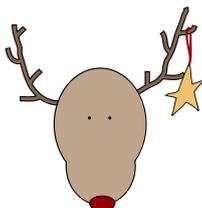


SUTTON CE (VC) PRIMARY SCHOOL



Friday 25 November 2016

Dear Parents

Usually at this time of year I write to parents to explain one or two of the traditions that exist within our school at Christmas time.

Christmas Lunch

Our school Christmas Lunch is being held on Friday 16 December 2016.

A promotional leaflet with details of our school Christmas Lunch was sent home with all our pupils recently. The closing date for returning the slip is **Friday 2 December 2016**. Please do return this form even if your child is entitled to a free school meal as our cook needs to know, as near as possible, the number of children wishing to have this meal. **Unfortunately due to the popularity of this lunch it will not be possible to add to our numbers after this date.**

Children who wish to have a packed lunch will be included in any festivities linked to this meal.

FOSS Christmas Bazaar

This year our FOSS Christmas Bazaar is taking place on Friday 2 December 2016. This is a lovely occasion for the whole school. Each class is given the chance to go shopping where the children can buy up to six presents for members of their family. They then go back to their classes to wrap and label their gifts.

Every year there is a range of presents ranging in price; this year the price range is:

50p £1.00

On the day of the Bazaar the children should bring their money into school in either a named purse or a sealed envelope which will be collected in by their class teachers and stored in a locked cupboard until the children go into the Bazaar. It is also helpful if the children can bring along a bag to carry their purchases in.

This is a unique event to our school and is really lovely. The FOSS committee members have been working really hard in the run up to the Bazaar but it would be lovely to have more parent helpers in school on the day. We need parents to help in the hall to act as 'personal shoppers' to the children offering advice with their present choices. Parents are also required to help the children with their wrapping after they have been shopping. If you would like to help, even a small amount of time is very welcome, please do let your child's class teacher or our office staff know and we will then let FOSS know on your behalf.

Any donations of wrapping paper, off cuts are good, are always well received.

Christmas Jumper Day

We will be supporting the Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 16 December. The charity 'Save the Children' has been supporting children whose families have fled the war in Syria and more recently children who have been orphaned following the Ebola outbreak in West Africa.

Please don't go out and buy a Christmas jumper, take an old one and make it festive by adding tinsel, decorations or even both!

Each child and member of staff wearing a Christmas jumper is asked to donate £1.00 to support 'Save the Children' with their national Christmas Jumper Day.

Christmas Cards

We like to exchange Christmas cards at school and there will be a daily collection from the post box situated outside my office from Monday 5 December 2016. Our older children volunteer to help sort and deliver the post.

We try to encourage the children to use the post box for the following reasons:

It mirrors 'real life' and gives the children an understanding of how the postal service works
It avoids hurting a child's feelings when they do not receive a card in front of their friends who do

As a parent it would be helpful if, when your child is writing their cards, you help them to put the following information on the envelope:

Child's full name

Class Name of the child

Ruby	Mrs Raven/Mrs Houlder	Topaz	Mrs Bodnar/Mrs Mulcahy
Sapphire	Mrs Korniotis	Turquoise	Miss Watts
Jade	Mrs Morfill	Zircon	Mr Norton
Amethyst	Miss Gibson	Carnelian	Miss Miller
Emerald	Mrs Barton/Mrs Spaxman	Citrine	Mr Smith/Miss Gates
Amber	Mrs Bell-Berry	Tanzanite	Mrs Woodruffe
		Aquamarine	Mr Thornley

Just like the Royal Mail we do make every effort to try to ensure lost cards get to the right owner!

Christmas Parties

Our Christmas Parties will be taking place on the following dates:

Wednesday 14 December	Yr 5/6
Thursday 15 December	Yr 3/4
Friday 16 December	FS
Monday 19 December	Yr 1/2

All the children will have lunch as usual on the day of their party. KS2 children will be able to change into their party clothes after lunch. For ease our FS and Yr 1/2 children will be allowed to wear their party clothes to school on the day of their party.

Each team will have a list displayed where you can sign up for your party contribution. The lists will be displayed from Monday 5 December 2016 to help parents who like to have a bit of notice. Please ask your child's class teacher if you are not sure.

On the day of your child's party school will end at the usual time. If you would like to help at your child's party please let your child's class teacher know.

Key Stage 2 Carols at St Andrew's Church

Our KS2 pupils will be celebrating Christmas with Carols at St Andrew's Church on Monday 19 December 2016. Parents and grandparents are welcome to join us as we sing a mixture of traditional and modern carols. We will be aiming to leave school just after lunch at 1:25pm with the service due to start at 1:50pm. If you are able to walk to the church with us please could you let your child's class teacher know.

Thank you for your support with these festive activities.

Yours sincerely

Cill Gilbert
Headteacher