

## School Newsletter – Week 6, Spring Term 1

### Message from the Head:

Another half term almost over - time flies! It has been great to see pupils working hard, earning house points, receiving lots of rewards and coming to school smiling each day.

Staff have been reminding children of our expectations around uniform in these past few weeks. Please support them by ensuring your child is dressed appropriately, with correct footwear each morning.

School continues to be a busy place with lots of new learning and lots of work continuing on the improvements needed. We are excited to see further improvements to our outdoor areas in the coming weeks.

On behalf of the Sutton Park Primary team, have a wonderful half term break. Thank you for your continued support.

**Mrs Middleton**

### House points and achievements:

The current totals for house points are:



4145



2789

2723



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### Dogs on the school site:

In the past few weeks, several members of SLT have had to speak to parents and carers about bringing dogs onto the school site.

As part of safeguarding, no animals are allowed on the school site. Please do not bring dogs with you when dropping off/collecting your children.



### Reading—our whole-school focus:



This Friday (14th Feb) we are hosting our first fundraiser for much-needed library improvements. All pupils are invited to wear non-uniform (linked to a Valentines/Red theme) and donate £1 towards our cause.

Reading is at the heart of our improvement journey—we need our library to showcase this level of importance and have plans for a complete facelift. Pupils will then be able to use the library more frequently and access the many gorgeous books we have to share. The hope is that this becomes a wonderful, communal space for pupils to come together and share books.

We look forward to seeing the children in RED on Friday! A variety of book-themed activities and reading opportunities have been planned by teachers for them to enjoy.



### Attendance and punctuality:

Below are the overall attendance figures (by class) for this half term.

Group	% Attend
Reception Monkeys	94.0
Reception Penguins	92.6
15B	97.8
1D	97.9
2G	97.5
2N	95.9
3E	97.0
3T	96.2
4B	93.9
4P	95.7
55T	95.3
6H	96.6
6A	97.0
Totals	96.0

Congratulations to House Lewis and who were the attendance winners again last week.



Please remember that if your child is unwell and unable to attend school, a phonecall must be made to school to report the reason for absence.

Congratulations to all classes who are above the 95% national expectation. This is brilliant!

A SUPER-DUPER well done to 1D got being the class with the best overall attendance this half term!



### Reading news:

Please accept my apology for a slightly-delayed release of the 'snuggle up and read' suitcases mentioned on my previous newsletter.

I was contacted by the Mayor's office about how we had spent the funding and they were so impressed by our new incentive

that they have arranged for the Mayor and Mayor-ess to visit us on World Book Day to launch the project!



They will also spend some time in EYFS reading to our pupils and will be opening our 'Secret Reading Garden' during their visit.

What an exciting opportunity for our school!



### Behaviour update:

We have now sent home 329 postcards, 333 certificates and 122 medals since September. This is a clear indicator of how committed we are to celebrating positive learning and social behaviours within our school. We are so proud of our pupils at Sutton Park Primary.



### Car Parking:

I last wrote about car parking a few newsletters ago but am sad to say, this is still a real issue. **Everyone who drives to school has a responsibility to ensure they are driving at a suitable speed and parking appropriately.**



**There are clear road markings in front of the school gates asking people not to park, yet everyday parents are stopping there.** This causes a real danger to our pupils and members of the community.

Please ensure you are doing your part in keeping all of our pupils safe.

### Dates for your diary:

**Friday 14th February:** Break up for half term (Normal 3:20 finish time)

WE LOVE READING DAY—£1 donation for valentine/red non-uniform.

**Monday 24th February:** Children return from half term break - Spring term 2 begins.

**Thursday 27th February:** Year 6 Parent Meeting regarding SATS and current teaching groups. (For Y6 parents only)

**Thursday 5th March:** World Book Day ('Snuggle up and Read' launches—children to wear pyjamas for school instead of book character costumes)