



Message from the Head of School:

Today marks the start of the final two weeks of this academic year. School closes to all pupils on Friday 21st July at 1pm but we have plenty in store for them right up until this point. From sports day to transition day to Y6 leavers' events, there is something for everyone, and the next two weeks will keep us all busy!

I hope you are enjoying our now weekly school newsletter and that the implementation of Class Dojo is succeeding in its aim of keeping parents regularly updated on happenings in school, key reminders and dates. Your feedback will be sought on this in September. My final newsletter for this academic year will be sent next Monday. Thank you for your continued support.



Mrs Middleton

Good luck to Mr Gulzar:

On Wednesday we will be hosting a special assembly for Mr Sajid Gulzar who is stepping down from his CEO role at PACT this summer and heading to Dubai for a new adventure. Mr Gulzar has been fundamental in the improvements seen in school since it was Banners Gate Primary. I am sure that you will all join me in wishing him well for this next chapter and in thanking him for all his hard work with Sutton Park Primary over the past 4 years.



Transition day:

On Wednesday this week pupils across school will be spending time with their new class teacher for September:

Current class name:	Class name in September:	Teacher:
Nursery <small>(starting compulsory school in September, not our rising 3s)</small>	RMS	Mrs Murphy & Mrs Stanley
RJS	1D or 1P <small>(Reception teachers can inform you of which class your child has been allocated)</small>	Mrs Davis or Miss Painting
1D	2P	Mr Pugh
1P	2T	Miss Trowman
2P	3B	Miss Begum
2M	3W	Miss Watson
3K	4WS	Mrs Walker-Shelton
4B	5D	Miss Dhillon
4K	5O	Mx Özen
5O	6B	Mr Bullock
5WS	6K	Miss Kaur

Preparing for September:

A link was shared on Class Dojo last week to a detailed document for parents that outlines all you need to know about getting ready for the new academic year. It includes some small, but important, notices about school uniform, water bottles and snacks in school. Please ensure you have read this through and as always, if you have any questions, please just ask. It can be found here:

<http://suttonparkprimary.co.uk/index.php/foryou/parents/letters-home/looking-ahead-to-september-2023>



Our new Nursery and Reception children will meet their teachers from 9:30-10:30 and the rest of school (including current Reception) will be spending time with their new teacher in the afternoon. Don't forget to ask them all about it over dinner on Wednesday evening!



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Staffing changes:

In addition to the information shared last week about Miss Abdalla, Mrs Kamran and Mrs Milbourne leaving, Miss Akay is also leaving Sutton Park in September. She is staying within PACT and has been promoted to work within the Central Support Team in the field of Safeguarding. We are so proud of Miss Akay for her continued professional development and wish her all the best for this role. She will continue to work with senior leaders at Sutton Park so you may still see her around school from time to time. I am also pleased to share that we have successfully recruited four full-time Teaching assistants to join our team next year: Mrs Owen, Mrs Pinnock-Steers, Ms Ng and Miss Koruszowicz will be supporting teachers in class and pupils in intervention groups from September.

School library:

A reminder that the school library is now closed after-school to allow for book stock checks and reminders to be sent about unreturned books. Please ensure that all school-owned books (including home readers, library books and snuggle up & read books) are returned to school before next week. We look forward to reopening the school library in September with some exciting new additions to our book collection.

Summer reading challenge:

Speaking of reading, libraries in the local area are promoting their annual summer reading challenge. This is a great idea to keep children busy (and keep a key life skill ticking along well) during the summer break. Visit your local library or <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk> to find out more!



Attendance:

All classes are aiming for at least 95%. This table shows the annual % for each class.

Next week you will be receiving a copy of your child's attendance certificate for this academic year. This will show you clearly whether they are meeting the national expectation of 95% attendance and display their latest figures too. Our pupils rely on parents and carers to get them to school each day AND on time. Our attendance expectations are outlined clearly in our 'September Preparation' letter sent electronically last week.

Registration Form	Class %
Nursery	83.7%
RJS	89.7%
1D	89.3%
1P	88.5%
2M	89.0%
2P	94.8%
3K	93.2%
4B	92.2%
4K	90.5%
5O	93.4%
5WS	91.9%
6D	93.3%
6T	92.2%



Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 12 th July	National Transition Day	Children across school meet their new teachers for September. Y6 attend their new secondary school. Classes and teachers for September 2023 will be shared next week.
Thursday 13 th July	Sports' Day (PM)	Afternoon races will involve all pupils (EYFS, Nurture and Y1-6) Parents welcome to attend (12:30 start time TBC)
Wednesday 19 th July	End of year reports.	All children will receive their end-of-year reports from their current class teacher.
Wednesday 19 th July	House point celebration	Winning house for this term will receive a bouncy castle party during this morning.
Thursday 20 th July	Y6 Leavers event	Taking place during the afternoon and including our traditional water fight! More details will follow in a specific Y6 letter.
Friday 21 st July	Y6 Leavers assembly	Y6 Parents and carers invited to attend. PLEASE SIGN IN VIA THE MAIN SCHOOL OFFICE (FROM 9AM)
Friday 21 st July	Academic year ends	School closes for pupils for summer holidays at 1pm

Y2 visit the Botanical Gardens:

To bring their recent science learning to life, Y1 visited Birmingham Botanical Gardens last week. The sun shone all day for them meaning they could really make the most of this amazing venue. The animal encounter session was a particular highlight for lots of pupils, along with the butterfly forest. Y1 showed exceptional behaviour throughout their trip and asked some brilliant questions too. Well done!



Y3 and Y4 visit the Thinktank:

Last Thursday Y3 and Y4 also had an exciting time consolidating all of their science learning from this academic year at the Thinktank in Birmingham. There were so many artefacts and interactive displays to explore! Pupils had lots of fun and behaved brilliantly. Well done!

Twycross Zoo celebrates 60 years:

We have been sent some amazing, money-saving vouchers from our friends at Twycross Zoo. You may have heard that to celebrate their 60th birthday you can pay for a day ticket and visit for 12 months for free! The vouchers school have been sent offer further discount on this already amazing offer and make an adult ticket £15 and a child ticket £11.40. We have a limited number of vouchers available on a first-come, first-served basis (one per family) from the school office. Senior leaders will also have some vouchers with them on gate duties. Thank you.



Annual prize-giving:

Last week's ceremony was an absolute joy to host. It was heartwarming to see so many members of our school community there and to share such positive words about the pupils receiving awards. We really hope all prize winners enjoy their book prizes! This ceremony will return next academic year so if you missed out this time, next year it could be you! Well done to every prize winner in each of the categories: believe, inspire, achieve and exceptional people.

End of year gifts:

At this time of the year we know that parents often want to say thank you and give gifts to class teachers and staff in school. There is no expectation for anyone to do this and in the current climate, staff in school feel this even more strongly. Often the best gift is kind words and positive feedback on the year your child has had. This lasts a lifetime and is completely free!

