

HEAD'S NEWSLETTER – Wednesday 1st July 2020



Hello Sutton Park Primary! I hope you are all keeping safe and well. School is very quiet at the moment with only a small number of children from Reception, Year 1, Year 5, Year 6 and Keyworker families attending, but it has been wonderful to see smiling faces, hear laughter from the classrooms and be back out on gate duty each morning. The staff in school are doing a great job with their 'bubbles' and those who aren't in school are continuing to work hard, contacting our pupils, preparing for September and wrapping up this academic year.

The summer term often brings about change and this July marks the end of our first year as part of The PACT. This means that Mrs Sherlock-Lewis, Miss Magee and Miss Sage – who are all Trust staff – will be spending less time with us at Sutton Park from September. Don't worry though, they'll remain part of our family and you'll still get to see them. There have also been some other staff changes confirmed during this period of closure which I'd like to share with you:

With some staff returning from maternity leave, **Miss Bhopal**, **Miss Eagle** and **Mr Ellis** are leaving us for pastures new this July. **Mrs Robinson**, our Learning Mentor, is also leaving us due to family circumstances. We wish them all well for their new chapters and thank them for their hard work and contributions during their time at our school. The impact they have had on our pupils has been significant and I know they will be missed. I personally would like to thank them for their commitment to our pupils, for their enthusiasm and their support throughout the past academic year.

- **Mrs Davin** (a PACT Assistant Head Teacher) and **Mrs Runacus** (PACT Inclusion Lead) are both joining us as members of the Senior Leadership Team. They will play key roles in our continuing journey of improvement.
- **Mr Tromans** - who has fulfilled the role of Associate Assistant Head this year - is returning to his Trust Computing Lead role from September. He will continue to work with Sutton Park Primary to develop and embed our computing curriculum. We thank him for all of his efforts this year in both the classroom and his leadership position.
- **Mr Allen** (Y5/6 teacher) has accepted a permanent role as an NQT in September. He started his journey with us in the Spring term this year and is excited to be officially joining the SP team.
- **Mrs Jones** is an experienced teacher who will be joining our teaching team from September. She is looking forward to starting a new PACT adventure with us.
- **Miss Simpson** has secured an Assistant Head Teacher role and will be staying with us next academic year, continuing her senior leader role and of course, remaining as Head of House Dahl.
- **Mrs Shotter** will be staying at Sutton Park and fulfilling the role of Deputy Head Teacher whilst also continuing her Trust Inclusion role.

As explained on my letter last week, a letter will be included in your child's end of year report identifying who their new teacher is. In terms of your child's House Leader, this is the list of House Leads from September:

HOUSE DAHL – Miss Simpson

HOUSE ROWLING – Miss Akay

HOUSE LEWIS – Mrs Davin

As we enter the final few weeks of this academic year, we have a few plans for competitions and fun-learning projects that you can get involved in. These are detailed on the reverse of this newsletter and I will particularly look forward to seeing your creations for our Sutton Park Bake Off!

Take good care and remember we continue to be contactable via the schoolclosure@ email for any questions, queries and also for the sharing of work completed at home/achievements.

Mrs Middleton

Sutton Park's Summer Bake Off:

Week beginning 6th July 2020

We are inviting all families to get involved with our very own Summer-themed Bake Off. Use your maths skills to help you measure and prepare your ingredients, then use your creativity to decorate your masterpiece.

You can make any sweet treat you desire: cookies, cakes, brownies... the choice is yours!

Please share your creations via twitter @suttonparkpri or submit photographs to the schoolclosure@ email address.

We look forward to seeing them! If only we could taste them all too!



Snuggle Up and Read – The Home Edition

Sadly, due to publisher permission expiring, we have had to remove our reading videos from our school YouTube channel.

Feedback on this lockdown project has been overwhelmingly positive and I'm so pleased to hear that our families have enjoyed hearing staff read stories each night.

Reading is a huge focus at our school so please see below for a national reading incentive you can get involved in this summer ☺

The Summer Reading Challenge produced by The Reading Agency and delivered by libraries, runs from June to September. Start your reading now! You can review the books you've read and check out other book recommendations for what to read next. Whether you take part in the challenge or not there's also the Book Sorter; to help guide you to your next read. You can chat to friends, play games, download and print activities with rewards. Time to be silly and keep the whole family engaged throughout the summer. It's all free.

This year a team of animal friends called the 'Silly Squad' love to go on adventures and get stuck in to all kinds of funny books. The Challenge also features extra special characters designed by the award-winning author and illustrator Laura Ellen Anderson.

You can join the Silly Squad on a new adventure by setting your own personal reading challenge to complete this summer. The new online platform will help you keep track of your books, reviews and the rewards you unlock along the way.

As always, there will be loads of brilliant book suggestions to get you started, and tips on how you can keep reading even while we are closed. There are also have heaps of super silly activities, quizzes, videos, games and more to keep you entertained at home!

To join the Silly Squad on their adventures, sign up for an account so you can track the books you've read, take part in competitions, mini challenges and games

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>



Summer Writing Challenge:

When we first broke up from school, a story writing challenge was set for all pupils. In these last 3 weeks of term, we'd love to see more of your home learning being submitted to school via Twitter or the schoolclosure@ email so that we can share and celebrate!

Theme: Summer **Genre:** Poetry

You can find out more about this challenge on our school website. There is also a PowerPoint of resources to support your ideas and discussions before you begin writing. I look forward to reading your entries and giving out some prizes in September! Winners will be announced on Friday 17th July 2020.

