



## SUTTON GREEN NEWSLETTER 1

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all had an enjoyable summer break. The children and staff are all looking forward to the new term. I would also like to extend a very warm welcome to all our new children, families and staff who started this term. We hope you will be very happy at Sutton Green. The staff and I have been particularly impressed with the new starters in reception who already look like they have been here for weeks!

### News/events

Sutton Green Pre-School is now up and running and is able to also offer wrap-around care for 2 year olds from 8am-6pm, phone 07734 705559 or 07581 075534. Shirley Pierce is continuing as Nursery Manager. Over half term, we will be completing refurbishment, with a smart new outdoor area to be used by Pre-School and our reception class.

If you are interested in Before or After School Care, please contact Kaye Forshaw 07717 383702. Children can attend from 7.45 – 9am and from 3.15-6pm daily. The school works closely with S4YC and they provide a wide range of activities for the children.

A reminder that our Parent/Toddler Group meet on Tuesdays in the school hall from 9.15am, please contact Debbie Hill on 07427631628.

Thanks to all who returned surveys regarding the work of the school via the last newsletter and the comments on the parent slip with the school report. There were some lovely comments to read that have been shared with staff. I have also taken note of suggested actions and will be discussing them with office staff/senior staff/Governors and I will be linking to forward plans.

### Enrichment Opportunities

We are continuing to look at our menu of opportunities for children with regard to in school and after school activities. This term sees some exciting new additions working with our clusters and local schools. The following clubs/activities are on offer this term.

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Y3 PE Club 3.15-4.10pm Starting 28<sup>th</sup> September. (West Cheshire College)</b>	<b>Y1-6 Gardening Club 3.15-4.15pm Starting 21<sup>st</sup> September (Mr Perry)</b>	<b>Y2/3 Nature Club After half term (details to follow) (Mrs Winterson &amp; Mrs Carter)</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Gym Club 8-8.55am Starting 15<sup>th</sup> September (Ron Bell /Mr Laird)</b>		
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Y3/4 Global Citizenship through Music &amp; Art – Lunchtime Starting 22<sup>nd</sup> September (Mrs Griffiths &amp; Mrs Payne)</b>	<b>Y1-6 Football Club 3.15-4.30pm Starting 15<sup>th</sup> September (S4YC)</b>	<b>Y1-6 Model Making Club 3.15-4.15pm Starting 22<sup>nd</sup> September (Mr Perry)</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Y1-6 Dodgeball Club 3.15-4.30pm Starting 16<sup>th</sup> September (S4YC)</b>	<b>Y5/6 Netball Club 3.15-4pm Starting 16<sup>th</sup> September (Mrs Armour &amp; Mrs Reid)</b>	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Y2-6 Homework Club 3.15-4.15pm Starting 17<sup>th</sup> September (Mr Perry)</b>		
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Y2 PE Club 3.15-4.10pm Starting 2<sup>nd</sup> October. (West Cheshire College)</b>		

### School Staff and Information sessions

Parents/Carers were given the opportunity to attend information sessions last week to meet staff working with your children, to learn about class routines and what the children will be learning this term. Information is also placed on the class pages on the website and is updated regularly [www.suttongreen.org](http://www.suttongreen.org). Summary letters were also shared at the meetings and were sent home. Please take time to acquaint yourself with the information.

Please note the following staff who play a key role in supporting our children across the school

- Miss Dunning our Special Educational Needs Coordinator who is part of the senior management team, and who as SENCO looks after children with specific needs.
- Mr Perry who works as Pupil Premium Coordinator on Monday-Thursday, supporting different groups/classes across the school. Mr Perry also works with me on the coordination of assessment.
- Mrs Payne who supports families across the school as our Pastoral Care and Family link member of staff, and who is our Lead Safeguarding Staff member. Mrs Payne is on the playground at the beginning and end of school day to chat to. If you would like to see her, she has bookable slots on the following days:
  - Monday and Wednesday mornings 9.05 – 9.30
  - Tuesday and Thursday afternoons 3.15- 3 45
  - She may also be contacted via the school office if you need to make an appointment to see her at another time.
- Mrs Carter who supports with pastoral care, safeguarding and works specifically with children with speech and language needs.
- Mrs Allmand who is the Assistant HT of the school, and forms part of the senior management team along with Miss Dunning and I. Mrs Allmand also coordinates Reception and KS1.
- Mrs Flaherty who is the KS2 Team leader. Mrs Flaherty and Mrs Allmand also meet regularly to help coordinate and review school events/planning/school systems.
- Governors: Our Chair of Governors is Mr Lee Hubbard and our Deputy Chair is Mrs Gloria Broughton.
- Office Staff: Front of house office staff: Mrs Julie Kervin Admin Officer / Mrs Amanda Hughes Clerical Officer /Mrs Sarah Davies Clerical Assistant. The front office is open from 8am – 4.30pm Monday-Friday.
- We continue to work with external teachers and coaches Mrs Cawley and S4YC to cover dedicated Planning, preparation and assessment time for teachers. Mr Perry, along with our experienced teaching assistants and Mrs Cawley will usually be covering teacher absence for meeting time, Professional Development or absence.

### School Environment

- Over the summer holidays we have continued to improve the school environment. This has included adding some new marking to the playground, and continuing to carry out maintenance and paintings. Mrs Reid and Mrs Payne will be contacting parents/carers who volunteered to help with some additional painting.

### Reminders

Please can you take note of the following:

#### School Lunches and tuck

- Reception and KS1 children are provided with a free hot meal at lunchtime, so please consider if you wish your child to have one.
- We do not provide infant tuck at breaktimes via the kitchen. KS1 children should bring their own healthy snack if you wish them to have something at morning break. However a free piece of fruit is provided for morning break for reception and KS1 children.
- The menus have now been updated and are rotated over four weeks and are the four most popular menus voted for by the children in school. They are also displayed on the website. The cost of a school meal is £2.20 per day (£11 each week). PLEASE send into school on a Monday morning, dinner money and tuck money in separate envelopes with your child's name/class on the front.

### Other reminders

- We regularly update our website with news, events and dates. Please check the calendar and website. [www.suttongreen.org](http://www.suttongreen.org)
- We welcome help in school. If you are interested please speak to Miss Jenkins/or the School office to pass on details. Miss Jenkins coordinates parent helpers in school. Any skills/interests are welcome. You may have someone you know who is retired, or an older member of the family who does not work and would like to help? They would be very welcome!
- Our children look smart in their uniforms. Please help maintain these standards and follow the PE and uniform code. (Trainers are only for PE or playtime).

### Health and Safety

- The school gates will not be opened until 8.40am when we let children onto the playground prior to the whistle going at 8.55am. Please remember to look after your child/children, staff cannot supervise children on the school grounds prior to the whistle as they are busy getting prepared for the day. Children must not play on the school equipment, play football and ride bikes/scooters due to health and safety concerns with the number of adults/children, including toddlers/babies assembling.
- Please do not bring dogs, including puppies, onto the playground for health and safety reasons.
- We are conscious parking is tight, but please respect our neighbours by not parking over driveways, and being aware of pedestrians. Please note the school carpark is for staff only. The one way system is still in operation: come clockwise past the school on your left.
- Smoking, including use of E Cigarettes is not permitted anywhere on the school site.
- Mobile phones should also not be used on the playground due to safeguarding. We have also put on a lot of helpful guidance on the website regarding E Safety. We would urge you to familiarise yourself with this.

I am always happy to talk to parents/carers informally on the playground or via an appointment should you feel you need to see me. In addition I will be available on parent's evenings. Please ring the office to arrange an appointment on those dates. (13<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> October).

Mrs Ann Griffiths HT