

Message from the Head of School:

Last week was a busy week in school with lots of fantastic learning happening across the curriculum, another PACT sporting competition, a very popular lunchtime library provision, a parent voice coffee morning, soap carving in Y6 art lessons and much, much more! With just two weeks left of this short half term, there is still lots of Spring term content left to cover and plenty to keep our pupils busy. I hope you all enjoy reading this week's newsletter. Thank you for your continued support.



Mrs Middleton

Celebration Assembly - Thursday:

Please see the table below for the names of this week's superstars. We will be celebrating their achievements in assembly **from 9am on Thursday**. Parents and family members of these children are welcome to join us!



	Star 1	Star 2
Reception	Daisie-Faith	Alfie
1D	Finley	Josiah
1P	Olivia	Laiarnai
2P	Isiuwa	Ahmed
2T	Tudor	Arnia
3W	Lotti	Mason
3B	Leighton	Mahria
4WS	David	Jake
5O	Athea	Amaan
5D	Sofia	Ollie
6K	Elladee	Reagan
6W	Darcy-Lea	Oscar A

PLEASE NOTE: On the weeks beginning 4th and 18th March our celebration assemblies will be swapping with our usual Monday 'values' assembly. This is due to planned special assemblies for World Book Day on Thursday 7th March and Easter on Thursday 21st March.

PACT sporting competitions:

The arrival of Mr Foster as our resident sports coach has meant more capacity within our sports team. Our pupils are really feeling the benefit of this as they have increased access to sports/team games at lunchtime, increased access to sporting competitions and also the chance to represent our school in competitive teams. Our Tuesday night football squad training has begun, and Mr Foster and Mr Murphy are really excited about where this could lead.

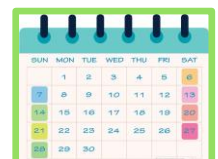
Last week, a group of Y5 and Y6 children attended an inter-PACT basketball competition, placing 3rd overall. Well done to all you represented our school! This week, it is the turn of badminton. I am sure you all join me in wishing the Sutton Park squad the best of luck!



Annual PACT Conference:

Our annual trust conference has been confirmed as being on **Monday 15th April 2024**. This means that school will be closed on this day to all pupils as all staff will be attending.

Please ensure this date is added to your diaries. School will ensure the date is added to Class Dojo too so that all of the usual reminders are received.





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 were above the 96% target last week. Well done to 3B who had the highest attendance in the whole school!

Registration Form	Class %
RMS	89.2
1D	93.3
1P	93.3
2T	92.5
2P	87.2
3B	98.9
3W	88.8
4WS	96.8
5D	92.5
5O	91.2
6W	95.2
6K	96.1
Nursery	93.4



Parking:

We cannot emphasise enough the importance of our parent community driving/parking safely and legally around school. All pupils have the right to walk into school without fear of being knocked down or frightened.

Last week, photographs of vehicles who had parked dangerously were shared with our enquiry email address. This is so disappointing after all the work school have done to ensure the safety of the children we serve. Our pupils themselves have also implored parents to act responsibly by completing parking duties with our local PCSOs.

Please play your part and drive/park considerably every day.



Y1 Writing Superstars:

Mrs Middleton and Mrs Dunning couldn't believe their eyes last Friday when the whole of Class 1P turned up to show off their independent, extended writing. The children had written the story of the three little pigs and it was impossible for Miss Painting to choose just one child to send as every single one of them had written wonderful sentences, in beautiful handwriting! It was stickers all round and the highlight of Mrs Middleton and Mrs Dunning's week. Well done 1P! We are so proud of you all!



Y6 soap carving:

On Friday, Y6 had a hands-on art session when they practised their skills of soap carving. They've been studying this in Art lessons this half term and were excited to give it a go themselves. Staff were so impressed by the care, attention and skill on show. Well done Year 6!

Look at this magnificent wolf carving by Trinity and the seal carving by Freyah. Wow!



Assembly today:

Mrs Runacus and Miss Maltby led our whole-school assembly this morning and form our 'Pupil Welfare' team in senior leadership. Today's assembly focused on what it means to be part of Sutton Park, providing lots of opportunity for pupils to feedback on life in school each day. Mrs Runacus and Miss Maltby were so impressed by the responses shared.



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

- **Tuesday 6th February - Safer Internet Day** - Afternoon lessons will focus on safe, responsible and positive use of internet technology for all pupils (in an age-appropriate way).
- **Thursday 8th February - Valentines Discos** - Afterschool discos: • EYFS to Y3: 3:30-4:40pm • Y4 to Y6: 4:45-6pm Tickets cost £3.50 per child, including drinks and snacks. (Parent Pay ticket purchase now live!)
- **Friday 9th February Term 2.1 finishes.** Chinese New Year School closes for half term at 3:15pm Themed lunch menu and whole-school assembly (led by Y4) All pupils are invited to wear RED as this is considered a lucky colour.

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Valentines Disco:

Final reminder that tickets for the Valentines Discos are now on sale on ParentPay for £3.50 each. At the moment, uptake is quite low and they may not be able to go ahead if costs cannot be covered. A final check of ticket numbers will be made on Wednesday of this week before a decision is made so please do order your tickets ASAP if you want your child to be there.

Our previous discos have been a huge success and so much fun for all who attended. Alongside the disco room, we also provide a quieter, social space for colouring and games, and use of the library. If the disco becomes a little too loud for children or if they simply need a break for a few minutes, these provide great options.

Ticket prices include a drink and snack for all attendees.



Feedback from parent voice coffee morning:

Last Friday, Mrs Middleton and Mrs Dunning met with a group of parents to discuss our school curriculum and gather feedback on how this is currently shared with parents. Their insights were so valuable and we look forward to our next session in March where we can collaborate more. The session also provided an opportunity for general feedback:

Thank you for...
making my child's day great,
caring so much and using
Class Dojo 😊

Well done for...
All of your hard work, for Christmas
events, improving the look of the
school and increasing afterschool
activities.

Thank you for...
Engaging with us and being so keen to
explain everything. We look forward to
more face-to-face meetings and
learning from each other.

Thank you for...
The attention paid to our
children, for the safety,
the reception and for the
concern over every detail.

Suggestions for 'even better' at SP:

I would like to see more hands-on skills and opportunities e.g. STEM projects. Practical projects not only consolidate learning but make it fun too!

Engage parents more - socials, PTA, competitions. Hold on to the interested ones and try to reach the uninterested ones. It's hard!