

### Message from the Head of School:

The autumn term draws to a close this week and we are so proud of all that our pupils have achieved this term. September saw the next steps in embedding our school values: BELIEVE, INSPIRE and ACHIEVE. These underpin everything: from our curriculum, to our expectations. Our culture is important and sets the weather for daily life in school. Everyone is welcome at Sutton Park, valued for who they are and encouraged to do their very best.

Today's bumper edition of our school newsletter celebrates the fantastic learning that has been happening, shares some important resources for the Christmas holiday and celebrates recent fundraising. Thank you - as ever - for supporting our school in our quest of providing the best education and opportunities we can for your children.

I wish all who are celebrating a very merry Christmas. On behalf of Team SP, we hope you all enjoy a restful break and a happy new year.

Mrs Middleton

### Christmas Fayre:

A **HUGE thank you** to everyone who came to our fayre last Thursday. It was the best turnout we have ever had and fantastic to see our community come together to fundraise and have fun.

A **HUGE thank you** also goes to our staff who gave their time and efforts to plan, organise and man the stalls. Team SP are truly wonderful!

### School fundraising update:

This autumn term we have been on a fundraising quest to raise money for enrichment and would like to thank our entire school community for your support with this. **I am very happy to inform you that we have raised enough money for the RockKidz visit our pupils wanted!** This has been booked and will take place in March.

Letters from Santa: **£241.50**

Christmas Fayre: **£1521**

Nurture Group Christmas Fayre: **£17.60**

Scholastic Book Fayre: **£161**

Our **Smarties** tubes have also been collected and the total raised is currently being counted by our finance team. Overall, **X** tubes were returned across school. Below are the top 3 classes:

**3B - 14 tubes returned**

**RMS - 13 tubes returned**

**6K - 11 tubes returned**

**All 3 of these classes will receive a prize this week. Congratulations!**



### Additional Prefect jumper awarded to model pupil:

George Roberts in Y6 was awarded a Prefect jumper on Friday after being recognised for consistently exceptional behaviour. George works hard every single day in every single lesson and is an excellent role model to others. His kind, caring nature means he is always looking out for others, and his manners are outstanding. Well done, George! We are so proud of you!



**The Masked Singer Selfies:**

Our new Masked Singer Christmas competition has been a huge hit! By the end of Tuesday, pupils will have seen all 5 performances and made their predictions on who could be behind the mask.

**On Wednesday, all 5 characters will be out on playgrounds before school from 8:30 and after school until 3:35.** They will be chaperoned and unable to speak so that no identities are revealed prematurely!

Pupils are invited to have photographs/selfies with their favourite character(s) for a small donation to our enrichment fund. Chaperones will have donation buckets to hand.

Will you choose Rudolph, Gingerbread, Polar Bear, Christmas Tree or Unicorn? And who is behind the masks? We'll find out in our special assembly on Friday!

**Christmas Performances this week:**

We are looking forward to inviting family members into school to watch our Christmas performances this week. We know what an important moment these shows are for families and know that you will love what our pupils have been working on. Remember to pack your tissues! All performances will take place in either the infant or junior hall. Please arrive 10minutes before the advertised timings and sign in at the main school office. Here, staff will greet you and escort you to the hall.



**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.

Registration Form	Class %
RMS	91.4
1D	94.9
1P	92.9
2T	92.9
2P	92.4
3B	97.1
3W	90.1
4WS	93.5
5D	94.5
5O	94.5
6W	94.4
6K	94.6



**Congratulations to 3B!!! They are above the 96% target at the end of this term.**

**WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER!**

**There is work to be done in several of our classes next term to meet the 96% target. We know autumn term often brings bugs and illnesses so are confident figures will rise when we return for spring term.**



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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 22<sup>nd</sup> December - Christmas Party Morning (non-uniform)** - including a very special visitor and presents for all children. **School closes for Christmas holidays to all pupils at 1pm(Nursery AM children finish at usual time of 11:45am)**
- **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024 – school reopens to all pupils.**

**NURSERY** The nursery children have had an amazing term. They all settled in really quickly and have spent the term building friendships. They have shown confidence and busy trying new things. We have been learning new songs with World Nursery Rhyme week being a huge hit. We have learnt about different celebrations, ending the topic with Christmas and our fabulous Nativity Play. Well done, Nursery!

**YEAR 1** Well done to Year 1 for really engaging into their class texts this term. We have read 'Peace at Last' 'Cops and Robbers' and 'Lots' and we have used these texts in our Reading and Writing lessons. Everyone has been fully engaged in these lessons and have created some amazing pieces of work. In particular, they have been able to write a setting description, a character description, a set of instructions and a Winter themed poem. In Geography, we have also enjoyed learning about maps and the world we live in and in Science, we have explored the human senses. We enjoyed having a visitor in class to tell us about their experience of a sensory loss. We have had lots of fun rehearsing for our nativity of the 'Sleepy Shepherd' and we can't wait for our families to see it. Our teachers are really looking forward to building on our knowledge and skills in the Spring Term.

**YEAR 4** 4WS have had a wonderful start to the academic year. They have written a range of writing genres from diary entries to adventure narratives and studied The Iron Man, How To Train Your Dragon and This IS Our World in Reading. The children took part in the No Pens Day and were learning how to communicate effectively using body language, listening skills and clear speech. Year 4 have worked extremely hard with their times tables. Every child has been focussed on the speed of their recall for each times table and have completed weekly Times Table Clubs to show how far they have progressed. We are extremely proud of 4WS so far this year! Mrs Walker-Shelton & Miss NG

**YEAR 5** Year 5 have been reading the texts 'Illustrated Stories from China', 'Footpath Flowers', 'Wonder' and 'Amazing Muslims from Around the World'. The skill they have been learning about is retrieval, inference and summarising. They have produced some lovely pieces of writing including, narrative stories, poetry, a formal persuasive letter, a biography about their chosen significant Muslim figure and a setting description. In Maths, children have been learning about place value within 1, 000, 000, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division such as factors, common factors and prime numbers. We are so proud of all of their hard work this term and wish everyone a super Christmas break.

**RECEPTION** Since starting school in September, the children have all settled into school life and routines brilliantly! They have learned lots of sounds through our phonics lessons and are using them to become super readers and writers. The children are also becoming knowledgeable in number and have enjoyed learning about shapes. We are so proud of the progress the reception children have made already! We are looking forward to our new projects in the Spring term.

**YEAR 2** Year 2 have had a fantastic term with lots of brilliant learning from the very beginning. We have enjoyed different topics such as Movers and Shakers in History, Habitats in Science and learning how to be kind and respectful to others in PSHE. We have had lots of fun learning opportunities as well, making birds' nests out of chocolate, exploring our playground for minibeasts, using the iPads and even getting to go on the library bus. All in all, Miss Trowman and Mr Pugh are so proud of everything Year 2 have achieved so far. We cannot wait to see how much they continue to grow in the New Year.

**YEAR 3** This term Year 3 have worked extremely hard in all subjects. They have shown great enthusiasm and passion towards their learning and have contributed their ideas into learning. Children have worked hard to work on expanding their knowledge and have shown this throughout this term. We are extremely proud of how far they have come since September and all of their achievements. Well done Year 3 and keep it up!

**YEAR 6** Team 6 have had a wonderful term, they have worked incredibly hard in all areas; we have thoroughly enjoyed reading A Christmas Carol and we have used the text as a stimulus to write persuasive letters and setting descriptions. In Maths, we have been learning all about fractions. As well as this, we have thoroughly enjoyed learning about Maafa and the African slave trade, the children took a real interest and were very engaged in this topic. Year Six as a whole have shown superb resilience and determination during practise SATs week, so well done!

**NURTURE GROUP** Nurture 1 have been working hard with their narrative writing this term, using story maps to support their individual story structures and what wonderful story lines we have come up with! In Forest school, we have been developing our teamwork and problem-solving skills through den building with tarps, cords, and pegs. Nurture 2 have been building their number knowledge counting to 20 and beyond and have been working hard at number composition within 10. They have been exploring their creativity this term, making artwork for their classroom environment and also outdoors during forest school with natural resources.