



Sutton Park PRIMARY SCHOOL



School Newsletter—Wednesday 18th January 2023



The Spring term is in full swing and we have been pleased to welcome several new pupils into our Sutton Park Primary family this January. News about our school's improvement is

spreading and with the added news of a successful rebuild bid, the future is looking very bright for our school! None of this would be possible without the hard work of staff and pupils, and the support of our parent community. Thank you to everyone who has played their part, championed our school, given feedback, engaged with school events and supported our journey so far. Please continue to do this. The team in school really appreciate it.

I hope you enjoy reading about the latest happenings in school and the plans we have for the term ahead. As always, it is a privilege to lead our school.

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)

Thursday 19th January	Census day – themed lunch	Themed lunch menu—Mad Hatters Party This is a free non-uniform day for all pupils.
Monday 23 rd 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 th 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).
Friday 17 th February	Term 2.1 finishes.	School closes for half term at 1pm (Friday club provision is on for those who need it)
Monday 27 th February	School reopens to pupils	Term 2.2 begins

Andrew Mitchell MP visits school:

On Friday 6th January we were visited by Rt. Hon Andrew Mitchell (MP for Sutton Coldfield). He had been invited into school to see first hand the improvements made.

During his visit, we discussed the journey of improvement so far, plans for the future and our rebuild plans. He also visited several classrooms across school speaking to staff and pupils.

Following his visit, Andrew stated: *"It's great news for a school that is on the up and up that they will also now get a significant rebuilding programme to modernise and enhance a school that has made a significant fresh start."*

You can read more here: <https://is.gd/rebuildnews>

As always, our pupils were an absolute credit to our school and it was fantastic to see our school being highlighted within our local constituency for its vast improvements.

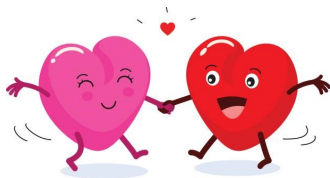


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Valentines Disco:

School discos are returning this academic year and will be supporting us in raising funds for further resource improvement in school.

Our first disco will be on Thursday 16th February 2023 and be charged at £3.50 per child. (This includes a drink and snack.) A separate letter detailing how to book a ticket and pay, will be sent out in the coming weeks.



Girls' football team head to Aston Villa FC:

Yesterday, our girls' football team represented school at the first stage of the Premier League Primary Stars Year 5/6 Girls Tournament.

In total, 8 girls attended, all showing excellent sportsmanship and team-work throughout. Well done girls!

Spotlight on... PASTORAL:

Our Pastoral team play a vital role in daily life at Sutton Park Primary. They are on hand to support pupils with any social, emotional or mental health need.

Miss Akay:

Every child should be valued, known, happy and safe This is why I am so passionate about leading in pastoral. It is so important that children achieve their potential and that they are able to move successfully through all phases of their education. I know from my experience of working in school and from my own child, that building great relationships, in a welcoming and nurturing environment helps children to be successful. I want children to be excited about coming to school, to create positive memories and to go home talking about their day and looking forward to the next one. This is what pastoral care is all about and I am committed to making sure all children at Sutton Park are supported and encouraged through all the steps on their journey; supported when a little extra time and help is needed and encouraged to take responsibilities and challenges when they are able.



Mr Tonn:

I believe every child should have the chance to learn in a safe, happy, and supportive environment regardless of the barriers to learning that may exist. I am passionate about helping all children at Sutton Park reach their full potential and be the best version of themselves. My aim is to help children build confidence, self-esteem, develop their resilience and character.



Miss Teer:

I have been a part of the pastoral team for over a year, I believe building relationships is a key part of working with children. I have seen the confidence grow of the children I support, and this has inspired me further to help them achieve their aspirations. I feel we shouldn't put a ceiling on any child's dreams, and we should encourage them to aim high. When I was growing up, my mom was my role model and she always pushed me to achieve and keep going, I try to use these morals with the children I support and teach them that with determination and perseverance they can be anything they want to be despite any barriers they may face.



YOU SAID, WE DID:

<p>"It would be great to see the return of school events such as fayres, discos and trips."</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas Fayre in December 2022 (raising over £1000 for our school) • School discos planned for February and Easter. • Trip planning is in progress for all year groups.
<p>"Homework needs to be more consistent and parents need help to support."</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purchase of Collins practice books for homework for all pupils in Y1-6. Resource packs for EYFS homework. These come home weekly and support children in reaching age-related expectations. • Parent workshops introduced in all year groups, termly. These focus on how parents and carers can support with core subjects (reading, writing and maths)
<p>"I'd like to know more about what my child will be learning in school."</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The curriculum area of our school website is currently being updated with a full overview of all subjects. This builds on the half-termly overviews which have been available to parents in this section previously.
<p>"Toilet facilities need improvements."</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PACT have been working hard on a rebuild bid which has been successful. All facilities for pupils will be improved. In the interim, regular maintenance and checks of toilet facilities are in place.
<p>"A chance for parents to come together and share experiences, particularly those with SEND children."</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coffee mornings and networking opportunities provided for SEND parents to come together and support each other.

Nursery have been amazing! The children have all settled in quickly and are having lots of fun making new friends and trying new things.

Mrs Nicholson and Mr Murphy

Huge shout out to 5WS for their effort during our Extended Write this week. During our editing section of the lesson they all worked in partners and the conversations they were having were amazing.

Mrs Walker-Shelton

Y3 have started the new year as we mean to go on. They are focused, working hard and joining in well with class discussions. Our weekly RE and PSHE lessons are always a highlight! Keep up the great work Y3.

Miss Kaur

2N have settled back into school life well. We are super excited about Power Maths and have learnt so much about 2D and 3D shapes. We can't wait to start our next focus on multiplication and division. We've got the power!

Miss Maltby

Well done 1D on immersing into our new class text 'The Three Little Pigs' so well. You have enjoyed looking at the story in detail and you have ordered the story using pictures, which have helped you to remember the story. You have looked at a range of story language to use in your retelling of the story as well as using verbs to make your sentences more exciting. I can't wait to see your finished pieces at the end of the week!

Mrs Davis

Sutton Park Shout-outs



We are so impressed with the Gruffalo's engagement and enthusiasm with our new 'Power Maths.' Their understanding, reasoning and explanations are very thoughtful and include lots of mathematical language. Each day without fail they blow us away with their work. Watch this space because one day this cohort are going to rule the world!

Mrs Jones, Mrs Stanley, Mrs Murphy and Mr Blackburn

6T have been working very hard in their new Geography topic learning all about the Arctic and Antarctic. They have enjoyed learning about the physical and human features of each one and identifying who or what may live there.

Miss Trowman

I am extremely proud of the way 1P have settled back into our new learning routines following the Christmas holidays. We have been working really hard on recalling information from our previous learning to help and support our new learning and they have particularly 'wowed' me in doing this in our Science lessons! Well done 1P!

Miss Painting

Shout out to 5O for welcoming our new addition Niall to our class and for preparing to launch the Clean Air project at Prince Albert High School this week!

Mx Ozen

Well done to nurture this term already for settling in well to their new classroom environment. Children have taken this move positively and are now taking ownership of their new space in the Nurture Hub.

Our first nurture group have had an enthusiastic start to their new science project about light, dark and shadows and have been applying this knowledge to their growing interest of the solar system. We now have a new nurture group that has also joined our hub and they have been settling well into their new structured timetable.

Forest school is back this term for both nurture groups where we will continue to explore the outdoor areas in school, build a sense of community and develop essential skills such as teamwork, problem solving, self-awareness, confidence and resilience. We look forward to the term ahead and the adventures it will bring!

Miss Khan

I'd like to shout out Year 4 for their great work classifying lots of different materials into the correct states of matter in our Science lesson.

Mr Guyan

My shout out is to all my class who have started looking at plants, the coastline and drawing some beautiful flower heads in art. They have really enjoyed every lesson so far.

Mr Pugh

I want to give a shout out to 6D for being resilient in tasks they are completing. I have children that are really trying to hard and not giving up.

Miss Dhillon