

## Friday 10th March 2023 - SPRING 2 NEWSLETTER

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**Executive Headteacher: Mrs S Hulme. Chair of Governors: Mr B Tomkins**

Safeguarding Statement: This school takes notice of and adheres to all the national and local policies and guidance in regard to Safeguarding Children and Young People.

Lead Safeguarding Person Junior School: Mrs M Kenny, Nursery & Infant School: Mrs. M Quinn.

Safeguarding Deputies: Mrs. S Hulme, Mrs F Black & Mr S Pratsis & Mrs E Heath, Safeguarding Governor: Mr. T Richmond

### *A message from Mrs Hulme*

Dear Parents & Carers,

*It has been a good week for the children with a bit of snow to enjoy! Maybe for the adults too? As we are looking to include parents in our procedures whenever possible, we thank those parents who met to discuss the pickup routines at the infant school when childminders are supporting. A very useful session. Thank you also to the parents who accompany the swimming groups at the junior school too, it would not work without them.*

*We have lots to give thanks for and includes all of you for supporting our charities. We are currently collecting in Lent for the Catholic Children's Society and will be holding an Easter Raffle for St Rachael's Hospice. As a local centre for care, it is close to our heart. They showed great love and compassion recently to a former teacher of the school, Mrs Counsell, who passed away before Christmas. May she rest in peace.*

### **Spirituality News**

Lent continues, and the Chaplaincy Team at the Junior School have provided opportunities for prayer and reflection to children throughout the school. 'Lunchtime in Lent' takes place in the school chapel each week. This week, the team provided reflective music and selected some scripture bookmarks for pupils to colour as they reflected on the meaning of Lent. Over Almost 50 pupils from Y5 and Y6 attended on Tuesday, and a similar number from Y4 and Y5 on Wednesday.

The whole school RE topic this term has been related to the Eucharist. To celebrate their learning Year 5 pupils went, through the sprinkle of snow, to Mass at Holy Cross on Wednesday this week. They took prayers they had written and were involved in choosing the hymns and altar serving.

*'Table Talk Topic of the Week' - Where do words go after you have heard them?*



### **Netball**

We had a wonderful Monday night, with all our 3 netball teams playing against Dorchester. It was great to see so many of our pupils taking part in competitive sport and supporting one another so well. The teams won one game, drew one and lost one. A huge well done to all our teams and a big thank you to the families for their support.



### **Top of the Form Competition**

Yesterday, our Year 6 quiz team took part in the Top of the Form competition, which is open to all primary schools in Sutton. We were drawn against The Avenue and the match ebbed and flowed before finally ending in a tie. This meant that it went to a 'sudden death' round and we just about emerged on top! Well done to all the team who showed their fantastic general knowledge and we look forward to the next round.



# News for the week

## Infant - Stars of the Week

R Hedgehog	Vinnie
R Fox	Caleb
R Squirrel	Ella
1 Robin	Cara
1 Sparrow	Matylda
1 Wren	Jacob
2 Heron	Riva
2 Jay	Brogan
2 Woodpecker	Ashlyn

## Junior - House Points

4 <sup>th</sup> place is Becket	
3 <sup>rd</sup> place is Fisher	
2 <sup>nd</sup> place is Clitheroe	
1 <sup>st</sup> place is More	

## Juniors - Star Writer

3 Willow	Christopher
3 Mulberry	Rose
3 Hawthorn	Amelia
4 Poplar	Bhadra
4 Ash	Matylda
4 Rowan	Scarlett
5 Elm	Coby
5 Sycamore	Lucy
5 Birch	Kate
6 Copper Beech	Charlton
6 Oak	Jethro
6 Chestnut	Owen

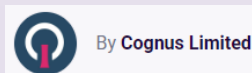


As a school, we aim for 97.4% attendance, which would bring us in line with expectations. Unfortunately, many children had not achieved this percentage last term. We really need the help of our parents to raise our attendance this term by ensuring children are attending school each day.

Registration Group	Attendance %	Punctuality (lates) %
Froglet AM Nursery	95.6	0.3
Froglet PM Nursery	80.2	0.3
R Fox	93.9	0.5
R Hedgehog	93.2	0.2
R Squirrel	96.5	1.1
1 Robin	93.8	0.6
1 Sparrow	94.1	0.3
1 Wren	93.6	0.4
2 Jay	96.3	0.1
2 Woodpecker	95.8	0.3
2 Heron	93.8	0.1
3 Mulberry	96.7	0.2
3 Willow	96.1	0.1
3 Hawthorn	97.0	0.2
4 Poplar	96.7	0.6
4 Ash	94.7	0.4
4 Rowan	95.7	1.7
5 Elm	96.9	0.3
5 Birch	95.4	0.4
5 Sycamore	96.2	0.1
6 Chestnut	96.0	0.4
6 Oak	96.2	1.1
6 Copper Beech	96.2	1.1

## Junior School Request!

**Can you help us? We desperately need plastic VHS boxes to finish off our wonderful new library! Do you have any old VHS cases that you can donate to our school? Thank you**



Supporting my autistic child in the Early Years (Sutton Autism Week)

**Understand key strategies to support your child including communication, using visuals, adapting the environment and teaching play/attention skills**

When and where

Date and time

Mon, 27 March 2023, 10:00 – 11:00 BST

Location

**Cantium House** Railway Approach Wallington SM6 0DZ

To book onto this event please click on the link -

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/supporting-my-autistic-child-in-the-early-years-sutton-autism-week-tickets-570847098037>

## Safeguarding News

It is of vital importance to protect children from the online sphere whilst in schools. The reality though, is that the majority of dangers posed from this portal to the world's less conducive elements comes from inside the home. Out of the range of school filtering software, mandated software bans and other measures that can be taken in educational establishments. The Internet Watch Foundation, an superb organization from which we regularly cite in these briefings, has released a checklist to help mitigate the risks at home from the internet. This checklist covers all things related to child protection online at home. The eighteen-page document contains a wealth of information and ideas on how to reduce potential vulnerabilities once your pupils have left the school premises. To get hold of this guidance please follow the link below: <https://talk.iwf.org.uk/>

## Skin Kind School Clothing for allergies

We have had a recent enquiry from a parent regarding Skin Kind School clothing for allergies. We have investigated and have found some companies below who stock such clothing. We hope this helps?

<https://eczemacllothing.com/collections/schoolwear>

<https://www.everythingforeczema.com/>

## Wednesday Word

Please click on the link below to access the weekly Wednesday Word - <https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/god-s-love?pid=MTA101634&v=86.9>