



Sutton Park PRIMARY SCHOOL



School Newsletter—Wednesday 28th September 2022



We have had a busy but fantastic start to the new academic year at Sutton Park Primary. It has been wonderful to welcome new staff and pupils into our school community. The new academic year always brings around new hopes, new

learning experiences and new aspirations. We are excited for the year ahead and look forward to championing your children every step of the way!

This year, I will continue to write our school newsletter to you on a minimum 3-weekly basis. This allows us to regularly celebrate all of the great things happening in school and also provides some key reminders of expectations, calendar dates and other useful information.

The final page of today's newsletter acknowledges the current cost of living crisis and the impact this may be having on some families. It signposts some useful resources and includes a reminder about how you may be able to access free school meals too.

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](#)



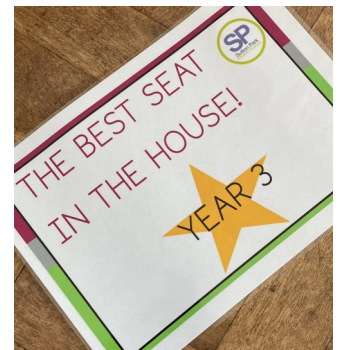
Friday 30th September is a non-uniform day to help raise funds for the **Pakistan flood disaster**. Please bring a monetary donation for the collection buckets during morning drop-off. These will be added to donations from across PACT schools.

Parent consultations: Staff are really looking forward to seeing parents for our first parents' evening of this academic year. Please keep these dates free in your diaries. More details on booking timeslots will follow.

An update on incentives and rewards:

We are making the most of being able to come together as a whole-school again by relaunching our celebration assemblies. Every Thursday Mrs Middleton and/or Mrs Dunning will be hosting a celebration assembly for children from EYFS all the way up to Y6.

Children who are chosen to receive awards get to sit in the 'best seats in the house' and tell everyone in school what makes them so fantastic! Lively celebration music, house point totals and some values-inspired challenges round up the weekly assembly.



It is extremely important to us as a school that we celebrate the successes of our pupils—big or small. We appreciate how hard our pupils are working to uphold our school values and be the best version of themselves that they can be. Being part of Sutton Park Primary is something to be proud of and we love it when our pupils wear their SP badges with pride!

Other ways in which we will be highlighting positive choices include: house points, shout outs and postcards home. Please celebrate with your child when they are recognised in any of these ways!

- BELIEVE - INSPIRE - ACHIEVE

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

5WS have taken to swimming extremely well. They have been bringing their kits and listening to instructions from the swimming coaches. I am really proud of them!

Mrs Walker-Shelton

3K have settled into Y3 very well. They have shown great enthusiasm for learning and their behaviour is absolutely fantastic. What a great start to the year!

Miss Kaur

A huge shout out to 2N for embracing our school value BELIEVE - you are showing that you believe you can achieve with your can do attitude!

Mrs Maltby

Well done 1D for working so hard within your writing lessons. We have been introduced to Mr Bear in our book 'Peace at Last' and you have all worked hard to: discuss his feelings, used your phonics to label the rooms in the house and worked together to find the clues as to what was making lots of noise. Keep up the good work.

Mrs Davis

September Shout-outs



We are all very proud of Reception, not only have they settled really well and really quickly but they are also making lots of new friends, caring about their environment and contributing their ideas to group discussions. They are rising to every challenge that comes their way and are so kind and caring of each other it is an absolute pleasure to be their teachers.

Mrs Jones, Mrs Stanley, Mrs Murphy and Mr Blackburn

My shoutout for 6T is that they have taken year 6 on with pride, showing great behaviour and being fantastic role models to the rest of the school.

Miss Trowman

1P - Thank you for always coming in to the classroom with a smile each morning - it's a great way to start our day !

Miss Painting

I would like to shout out 5O for listening to feedback about behaviours in assembly and consistently working to improve them. The last assembly they even earned two house points for meaningful contributions to discussion.

Mx Ozen

Nurture group have started a Forest School programme at school. They have been developing a sense of community in our group by helping each other to achieve and succeed through working together in games and tasks. They are exploring the natural areas of our school grounds and building their connection with nature as they learn new things. Nurture look forward to Forest School each week as they take ownership of their learning during the sessions and get inspired by the wonderful treasures they have been finding!

Miss Khan

Year 4 have been learning all about physical and human barriers to the invasion on Britain. I am so impressed by their application of historical knowledge and skills. Well done!

Mr Guyan

Shout-out to class 2P for the support and help they give each other everyday. I am really proud of them!

Mr Pugh

6D have made a fantastic start to the term, settling quickly into their new learning routines. They have immersed themselves into our new topic and have plenty of questions they want to find answers to.

Miss Dhillon

Sutton Park Primary School are conscious of the rising cost of living and the strain this is putting some of our families under.

Please find below a list of resources that may be beneficial to you and your wider family at this time. Please note the school is not recommending any organisation and cannot provide any further information about the services that are offered other than the information that is provided.

School dinners:

Our school kitchen provide delicious, well-balanced meals everyday to over 160 pupils! Our new winter menu will be released shortly and there will continue to be a selection of hot and cold meal choices each day.

Did you know that if your child is in Reception, Y1 or Y2 they are automatically entitled to a free school meal under the government's universal meal scheme? With the growing cost of living, why not let school ease the burden of packed lunch prices by taking up this offer? Speak to our school office if you'd like to make the switch to universal meals.

Relationships:

Parenting Courses: Birmingham City council have pre-paid for every parent in Birmingham to access a parenting course. Just enter the access code "COMMUNITY" on [Our Place](#) to claim. There are courses for parents, carers, and grandparents of children from bump to nineteen.

Domestic abuse: Birmingham and Solihull Women's Aid provide frontline domestic violence and abuse support services to women and children in the Birmingham and Solihull area. If you, or someone you know, needs help or support: Call 0808 800 0028

Trident Reach the People Charity provides safe and confidential Domestic Abuse Support services to women, men and children who are affected by domestic abuse. The support service aims to increase safety and reduce risk. They provide practical and emotional support to deal with the effects of living with domestic abuse. If you or someone you know is experiencing domestic abuse, call for support on 0800 111 4223

Financial Support:

Citizen's Advice offer a tool to check which benefits (e.g., Universal Credit and Child Tax Credit) you could be entitled too and can provide support in the initial stages of applying for benefit. Find further information here at [Citizen Advice – Benefits](#) or ring the free Help to Claim phone service on 0800 144 8 444, advisers are available 8am to 6pm, Monday to Friday and a translator can be requested.

Birmingham Settlement offer the following services within the local area: advice, advocacy, and support for the local community as well as advice on benefits, specialist advice on money and debt. Furthermore, they provide training, volunteering, and employment support projects for residents. Visit [Birmingham Settlement](#) for further information or ring 0121 250 0765.

Energy costs:

Individuals should speak to their energy providers as several suppliers offer grants to help with energy costs.

Individuals may also be eligible for Winter Fuel Payments, Warm Home Discount and or Cold Weather Payments. For more information visit [Ofgem](#).

Food Support:

Foodbanks in Birmingham work on a referral system. Individuals should contact Birmingham City council's contact centre 0121 216 3030 to book a referral. Their opening hours are Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm. Referral can also be made online at [Food Bank Voucher Request](#)

Healthy Start Vouchers: If an individual is more than 10+ weeks pregnant/ has a child under 4 and are on a low income they may be entitled to get help to buy healthy food and milk. Individuals can find further information and apply at [Healthy Start Vouchers](#)

Mental Health Support:

Mind Birmingham provides advice and information to people experiencing mental health difficulties, their families, professionals and the wider public. The service is open 24hrs a day, every day on 0121 262 3555 or 0800 915 9292. The helpline can also offer advice, information and signposting relating to health and social care and a range of other issues.

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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