

Message from the Head of School:

Last week was such a positive start to the new academic year at Sutton Park Primary. Staff have worked hard to embed consistent expectations and pupils are working hard to meet them. We'd like to say a huge thank you to parents and carers for ensuring your children came back to school in the appropriate school uniform. Our school uniform forms an important part of our school identity and we ask our pupils to wear it with pride.

We will continue to share a weekly newsletter with our school community this year. In today's edition we have information about our celebration assemblies, school swimming provision and new staff introductions. We are also celebrating an excellent start to school attendance! We hope you enjoy keeping up to date with all that is happening in school and thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Middleton

New staff introductions: The new academic year often brings staff changes and we are pleased to be introducing several new staff members to you.

Support staff:

Hello everyone. My name is Aleksandra Korusowicz and I am a teaching assistant in Reception. This year, I'm looking forward to supporting and celebrating children's progress and development, as well as creating memories that will last a lifetime!

Hi, everyone. I'm Ms NG, a secondary school teacher who has recently moved from Hong Kong to the UK. I'm a teaching assistant here and excited about this new role. I am looking forward to helping and guiding our children to grow and develop their potential.

I am Jodian Pinnock-Steers a Primary trained teacher working as a Year 3 Teaching Assistant. I am an outgoing individual who enjoys sports. The goal is to make learning fun but most importantly ensure that all our students reach their highest potential.

My name is Mr Evans and I am the new Sports Apprentice at Sutton Park Primary School. I am looking forward to making a difference to the children's ability to develop through physical education and help them gain knowledge of all types of sport.



Teaching staff:

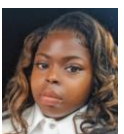
Hello, I'm Miss Watson! I'm a year 3 teacher at Sutton Park Primary. I'm really looking forward to teaching the amazing curriculum to my new class and see the progress my students achieve throughout the year!



Hello, my name is Mr Bullock and I'm excited to be joining Sutton Park this year to teach in Year 6 and to lead the provision of Mathematics. I've moved here from Arden Primary School in the Sparkhill area of the city after teaching there for almost seven years. I've already been impressed by the enthusiasm and attitude of the children at Sutton Park and I'm looking forward to supporting all of the children in the school on their educational journey.



My name is Miss Begum and this year I will be working with Year 3. I look forward to teaching them all and helping them grow and achieve their best potential. I will be there to support and guide them every step of the way.



My Name is Tameka Williams and I am looking forward to covering classes for PPA time. My passion is teaching and making a difference to children's lives. I believe every child is able to fulfil their dreams and goals. My hopes and dreams for this year are to join the Sutton Park family and also make a difference by educating our pupils.

Celebration Assemblies:

Every Thursday Reception to Y6 come together to celebrate in our 'Best Seat in The House' assembly. Teachers choose up to 2 pupils each week to celebrate and certificates are awarded. This is always the highlight of our week, and we love shining spotlights on pupil achievements in this way.

This year, we would love to invite family members to share in the celebration too. Names for award recipients will be shared here on the newsletter each week so that any family members who can make it, can also be present to share in the celebration. If your child is listed below, please head to the main school Reception on Thursday morning to sign in. Staff will escort you down to our KS2 hall for the assembly.


	Star 1	Star 2
Reception	Arlo	Meghna
1D	Naira	Dainton
1P	Joey	Romille
2P	Ollie	Kian Mc
2T	Morgan	Victor
3W	Lola-Rae	Riley
3B	Madison	Mustafa
4WS	Sasha	Lawson
5O	Imogen	Zachary
5D	Keira	Charlie
6K	Tilly	Ashton
6B	Tyler	Tayla
Nurture	Darwin	Theo

Attendance:

Attendance to school is a legal requirement and so important to ensure all of our pupils thrive! Being in school every day and on time is proven to improve pupil outcomes. All classes are aiming for at least 95% attendance across the academic year.

We are thrilled to see 8 out of 12 classes already above 95% and 2 classes achieving 100% attendance last week. What a brilliant start! Keep this up please!

	Registration Form	Class %
	RJS	96.6
	1D	98.2
	1P	98.0
★	2T	100
	2P	89.8
	3B	95.9
	3W	90.5
	4WS	99.0
	5D	98.2
★	5O	100
	6B	89.2
	6K	91.7



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Dates for your diary:

A paper copy of our annual calendar dates came out to all families last week. We will share reminders via our newsletter each week. You can also find an electronic copy here: http://suttonparkprimary.co.uk/images/foryou/Calendar_dates_for_parents_2023-24.pdf

Wednesday 13 th September	Roald Dahl Day	Commemorating the birthday of one of the greatest children's authors of all time. Themed lunch in school canteen. Roald Dahl stories shared across school by staff. (No donation or preparation required outside of school)
Friday 29 th September	National Teaching Assistants Day	National 'thank a teaching assistant' day – celebrating the hard work and efforts of our support staff. If you have a message you'd like to share, please send it into school with your child and we will add it to our TA appreciation board in the staffroom.
Monday 2 nd October-Tuesday 31 st October	Black History Month	During this month our collective worship will focus on celebrating the outstanding contributions that black people have made to British Society. We will be learning about inspirational black people such as Martin Luther King Jr, Mae Jemison, Barack Obama and Marcus Rashford.
Thursday 5 th October	Census day – non-uniform for all pupils	No charge to pupils. Non-uniform for all.
Tuesday 10 th October	World Mental Health Day	In our whole-school assembly, we will hear the story of 'The Colour Monster' by Anna Llenas. We will be exploring ways to keep our mind and body healthy, learning about the importance of mental and physical health. Pupils can wear YELLOW to support the #HelloYellow campaign for youngminds.org.uk
Tuesday 10 th October Thursday 12 th October	EYFS – Y3 Y4-Y6	Parents' evenings this week.

Swimming pool returns to Sutton Park Primary:

We are thrilled to be collaborating with Aspire Sports on another high-quality swimming provision this year. The pool is on site, meaning pupils can access it daily for an intense course of swimming instruction. Year 5 are first up and have the pool for the next 3 weeks. Year 3 will follow and the final week of the 7-week programme will enable KS2 Nurture children and any intervention swimmers pool access too.

The Y3 parent questionnaire will be sent out next week. Thank you to our Y5 parents for returning theirs so promptly.



School uniform support:

As explained in our 'September 2023' information pack (sent to all parents in July and available on our Class Dojo timeline) support is available if a family are struggling to provide the correct uniform. We have a large stock of pre-loved uniform. Please speak to a Senior Leader or member of the Pastoral Team if you would like access to this resource. Alternatively, email enquiry@suttonparkprimary.co.uk outlining your request.

We'd like to say HUGE thank you to the congregation of St Columbus Church for their kind donation of 27 Sutton Park PE kits for families in need. These will be distributed this week and enable all pupils to join in with sports activities in school safely. THANK YOU!



PE timetables:

At Sutton Park, pupils come to school in their PE kits on PE days. This reduces time spent getting changed and transitioning from one lesson to another. It therefore increases active time for pupils, which is so important.

In line with our school uniform policy, all students at Sutton Park Primary School are expected to wear the following items when participating in P.E:

- Maroon sports top (School logo preferred)
- Plain black shorts/leggings/jogging bottoms
- Trainers

NB: Stud earrings should not be worn on PE days so please ensure you support your child to remove these before coming to school.

When year groups are swimming, this is their PE allocation for the week. Whilst swimming, normal school uniform is therefore required daily.

Class:	PE Days:
Nursery	Monday
Reception	Friday
Y1	Thursday
Y2	Monday
Y3	Friday
Y4	Tuesday
Y5	Tuesday
Y6	Wednesday
Nurture	Tuesday