, fun and meaningful.

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome Miss Key to the Sutton CE family and class teacher of Willow Class. Following a seamless transition process before Christmas, the children and Miss Key have already developed positive relationships going from strength to strength.

### Back to school advice from UKHSA

Amid high levels of Flu, Covid-19 and Scarlet Fever, UKHSA has issued some advice for the return to school. Please see the attached letter from the Director of Public Health for North Yorkshire as well as the Back to school advice, 02 January 2023 for full details (link in the letter). There is no cause for alarm, but it seemed prudent to summarize the advice here.

To minimise the spread of infection:

- If your child is unwell and has a fever, they should stay home from school or nursery until they feel better and the fever has resolved.
- Continue with good hand hygiene
- Catch it, Bin it - catching coughs and sneezes in tissues then binning them
- The flu vaccination is still available for all eligible groups
  - Eligible children include:
    - those aged 2 and 3 on 31 August 2022
    - all primary school-aged children
    - some secondary school-aged children
    - [getting your child vaccinated against flu - NHS](#)





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### The Incredible Years

We are very excited to be able to offer this opportunity to all our parents and carers. Parenting isn't easy and children aren't born with a handbook but as parents we are expected to know everything....

The Mental Health Support Team (MHST) are a team of specialist Mental Health professions and work within schools to provide an additional source of support for young people, their families and school staff.

The MHST team are offering a 13 week programme for parents and carers of children aged 4–12 which can help:

- Bring out the best in your child
- Cope and feel control
- Listen and talk together
- Enjoy spending time together
- Manage anger and frustration
- Share ideas with other parents
- Reduce unwanted behaviour

We are delighted to announce that this course is being held here at Sutton CE, beginning on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2023 from 9.30am – 12.00pm. If you would like more information or to book a place, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the school office or get in contact with Tracey Kayne or Majda Amin, Senior Mental Health Practitioners on [Iymhst@bdct.nhs.uk](mailto:Iymhst@bdct.nhs.uk) or 07525872287.

### School Closure

Hopefully we will not have any bad weather this year, however in the event of school being closed due to extreme weather conditions, for Health and Safety reasons a decision will be made and communicated by 7:30 in the morning. Any closure notification will be texted, emailed and posted on our school facebook page.

As always, if you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch via the school office. I would like to finish this letter with a New Year blessing

*May this New Year give joy, peace and love to you and your family and may it be filled with health and laughter.*

With very best wishes

*Orla Gibbons*

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Headteacher

