

### Message from the Head of School:

It has been wonderful to welcome pupils and families back into school for the second half of the autumn term. Pupils are arriving to school on time and ready to learn – we are so proud of them!

Last week saw the first quality assurance visit from our Multi-Academy Trust, PACT. These two-day visits ensure that school is on the right track with school improvement and incorporate the views of all stakeholders too. Pupils, parents and staff were spoken to about life at Sutton Park Primary across the visit. Responses were supportive, celebratory and also suggested some new ideas for consideration too. Thank you to everyone who responded. We await our final report and hope to share further information on the visit outcomes next week.

This week's newsletter includes our coveted 'star of the week' awards, information on Children In Need, Snuggle Up & Read relaunch and more! So, pour yourself a cup of tea, put your feet up and enjoy reading all about our school.

Mrs Middleton and Team SP

### Christmas Fayre - coming soon!



Please save the date for our annual Christmas Fayre. This enjoyable community event will be taking place in our school halls on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December from 3:30pm.

Stalls will include traditional fayre games, decorated baubles, tombolas, hamper raffle, warm mince pies, slush and local, hand-crafted goods.

### Christmas fundraising:

The closing date for ordering your personalised letters from Santa is THIS FRIDAY (17<sup>th</sup> November). These cost £3.50 each and all the details you need can be found on the electronic form: <https://forms.office.com/e/HhFGbP2HCN>



### Children In Need:

Children In Need is being celebrated nationally on Friday this week. As always, Team SP will be supporting this worthwhile charity.

Pupils are invited to wear spots for Pudsey and staff on gates/doors will have buckets for any monetary donations.

As previously advertised on our calendar dates, Year 5 will also be hosting a charity cake sale at morning break. Pupils will be able to purchase shop-bought cakes/biscuits for a small donation (between 20p-50p). Please ensure you send your child in with the correct change if they wish to purchase cakes.

We look forward to seeing spots everywhere on Friday!





## The return of 'Snuggle Up and Read'

Our snuggle up and read incentive is back and has received a recent makeover! New books have been purchased to widen the selection available for superstar readers to choose from, teddies and blankets have been washed and refreshed, and new drawstring bags have been purchased to enable pupils to carry them home more easily.

Beginning THIS WEEK teachers will each choose a star reader to take home the snuggle up and read bag. They will come to my office to select a book from the new shelves and bring this home to enjoy as a family, before returning it to school on Monday.

We hope you will enjoy exploring these books together. Reading with your child is one of the most powerful things you can do to help them achieve future success. It is also one of the most enjoyable things too!

## SMARTIES fundraising

On the last day of term all pupils were given a pack of Smarties, which signalled the start of our Sutton Park Smarties Challenge! Once the smarties have been eaten (which we imagine won't take long!) please keep the tube and fill it with 20p coins. We have already started receiving some completed tubes into school... THANK YOU! 😊

Once full, please tape the lid shut and write your child's name and class along the label on the side of the tube. Return it to school during the week commencing 11th December where they will be collected and counted. Our final Smarties total will be shared in our final newsletter before Christmas!

Why not use this as a way of giving your child some responsibilities or tasks? Examples could include: tidying their bedroom, making the bed, organising their toys, clearing the table after dinner.

We thank you in advance for your support... start saving those 20ps!



## Themed lunches and our school dinner offer:

Our school kitchen team have been up to their usual amazing tricks since we returned from half term!

We've enjoyed two themed lunches: one for Bonfire Night and one for Diwali.

We are also pleased to share that there is a new daily Halal option on the school lunch menu. This prevents pupils following Halal diets from only having vegetarian options and acts on previous parental feedback.

Thank you to our fantastic chef, Miss Ford, and her team for their super efforts each day!



**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.

Family members of star award recipients are welcome to join us! Please sign in at the main school office.



	Star 1	Star 2
Reception	Cole	Isoken
1D	Dolcie	Lillie
1P	Connor	Olivia
2P	Isiuwa	Charlie
2T	Hali	Jessica
3W	Mason B	Lotti
3B	Leighton	Isla
4WS	Ava	James
5O	Athea	Eleanor
5D	Laiza	Ollie
6K	Shay	Quincy
6W	Ella M	Blossom

**Attendance:**

Attendance to school is a legal requirement and being in school every day and on time is proven to improve pupil outcomes. All classes are aiming for at least 96% attendance across the academic year.

The table below shows attendance scores for each class last week. 3 classes are above 96% so well done to them!

**Class 3B continue to have the best weekly attendance in school – well done!**

Registration Form	Class %
RMS	92.1
1D	95.4
1P	91
2T	83.3
2P	92.7
3B	97.2
3W	84.1
4WS	92.6
5D	90.6
5O	86.8
6W	96.9
6K	91.5



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**Dates for your diary:**

Here, we share reminders about dates coming up soon in school. You can also find an electronic copy here:

[http://suttonparkprimary.co.uk/images/foryou/Calendar\\_dates\\_for\\_parents\\_2023-24.pdf](http://suttonparkprimary.co.uk/images/foryou/Calendar_dates_for_parents_2023-24.pdf)

- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November – **Children In Need** -Non-uniform day – pupils are encouraged to wear spots for Pudsey. Y5 will also be hosting a cake sale at morning break for all year groups.
- **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November - School photograph day** - Professional school photographers will be in school to take individual and sibling photographs today. Smartest uniform and hair please. Don't forget to smile for the camera!
- **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December - Non-uniform day** - Children can wear non-uniform for a donation for the Christmas Fayre: EYFS to Y2 – chocolate for the chocolate tombola, Y3 to Y6 – bottle for the bottle tombola.

