



## Autumn Term News

16.10.2019

Dear parents,

### Class Dojo

Following our push on signing parents up to Class Dojo we are pleased to announce that 5 classes are now 100% signed up! Class Dojo really is the best way to keep in touch with what is going on in your child's class and also a direct line of communication to the teaching staff.

If you haven't already signed up, please contact your child's class teacher who will provide you with an activation code.

Last week was a fantastic week for story sharing and messages received and sent between parents and teaching staff.



Wow! Look how your school community came together last week:

 **273**  
messages sent home

 **49**  
stories shared

 **2,646**  
skills celebrated

 **100%**  
positive feedback

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Now that's worth celebrating! Go on, share the good news 📢

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## **Uniform, PE kit and bags**

Please ensure that your child's uniform is correct – if you are unsure, please check the school website. Please also be reminded that branded bags with age inappropriate content (e.g. COD/Deadpool/Fortnite etc) are not permitted and from September we have been providing pupils with a plastic bag for their things which we will continue to do.

SLT are working their way through monitoring uniform in all classes & all staff are sensitively addressing & issuing school letters to those not in appropriate uniform.

## **Parent Consultations**

Bookings for the Parent Consultations running on 12<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> November will open during the week beginning 28<sup>th</sup> October and will be able to be booked through My Child at School (MCAS)

## **SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican & Methodist Schools)**

Schools are inspected every 5 years and this academic year is the fifth since our last inspection in 2014.

We were delighted to welcome Chris Allen, a SIAMS Inspector, in to our school on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October. He visited classes, looked at children's work and evaluated school performance data, our school self evaluation and improvement plans, agreeing our judgements and priorities as a school. He also spoke with pupils, parents, staff, leaders and Governors. He recognised the journey we are in as a school and was pleased to comment on the evident progress made since our previous SIAMS inspection & Ofsted Inspection six months ago. We look forward to sharing the report with you when we receive it in the next two weeks.

## **Aldi Kit for Schools**

Keep sending your stickers in for the Aldi Kit for Schools competition. You may have seen we have almost completed our first poster which is hanging outside the School Office, and we already have a second one waiting to be filled. If you do have any stickers hanging around at home, please pass these to the office staff, or pop them in the post box outside the School office.

## **Free School Meals & Pupil Premium Funding**

Did you know that just registering your child for Free School Meals means that the school gets extra money which will be used to help your child? The Government is giving money to schools to help children from lower income families do their very best. This funding is called 'Pupil Premium'. For each child registered Sutton CE (VC) Primary School will receive a maximum of **£1320** this year.

If you register for Free School Meals (even if your child does not want a school meal) then the school will receive the extra funding which will **benefit your child**. Once you have been granted Free School Meals the school will continue to receive and use this funding for a further six years to help your child, even if your circumstances change.

It is necessary for parents of children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 who are in receipt of the benefits listed overleaf to register for Pupil Premium Funding, even though your child already receives a Universal Infant Free School Meal. This will ensure that school receives the money your child is entitled to and we can start to help them in the areas outlined above.

The process is simple, just pop into the school office and pick up a short application form - this is quick and easy to complete requiring only basic information such as National Insurance number and dates of birth.

You will not need to send any evidence of your qualifying benefits with the application. Registration is confidential and it will not affect any other benefits you are claiming. If you have any questions or queries please contact the school office or come and speak to Mrs Garbutt (Zircon Classteacher) or Mrs McCullough (Pupil Premium Champion)

### **Music lessons**

As many parents will know, as a School we are lucky enough to be able to offer pupils the chance to learn a variety of musical instruments outside of the normal music lessons. We are contemplating offering drum lessons but would like to find out the level of interest amongst pupils before we commit to this. If this is something your child(ren) would be keen to learn, please contact the office to register their interest.

### **Exposure to Illness & Vaccination**

If you or any of your children are exposed to any infectious illnesses, whilst it is fine for them to come into school, we ask that you please let us know. Some of our school community are vulnerable due to reduced immune systems, for a variety of reasons. Being forewarned helps us keep everyone healthy.

### **Playground Equipment**

Many children are using the equipment in the playground at the beginning and end of each school day. This is **not permitted** and children (those attending and not attending the school) are banned from playing on any of the equipment in the grounds of the school including the climbing area/trim trail, outside of schools hours. The School is not insured for this and we thank you in advance for your support on this matter.

## Staffing updates

We are really pleased to let you know that Mr Smith will be returning to Sutton after half term after helping out another local school.

Mr Smith will be teaching Carnelian class and like others in the leadership team, he will be released from class to undertake leadership work, which will primarily be Mrs Brown our HLTA.

We would like to thank Mrs McGrane who has got the year off to such a flying start for the children. We are sure we will see her again in school as supply and wish her the very best with all her exciting projects in international schools.

As always, if you have any comments or concerns you wish to discuss, please do contact us in the usual ways.

Kind regards,



Mrs E Gore-Rowe  
Headteacher