

Message from the Head of School:

What a busy but fantastic half term to start our new academic year! As we enter this final week of Autumn Term 1, I find myself reflecting on how calm, settled and purposeful school is, and how far we have come. Pupils have responded so well to our 'The Sutton Park Way' approaches; learning how to show respect and responsibility in all they do. Our school values have been on display in so many ways every day and we are so proud of the way our school continues to improve. None of this would be possible without our dedicated staff team. I am grateful to them all for their continued hard work, efforts and commitment to our school.

This week's newsletter shares the outcomes of our recent parent feedback survey, some celebratory news for several pupils and the all-important names for this week's 'Best Seat In The House' celebration assembly!

We look forward to the week ahead and wish you all a restful half term break.

Mrs Middleton and Team SP

Ruby-Rose receives 'Royal' Mail:

Ruby-Rose in Y2 was so inspired by the King's coronation last year that she took the time to write him a congratulatory letter. She sent this to the palace and was astounded to receive a thank you card back last week! What a special memento to keep forever!
Great job Ruby-Rose!



Alfie sleeps out:

Last weekend Alfie H from Y6 spent the weekend raising much-needed funds and awareness for Crisis. Alongside his cub friends Alfie slept outdoors all evening under cardboard and tarpaulin. You'll probably recall how freezing cold, damp and dreary last weekend was but this didn't stop them! We are so proud of Alfie for his participation in this fundraiser. What an inspiration he is!



Christmas fundraising:

The closing date for ordering your personalised letters from Santa is Friday 17th 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>



Order a personalised letter from Santa for your child and support our school fundraising quest!

£3.50 per letter
Complete the electronic form and pay via ParentPay to secure your order.



Road Closure

We have been advised that George Frederick Rd will be closed on 23rd October from 9:30-3:30. Please bear this in mind for collection time today.



Parent feedback survey:

Thank you to everyone who completed the parent feedback form sent out last week via Class Dojo. We received a total of 29 responses and appreciate all of the comments shared. Below is a summary of the positive things said about our school and the suggested areas for further improvement.

We added a 'star rating' question to our survey and were thrilled to see **our final, average star rating as 4.25! 83% of parents who responded gave us 4 or more stars! Fantastic!**



Good communication, Kids are happy.

My daughter really enjoys attending Sutton Park and the teachers she has had so far have been lovely.

Both of our girls enjoy going to school every day and love coming home to tell us what they've been doing. They're both so happy at school, which we really appreciate particularly as one had difficulties settling at previous schools. The support she was given at the start at Sutton Park made a massive difference and she really loves going to school now.

Very friendly staff. Teachers work well with children that need the extra bit of support. The school give out lots of awards which encourages the children more and keeps them happy. Also work well with parents. Overall a very good school!

Kind, caring staff members always available around the school to speak to address any issues parents have promptly.

Our son is alot happier and more confident since starting nursery. His speech and development has improved. His confidence levels have gone up too.

My child is generally happy and achieving. Opportunity for swimming in year 3 is a bonus. Lots of extra curricular clubs to choose from.

The school is very informative and keeps parents continuously updated with what is going on at all times which allows me as a parent to feel involved and support my child where I can.

Encouraging of children and a nice feeling of community.

Thank you for putting in the time to make our school a better place.

I thank you for your patience and care with my children - a new country with a new language is challenging for them and they felt very welcomed at school. I'm so grateful for that.

I think the school has come on leaps and bounds in the last 6/12 months. Communication has got so much better, with class dojo being used and having the letters sent through that. Also regularly giving dates of upcoming events, the whole school year calendar at the start of the school year was great. I like that I am able to attend the star award assembly and being able to celebrate with my daughter.

Staff are friendly and welcoming. Lots of staff available to talk to before and after school. Weekly newsletter is really helpful. Reminders of events really helpful too.

Staff are lovely and always willing and ready to help with any enquiries and have helped my son grow loads in the short amount of time his been at Sutton Park.

Support given for my children is outstanding!

The school curriculum content has progressed hugely. It's great that we can see the planning for the year ahead. The high level of pastoral care and focus on children's well being encourages children's overall progress

I am so pleased with the progress my daughter has achieved in her writing and for her taking part in her lessons. She has always had extra support if needed and it has helped with her confidence.

Great values!

My girls love it here, they are always excited to come in and the staff are amazing. If i have any issues they are always dealt with amazingly. Thank you!

The school has been inviting parents into the school environment to build relationships with teachers and the surroundings through lots of events and celebratory events. The team are visible, approachable and friendly. Even senior leadership are visible. Every interaction as a parent has always been a positive experience, not matter what the content. The culture is evident through the staff to build a community through the school. Along with the approachable personalities, professional and helpful attitudes who work in your reception/office. This is a rarity for some people-facing departments.

Other highlights:

- Staff, the sense of belonging (school values and ethos), pastoral care and wellbeing, communication, progress of pupils and safeguarding were all highly rated areas of our school.

Some suggested improvements:

35% of the parents who responded had no suggestions for improvement.

- Launch a PTA to increase parent involvement further.
- Communicate when a staff member is unwell and supply is being used.
- Raise funds for covered areas in playgrounds so that outdoor play can go ahead every day.
- Celebrate those with great attendance more.

Spotlight on... our kitchen team:

We hope you have enjoyed reading more about and getting to know our staff team in school this half term. This week it is the turn of our amazing catering team. These ladies lovingly prepare over 200 hot dinners every day for our pupils. If you were able to taste test some of the menu items on our recent parents' evening, I'm sure you will agree they do an excellent job of providing a delicious, nutritious offer to our pupils. Read on to find out more about the people behind the culinary delights!



My name is Miss Ford and I am the head chef who manages our school kitchen. I create the menus and theme days and order and cook the food daily. Out of work - I'm very sociable and can be regularly found enjoying afternoon teas, dining out, at the cinema or enjoying park walks.

My name is Stephanie Brooks I'm a general kitchen assistant. I've worked in the school kitchen since 2006 but worked at the school since 2001 as a lunchtime supervisor so in total, I've worked here for 22 years. My role in the school kitchen is cooking delicious vegetables for all of the lovely children and staff. Outside of work my hobbies are shopping, eating out and spending time with my new grandchild.

Hi, I'm Miss Owen and in our school kitchen I'm a general assistant. I help Miss Ford and the team out with a range of duties. I enjoy visiting National Trust properties outside of work and exploring nature.

Hello, I'm Mrs Hill and I have been a general assistant in the kitchen since 2017. I really enjoy working in the kitchen and serving the children their lunch. I enjoy working with such a great team.

I'm Miss Roberts, and I'm very lucky to have my dream job of both baking and working with the wonderful children of SPP. I bake all of the puddings and deserts in our school canteen, and then I get to serve a hearty lunch to 200 smiley faces! And funnily enough, any free time I get at home, I spend baking too!

Harvest Festival:

Our Harvest Festival assembly on Friday was a huge success and pupils had lots of fun in an interactive puppet assembly from 'Jack and Grandad'. We were so pleased to be able to invite Andy from Kids UK back into school. He works closely with the Hope Foodbank and was so grateful for the food donations received from Sutton Park families. These will make a huge difference to families in need this half term.

Our school choir also performed 2 lovely harvest-themed songs. It takes such courage to stand up and sing in front of a packed school hall. We were so proud of our school choir and grateful to Mrs Nicholson and Miss Dhillon for leading them so brilliantly.



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 in the first week back after half term, 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

For many, finances have never been more challenging and sadly, this is also the case for schools. We are exploring different ways of raising funds to continue school enhancements such as our school library catalogue, wow experiences/visitors in school and enrichment too.

One of the things we would love to do is invite RockKidz back into school for one of their epic, live concert workshops.

To help us to achieve this enrichment goal, we will be sending all pupils home with a tube of smarties before half term. This will signal 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.

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!



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	Logan	Rocco
1D	Josiah	Vinnie
1P	Lilac	Jaycie
2P	Niyama	Marley
2T	Corey	Dawud
3W	Amaya	Charlie N
3B	Halbin	Mustafa
4WS	Ava	James
5O	Oliver F	Jason R
5D	Chloe	Harrison
6K	Haider	Freyah
6B	Vivian	Ali M

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 for this academic year so far.

3 classes are above 96% so well done to them!

Class 3B currently have the best attendance in school – well done!

Registration Form	Class %
RMS	92.4
1D	97.0
1P	94.7
2T	94.2
2P	91.2
3B	98.0
3W	93.8
4WS	94.2
5D	95.8
5O	94.9
6B	94.5
6K	96.1



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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

- **Friday 27th October** – School closes at 3:15pm for half term.
- **Monday 6th November** – Teacher training day – school closed to ALL pupils.
- **Tuesday 7th November** – School reopens to pupils – term 1.2 begins. Bonfire night celebrations – themed lunch and assembly led by Y2.
- **Friday 10th November** – Remembrance Day assembly led by Y6. Poppies will be on sale all week.
- **Friday 17th 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.



Meet the CEO:

Mrs Sherlock-Lewis is looking forward to meeting parents **this Wednesday** to share her vision for our family of schools as our new CEO. This event takes place from 9am in the infant hall. Please sign in via the main school office and make your way into the hall where refreshments will be provided.