



School Newsletter—Wednesday 19th October 2022



Autumn is officially here and nothing quite beats the sound of those golden leaves crunching beneath our feet! Autumn is a time of change, beauty and comfort: as the dark nights draw in and we prepare for the excitement that Christmas and the New Year brings.

This academic year has got off to a great start. Our pupils are working hard, trying their best and learning lots of new skills across the curriculum. The staff are working hard too and thoroughly enjoyed catching up with parents during last week's parent meetings. This was an opportunity to share with you successes, areas of focus and our home-school agreement. This document outlines what you can expect from us and what we expect from you as members of our school community. We know the immense value of positive relationships between school and home.

Today has been our quality assurance day from The PACT. Several executive leaders from our trust have spent the day in school exploring progress, curriculum and provision for pupils. This has provided some valuable feedback on the successes of our journey so far and supports us to focus on where we are headed next. I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to all of the parents who completed the feedback questionnaire. A summary of responses is included in this newsletter and the Sutton Park team are so pleased to see an overwhelming positive response.

On behalf of us all, thank you for your continued support and encouragement. Have a fantastic October half term and we look forward to continuing the journey with your children when they return to school on Tuesday 1st November.

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



Monday 31st October is a teacher training day so school is closed to all pupils.

Monday 7th November marks the return of the Scholastic book fair. Books will be on sale each day after school.

Friday 18th November is our next non-uniform day—pupils are encouraged to wear spots to show support for Pudsey. We will be raising money for Children In Need via non-uniform donations and a cake sale at morning break. (More information will follow from Y5 closer to this date.)

Proud of Kate!

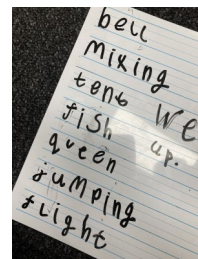
On Friday 14th October, Kate from Y4 did an amazing thing! She had 30cm of her hair cut off so that she could donate it to the Little Princess Trust. They supply real hair wigs, free of charge, to children and young people who have lost their hair as a result of cancer treatment, alopecia and other conditions. Kate has also fundraised to support the charity in meeting the costs of making the wigs. If you would like to support her: <https://is.gd/katehaircut>



Half-term round up:

Since we came back to school in September, we have:

- Relunched our whole-school assemblies. We now come together every Monday to focus on our core values and every Thursday to celebrate superstars across school.
- Welcomed new pupils and families into EYFS.
- Inducted our new prefects.
- Launched parent workshops.
- Provided the opportunity for all of Y5 to swim on site.
- Launched into our new Cornerstones Curriculum topics for this academic year. (More information available in the curriculum overviews section of our school website.)
- Provided the opportunity for some children to try new sports in an off-site event.
- Hosted parents for two parents' evenings.
- Started preparing our allotment for harvesting and winter months.
- Welcomed external visitors for special assemblies.
- Celebrated themed days including World Mental Health Day, Roald Dahl Day and Black History Month.
- Fundraised for several charities (including the Pakistan flood disaster and local food banks)



Y6 applications for secondary school:

An important reminder for all Y6 parents - please ensure that you have completed the online application form for your child's secondary school by 31st October 2022.

All of the information you need can be found here: https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20119/school_admissions/1778/apply_for_a_secondary_school_year_7_place/3

Reception admissions - September 2023:

We are pleased to be hosting a number of open events for parents who are looking for primary school places for reception next academic year. If you (or someone you know) are exploring primary schools in the local area, please point them in the direction of our school website to find out more: <http://suttonparkprimary.co.uk/index.php/for-you/parents/open-events>

Spotlight on....positive choices and behaviours:

We have high expectations of all of our pupils and believe it is important to recognise and praise those who are meeting these. At Sutton Park Primary, we support each other when things are tricky, champion each other when we need encouragement and celebrate when goals are reached!



Since September, we have:

- Launched the 'best seat in the house' for star of the week pupils during Thursday assemblies.
- Awarded a total of 9697 house points!
- Awarded 244 star of the week certificates/postcards home!
- Invited 182 children to 'Choices' with the pastoral team on Thursday afternoons.



We know these achievements will continue to grow in number across the academic year and can't wait to see the successes of our pupils as they continue to shine, do their best and showcase our school values of believe, inspire and achieve!

Parent survey feedback:

- ⇒ 97% of parents agreed or strongly agreed that their child is happy at school
- ⇒ 97% of parents agreed or strongly agreed that their child feels safe at our school
- ⇒ 97% of parents agreed or strongly agreed that their child does well at school
- ⇒ 95% would recommend our school to another parent
- ⇒ 97% agree or strongly agree that school have high expectations for their child

Quality Assurance Day Feedback:



High praise in parent comments for:

- ⇒ Staff
- ⇒ Positive approaches to teaching and learning
- ⇒ Pastoral care of pupils
- ⇒ Communication with parents (including the use of Twitter, newsletters, calendar dates and prep for Sept booklet)
- ⇒ Support of SEND children
- ⇒ Improvements across school and in providing the right standard of education for our pupils
- ⇒ School dinners



Things you'd like us to work on:

- Re-starting a Parent Group (PTA) to support school in fundraising and events.
- Specific support for children struggling with homework.
- Improving toilet facilities
- Parking



The return of.... Our Christmas Fayre



Friday 9th December
2022 (3:30-5pm)

Are you a parent
who is willing to
support school in
organising and
preparing for this
event?

Do you run a small
business and want to
enquire about having
a stall?

If so, please email Mrs Middleton using the
enquiry@suttonparkprimary.co.uk
email address.

Thank you!



Sutton Park
Primary School
**Open
Events**



Thursday 3rd November 9:00-10:30am
Monday 7th November 1:30-3:00pm
Saturday 26th November 9:00-10:30am

We would love to welcome you to our EYFS open events, designed to enable you to find out more about Sutton Park Primary School and discover the opportunities available for your child in September 2023.

Join us to hear from our Head of School and take a tour of our excellent EYFS provision.

To book your place please visit our website or scan the QR code provided.



**Join our EYFS
in September
2023**

- 0121 464 7355
- Coppice View Road, Sutton Coldfield, B73 6UE
- @SuttonParkPri
- www.suttonparkprimary.co.uk

Happy
Diwali

Tuesday 1st November

Chicken with Tumeric
Shami Kebab (Minced Lamb & Lentil Patties)
Butternut Squash Curry
Vegetable Samosas
Served with Rice and Salad

Cardamom Biscuits (Nan Khatai)
Diwali Cupcakes

Nursery places available.

Speak to a member of our staff to find out more.

We would love to welcome you into the Sutton Park family.

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