

Message from the Head of School:

Welcome back! Spring has sprung and the second half of the spring half term begins today. The next five weeks will be busy, productive and full of success; I have no doubt about that! When we **believe**, **inspire** and **achieve** at Sutton Park, there is no limit to our successes.


This is one of my favourite half terms of the school year because it includes World Book Day, Mothers' Day celebrations and Easter events too, providing lots of opportunities for our school community to come together. Your input into life at our school is invaluable. Myself and Mrs Dunning really appreciated the time and feedback of parents at our coffee morning last half term and look forward to hosting another this half term. If you are unable to attend, we are looking at how we can gain additional views via electronic surveys so please don't feel that your voice can't be heard. We welcome all feedback; positive and developmental.

Please remember to take a look at the curriculum overviews for your child's year group on our website: http://suttonparkprimary.co.uk/index.php?option=com_sppagebuilder&view=page&id=21

These resources are designed to help parents keep in the loop with what is happening in school learning, support with homework and encourage family conversations about what your child is enjoying in school. As a mother of a 7-year-old myself, I know how frustrating the "What have you done at school today?" "Nothing!" conversation can be!

Mrs Middleton

Meet the CEO:



Tomorrow morning there is another opportunity - following on from the initial meeting in October 2023- to meet Phillipa Sherlock-Lewis (PACT CEO) in school for a parent coffee morning. This provides opportunity to look at our school community strengths, plans to increase parental engagement and how we can move forwards collaboratively to ensure the very best opportunities for our children. Please come to the main school office to sign in. Refreshments will be provided. We hope to see lots of parents there.

Dates for your diary:

Our annual calendar dates can be found here:

http://suttonparkprimary.co.uk/images/foryou/Calendar_dates_for_parents_2023-24.pdf



Monday 19 th February	School reopens to pupils	Term 2.2 begins
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day	Whole-school celebration of reading for pleasure. Pupils are invited to dress as their favourite book characters and will be given a £1 World Book Day token. There will be a book-themed menu in our school canteen and a variety of prizes available across the day. (More information about competitions and prizes will follow closer to the date.)
Monday 11 th March	Mother's Day celebrations	EYFS to Y2 – Mother's Day assembly 9:00am. Y3 to Y6 – Mother's Day assembly 2:15pm. Family members should enter school/sign in via the main school office.
Monday 11 th March	Ramadan begins	Whole-school focus for Collective Worship.
Friday 15 th March	Red Nose Day	Pupils are invited to wear RED clothing/red noses for a £1 donation to this national charity. A whole-school assembly will focus on where this fundraising goes and the success of Red Nose Day campaigns.
Tuesday 19 th March	Y4-6	Parents' evenings
Thursday 21 st March	EYFS – Y3	
Thursday 21 st March	Easter events in school	Easter bonnet parade EYFS to Y3 (on Dahl playground from 9:10am, family members welcome) Easter egg decorating competition Y4-Y6 (on display in Junior Hall for family members to see from 2:45pm)
Friday 22 nd March	House point celebration	Winning house for this term will receive a bouncy castle party during this afternoon.
Friday 22 nd March	Term 2.2 ends.	School closes for Easter holidays to all pupils at 1pm (Nursery AM children finish at usual time of 11:45am)



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Celebration Assembly - Thursday:

Please note there is no celebration assembly on Thursday this week due it being half term last week. Celebration assemblies will return next Thursday and the names of the children being celebrated will be included in next week's newsletter as normal.

Thank you 😊

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 so far this year.

These accumulative figures reflect us being half way through the year and show there is still work to do to reach those national expectations!

Congratulations to Class 3B who are above this figure already! SUPERSTARS!

Registration Form	Class %
Nursery	87.53
RMS	91.05
1D	95.24
1P	92.62
2T	92.7
2P	91.77
3B	96.99
3W	91.35
4WS	93.19
5D	93.37
5O	92.8
6W	94.26
6K	93.88



Personal sporting challenges:

Personal Sporting challenges will continue this half term on the playground at lunch time. A personal sporting challenge is a 1-minute exercise test where you try to achieve the highest score possible. You can have up to 3 attempts across the week. They take place at lunchtime on the playground and are conducted and recorded by a member of the sport team. Scores only count if they are conducted by the sport team. Remember you are only competing against yourself and not others.

This week's Sporting Personal Challenge is:
How many times can you speed bounce over a hurdle within a minute?



PE Parent workshops for Nursery and Reception:

Mr Lough is our Trust Lead for PE and has very kindly offered a parent workshop opportunity for our EYFS parents. This will take place on Friday mornings on a weekly basis this half term.

All of the information you need was shared via Dojo on Friday 9th Feb. Places are allocated on a first come first served basis so sign up now to avoid disappointment.



SCCT Funding Success!

We are delighted to inform you that school have been awarded a generous £15486 from Sutton Coldfield Charitable Trust. This significant boost to funding will be instrumental in acquiring a range of outdoor resources and bell tents. These resources will not only enhance outdoor learning provision but will be an integral part of our plan to provide children with on-site residential camping experiences.

The donation will benefit hundreds of children across the school for years to come and provide unique opportunities to explore learning outside of the usual classroom.

We thank all at SCCT for their support in ensuring that all at Sutton Park Primary can **believe, inspire** and **achieve!**

