



# SUTTON GREEN NEWSLETTER 4

Spring 2016

Dear Parents/Carers

As we head towards the Easter weekend and Easter Break. I thought it would be helpful to update you on school events and activities. Please note that class letters and the class pages on the school website provide the most up to date information. Mrs Allmand updates the school website regularly including the calendar.

Thank you for joining in the spirit of World Book Day with such enthusiasm. The children looked amazing and you can find photographs in the gallery section of the website, together with other school events and activities e.g.- Maths Week and The Fair Trade Day. Can we thank all parents who came to support Fair Trade Day.

## **Forward dates for your attention –**

- Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March -Y1 Little Sutton Library Visit.
- Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March- 9am Family Forum (*Everybody Welcome*).
- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March -‘Sports Relief’ £1 donation per family, children may wear something sporty.
- Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March -Y5 Little Sutton Methodist Church ‘Cross Factor’ am visit. Parents’ Evening
- Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March – Parents’ Evening
- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March – **Good Friday School Closed**
- Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March – **Easter Monday School Closed**
- Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March – Easter Bingo ~ Doors open at 6pm
- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April – Own Clothes Day – **School finishes at 3.15pm for 2 week break.**
- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April – School Re-opens.
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May – **School Closed for Polling Day**
- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March - EU Referendum **School Closed.**

## **Reading**

World Book Day was an occasion to celebrate the joy of reading. The staff and I are however concerned about a small number of children who do not read regularly and whose parents do not sign or comment in reading diaries. We appreciate that many of you are busy, but can we remind you reading is referenced in our homework policy, and it is an expectation is that all children do this to develop fluency, comprehension skills and to widen their vocabulary, and most importantly their horizons. There is a clear link between reading and writing skills – children who read widely and regularly have more ideas to write about and develop a richer vocabulary. Please help us by checking reading diaries and signing them; discussing and sharing books with your child, and encouraging them to read both fiction and non-fiction.

## **Parents’ Evenings and Parent View**

These will be held on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March and Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March. A letter with your time slot will be sent home with your child on Monday. At parents’ evening, the Governors and I are also keen to capture views about the school and in keeping with the electronic age, we will be providing laptops/ipads for parents to complete the online PARENT VIEW survey. We would encourage everyone to share their views so we can capture a full picture. If you unable to complete it at parents’ evening, please log on to <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/> and share your views before 29<sup>th</sup> March. Please note you can only enter once.

### **Other reminders and information**

- Continue to be vigilant and park safely. You will have noticed that we now have yellow lines painted on corners as this is not a safe place to park. I am concerned however, that some parents/carers are not behaving responsibly and continuing to park on corners and double yellow lines. The police will be monitoring the situation carefully.
- Please remember to clear up after your dog as this can have health implications on children.
- All children (EYFS to Y5) must be supervised at the beginning and end of the school day. Ball games/tag etc are not allowed due to sheer volume of people congregating in one place.

### **Link Club**

Link Club are now based in pre-school, and parents/carers can collect and drop off from that entrance. They are open from 7.45am-8.55am and 3.15pm-6pm. And ages range from 3 to 11yrs.

### **Requests for help - Toddler group and Lunchtime**

- Please take note of the requests for good quality unwanted items that could be used by our toddler group. They play a very valuable role in our community and we are keen to support them. Remember the group meets on a Tuesday morning in the school hall from 9am -11am.
- If you have any unwanted good quality quiet games e.g. card games, craft activities, and then please bring them and they can be passed on to the MDAs for use at lunchtime.

Finally, I wish to let you know there will some admin changes after Easter as Mrs Hughes will be leaving us. I am sure you will wish her well; she has done a fantastic job. Mrs Kervin and Mrs Davies will continue to manage day to day liaison with parents/carers, the office will be open from 8am to 4pm. As there will be only one person manning the office from 1<sup>st</sup> April, the office staff would be very grateful if parents could give lunch boxes/PE kit /swimming kit /musical instruments and lunch/tuck money to their child in the morning before school!

Mrs Ann Griffiths  
Headteacher

## USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA

Dear Parents/Carers,

the school is aware that some parents have used Facebook to publish their opinion regarding actions that the school/ staff have taken with regards to the care of their child or other children.

I am writing to highlight the fact that often people can be unaware how easy it is to be defamatory on social media. The law of defamation exists to protect the reputation of a person but also to support a person's right to free speech. The law states that if someone communicates FALSE information about a person or a group and that information results in the person or group suffering an injury to their reputation, then that is libel and slander. (Libel if in writing, slander if spoken).

As a school, one of our primary objectives is to ensure your child is safe and happy and if a false claim is made about our actions or behaviours as a school and such claim could jeopardise our reputation, we would have to consider what action we could take to rectify this. As parents of children at our school, we hope that you will support us in the mutual goal of projecting a positive and accurate image of our school.

Tips for avoiding defamation via social media:

- Consider anything you write on a social media profile the same as if you were publishing it in a newspaper.
- Do not repeat anything that you cannot verify as true.
- Do not "Share" or "ReTweet" any details that you believe could be considered defamatory.
- Before you post information on other people, think about how this could be perceived and whether the information could harm their reputation.
- If you are worried about Twitter then protect your profile; only permit people you approve of to gain access to your home-page. On Facebook, increase your privacy settings so that only your friends can view your profile.
- Importantly, do not let friends of friends view your profile, because your friends may not exercise as much discretion as you do when approving their friends on Facebook.
- Finally, if you are not happy with something that may have occurred in school – then you must speak with your child's class teacher as opposed to writing your opinion on social media.

Many thanks in anticipation of your support

Mrs A Griffiths HT