



# Sutton Park PRIMARY SCHOOL



School Newsletter—Wednesday 14th December 2022



I can't quite believe that our first term of the new academic year ends in just two days. We are now 1/3 of the way through the year and staff have been celebrating the successes and progress of pupils in recent progress meetings with school leaders.

I'd like to take this opportunity to say a HUGE thank you to all of the parents who are making time to read with their child at home and oversee the completion of their homework tasks. As a busy working mum myself I know it can be hard to balance alongside other roles and duties but please don't underestimate the difference it makes. Reading with my daughter each evening is one of the highlights of my day and the perfect way to wind down from the busyness of the day. Reading aloud supports fluency, comprehension and vocabulary acquisition.... It is SO important. I hope you find time to enjoy books together this festive break.

We have thoroughly enjoyed reading the third Christmasaurus book as a whole-school this Christmas. He is a character close to our hearts and it has been wonderful to hear of his third successful saving of Christmas!

Friday marks the final day in school for Mrs Southall. We wish her a long, happy retirement and thank her for all of her hard work and efforts for the pupils of Sutton Park Primary.

*Mrs Middleton, Head of School*



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## Calendar events and diary

### dates:

All of our school calendar dates for this academic year can be found here:

[http://suttonparkprimary.co.uk/images/foryou/Calendar dates for parents 2022-2023.pdf](http://suttonparkprimary.co.uk/images/foryou/Calendar%20dates%20for%20parents%202022-2023.pdf)

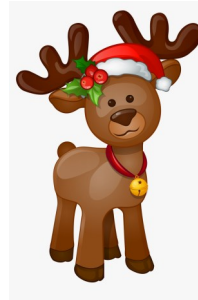


School reopens to pupils on **Wednesday 4th January 2023.**

When?	What?	Additional detail:
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	Teacher training day	School closed to all pupils
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	School reopens to pupils	Term 2.1 begins
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Chinese New Year	Themed lunch menu and whole-school assembly (led by Y4) All pupils are invited to wear RED as this is considered a lucky colour.
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day	Afternoon lessons will focus on safe, responsible and positive use of internet technology for all pupils (in an age-appropriate way).

## Christmas Fayre:

Thank you to everyone who supported our fayre last week. We raised a staggering **£917** for school fund and will update you in the new year on how this will be spent. We had an amazing turn out and are very grateful for the support shown to Sutton Park Primary.



Events like this don't just happen so I'd like

to say a BIG thank you to Mrs Steele and Mrs Trevitt for all of their help in organising and preparing for the fayre. Thank you to our Prefects for their singing performance and thank you to the staff who stayed to man the stalls, prepped the hampers for the raffle prizes and agreed to be cream-pied too!



We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



## Staff Highlights—Autumn Term 2022



Mrs Middleton asked some of our staff what their highlight has been this term. Here are their responses. Well done everyone for a successful term!

<p><b>Mrs Dunning:</b></p> <p>Seeing Y6 create such amazing clay models of a human heart. They were amazing!</p>	<p><b>Mrs Johnson:</b></p> <p>Hearing the sounds of children performing the Nativity again!</p>	<p><b>Mrs Jones:</b></p> <p>Seeing our Reception writers flourish this term is my highlight. Well done to them all!</p>	<p><b>Miss Painting:</b></p> <p>Year 1's approach to their Nativity performance. A real show-stopper and we are so proud!</p>
<p><b>Mr Pugh:</b></p> <p>The books my class have been reading and enjoying. It has been lovely to see their enthusiasm for reading grow!</p>		<p><b>Miss Ford:</b></p> <p>Enjoying seeing all of the children eating their special Christmas dinner! What a treat!</p>	<p><b>Mr Guyan:</b></p> <p>Our work on invasions for History and sound in Science. Y4 have been so engaged in this learning. It has been awesome to see!</p>
<p><b>Mx Ozen:</b></p> <p>Coming together to read The Christmasaurus. We've loved it!</p>	<p><b>Miss Dhillon:</b></p> <p>The calm and focused approach to learning in 6D. I am really proud of my class this term and wish them all a happy Christmas.</p>	<p><b>Miss Abdalla:</b></p> <p>Year 5's Wonderdome experience. The awe and wonder, and excellent work that came from this were really impressive!</p>	<p><b>Miss Trowman:</b></p> <p>Seeing the progress Y6 children have made in extended writing this term.</p>
	<p><b>Mrs Davis:</b></p> <p>All things Christmas! The Y1 Nativity has been a real highlight!</p>	<p><b>Miss Kaur:</b></p> <p>The learning behaviour and sheer enthusiasm of 3K across the term. I am incredibly proud of you all!</p>	<p><b>Mr Tonn:</b></p> <p>Our Prefect choir and their fab performance at the Christmas Fayre.</p>
<p><b>Mrs Southall:</b></p> <p>Feeling the buzz of Christmas all around school again. The performances are always a highlight.</p>	<p><b>Miss Selma:</b></p> <p>Seeing how happy our Nurture children are and how the consistent incentives introduced across school are having a positive impact.</p>	<p><b>Mrs Davin:</b></p> <p>The way that Y1 have tackled Y1 head on! They've had such a successful term and their maturity and learning behaviours continue to impress me daily!</p>	

### School uniform:

It is important for pupils to feel proud to be part of the SP community and to have the sense of belonging to/ representing our school that comes with wearing our uniform. We know that times are challenging for families and have noticed an increasing number of children coming into school without uniform. Please speak to a member of the Senior Leadership Team if you are experiencing financial difficulty. We will do our best to signpost services that may be able to help.



### Attendance:

We have seen some improvements in attendance this term and are pleased to see punctuality being a priority for lots of our families.

Attendance to school is mandatory and we are closely tracking the attendance and punctuality of all pupils. Teachers and leaders may call or write to you if your child's percentages begin to fall below what is expected. This is done to support but also to raise awareness of the impact poor attendance/punctuality has on children.

- School opens at 8:45am and pupils must be in class for registration by 8:55am.

