

Message from the Head of School:

We are officially halfway through the first half-term of the academic year. Time is flying in school, and we are exceptionally proud of the positive start pupils have made this year.

Our weekly celebration assemblies have been elevated further by parents and carers joining us. We love hosting and hope that you are enjoying seeing their child's moment in the spotlight too.

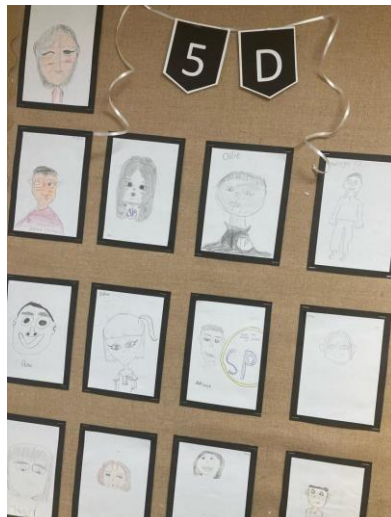
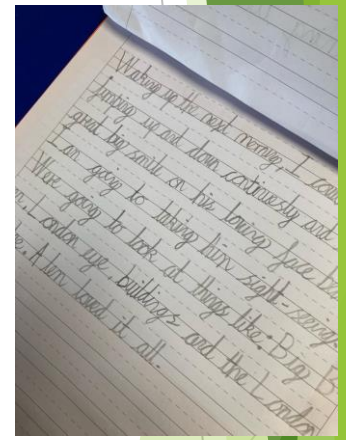
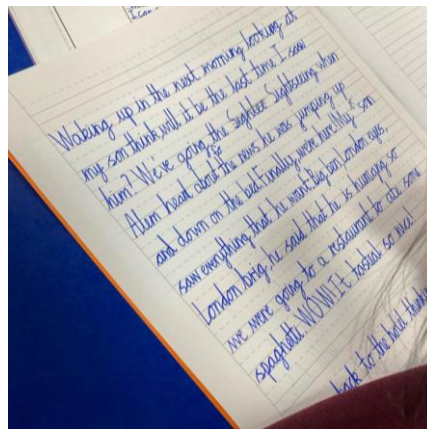
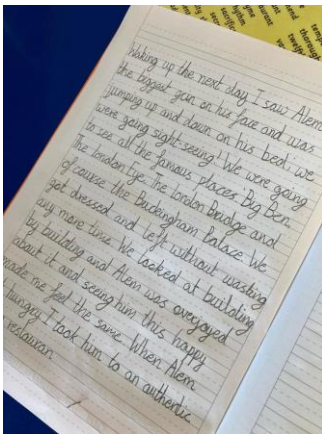
Our first parents' evening dates are almost upon us, and a letter is heading home with all pupils this afternoon for you to select time slots. Staff are really looking forward to meeting with you and sharing the successes your child has achieved so far. Attendance to these appointments is an important part of our home-school agreement. Working together is the most effective way to get the best outcomes for your child. We thank you in advance for making the time to come and see your child's teacher. As always, our school canteen will be offering taste testers of our lunch menu and Miss Maltby will be on hand with some important pastoral and attendance information too.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Middleton

Beautiful work:

Beautiful work takes time and effort. Handwriting and presentation are an important part of creating beautiful work. Last week, we shared with you that new handwriting lines are being used in school exercise books this year to further improve the presentation of pupil's work. Look at these stunning examples from Y6 writing books last Friday! Wow!



Key stage corridors:

This year saw a rearrangement of classes to be on key stage corridors and a move away from house corridors seen for the past four years. This was in recognition of the huge improvements in pupil behaviour since our starting point and has been well received by pupils. Each corridor has been decorated with self-portraits of the children who learn there. They provide a stunning welcome to the corridor for any visitors walking through. Take a look at some examples below. Our pupils are so talented!

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	Arya	Maria
1D	Maisie	Amayah
1P	Kion	Anastasia
2P	Arshaan	Siddharth
2T	Mayla	Jaxson
3W	Amanda	Jovan
3B	Ethan	Maral
4WS	Ruby	Leo
5O	Lucas	Daniel
5D	Kate	Sofia L
6K	Roman	Sana
6B	Darcy-Lea	Aliyza

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.

Our overall school attendance for the year to date is 94.8%, so a little below target. Please play your part in helping us reach our goal!

Registration Form	Class %
RMS	91.6
1D	97.4
1P	91.8
2T	90.9
2P	95.8
3B	97.3
3W	94.4
4WS	91.8
5D	96.2
5O	94.1
6B	93.9
6K	96.3



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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

Monday 2 nd October-Tuesday 31 st October	Black History Month
Thursday 5 th October	Census day – non-uniform for all pupils
Tuesday 10 th October	World Mental Health Day
Tuesday 10 th October	EYFS – Y3
Thursday 12 th October	Y4-Y6
Friday 20 th October	Harvest festival
Friday 27 th October	Term 1.1 finishes.

Buddy benches:

In addition to our new outdoor games and resources mentioned in a previous newsletter, we have some new Buddy benches on the playground. These provide a nice seating spot for any child who is struggling to find someone to play with or wants a chat about their day/emotions. Pupils have responded really well to these and are ensuring anyone sitting down gets the help they need to resolve issues or enjoy playtime.

The Sutton Park Way is all about ensuring our pupils show respect and responsibility in all that they do. These benches are a great way for pupils to demonstrate kindness, care and respect for each other.



Meet the new CEO:

Apologies for a date error on last week's newsletter. The date for this event is Wednesday 25th October, not Wednesday 18th. We hope that this opportunity will provide you with an opportunity to ask any questions you may have and engage in discussions about how we can continue to work together to ensure educational excellence for our students.



Meet the office staff:

In our newsletters this term, we are spotlighting staff working in school to ensure that our wider community know who we are, what we do in school and how we can support families. So far, we've shared new staff and senior leaders. This week is the turn of our office staff:

Mrs Davis (Office Manager)

I am the Office Manager for Sutton Park and love all aspects of my role. One of my main roles is dealing with school admissions and I am really happy to see SPP to grow in pupil numbers. I also enjoy helping parents and staff with any queries they might have. It's a team effort here and I'm so proud to be part of Team SP!

Mrs Johnson (Receptionist)

I really enjoy my job as I get to work with our amazing SP team every day. My husband and both of my children came to this school so it has a special place in my heart. The children are the best part of my day! They are always making me smile and inspiring us all to do the best we can for them. When you call school, it is me or Mrs Kender that you'll get through to. We are happy to help in any way we can.

Mrs Kender (Receptionist)

Hello I am Mrs. Kender and I work in the Office alongside Mrs Johnson. I really enjoy the family at SPP from meeting the children, parents, visitors and staff, answering the telephone and dealing with your queries. Please give me a wave when you are passing.





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An invitation to all parents:

Please join us on Tuesday 24th October from 8.50am - 10am at our Inclusion coffee morning.

Dawn Fisher (communication and Autism team) will be offering support around helping children to regulate emotions.

Emma Foster (Pupil School Support) will be sharing spelling strategies and information about the dyslexia pathway.

Anita Soni (Educational Psychologist) will be talking about supporting children with routines and transitions at home.

A member of the **Occupational Therapy Team** will also be attending.

This is a fantastic opportunity to meet with the outside agencies who work alongside us to offer support to pupils and parents and also a chance to chat and share ideas of support with other parents and **Claire Runacus** (School Inclusion Lead).



Do **SMARTIES** have the fundraising answer?

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!

