

Sutton Valence Primary School

The constant quest for knowledge, learning and adventure...



Dear Parents, Carers and Governors

Welcome
Back to SCHOOL everyone!

Welcome back to the new school year. The children have returned really positively to school and have got straight into their new learning theme; it has been great to visit each class and see how well they are all engaging with their learning and catching up with their peers. We have also welcomed our new Hedgehog children who have made a fabulous start to school alongside the new pupils scattered across the school. Today has been a struggle for a few who are tired and will welcome a lie-in tomorrow!

We also welcome back our school chickens who, sadly, had to go on holiday for a while last term to a member of staff's small holding. Having visited them during the summer I can report that they were thoroughly spoilt with their free range environment. We are therefore looking to open up the chicken area a bit more at our school to give them access to grass etc. To do this we will be changing our playground entrance gate slightly to give us this space. The pupils all love caring for our chickens but we also need to consider the chicken's needs and wellbeing!

This term, to further improve school security around money, the office staff will not be accepting any cash, from adult or child, if it is not in an envelope labelled with the child's name, how much is enclosed and what it is for. For the last couple of years we have tried to become more of a cashless school but have not yet fully stopped accepting cash in certain circumstances. At the end of the Christmas term we will no longer be accepting cash payments for wraparound care, school lunches and school trips. Therefore, if you do not yet use the online payment system you will need to ensure that you have set up an account and are able to log in. Mrs Jack in the office is learning about this system, as am I, so please support us in this transition of all learning together!

Next week we have our Meet The Teacher sessions. Please see further on in the newsletter for the exact date and time for the relevant session for your child and do try to attend in order to find out about the year ahead for your child(ren). This is also an opportunity to share information with the class teacher early on in the year, before parent consultations in October.

Please do continue to look at the website and use this facility to view the various dates and activities that have been added recently, and will continue to be added throughout the year,

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including the INSET dates for the academic year ahead and other key dates.

This weekend is our first camp-out weekend with a "Welcome Back" BBQ. There are various plans afoot to ensure this is a great event - we hope the first of many. Hope to see you there!

Parking



Just a reminder to all parents, especially to those who are new to the school, that if you are driving on to the school site to use the morning drop-off system it is important that you drive off immediately after dropping off your child and do not wait on the driveway to observe them walking to the gate. If you require seeing this, you need to park off-site and walk your child to the gate rather than hold up the driveway, and therefore the main road, with people waiting to pull in.

The exit procedure remains problematic with a small group of parents persisting in driving on to the site and parking/collecting at the same time as almost 200 pupils are trying to exit the site. We do have a small number of parents that have been given vehicular access for a variety of relevant reasons (running late is not one of them) but the overall pick-up procedure is to be reviewed shortly and all parents/carers will be updated in due course.

Guitar and Piano lessons



Both clubs start back next week. If you are interested in signing your child(ren) up for lessons, please phone or pop in to the school office for details of the respective instructors.

Fancy a game of hockey anyone?

Sutton Valence Hockey Club is hosting its annual Club Opening Day on Sunday 9th September at Sutton Valence Prep School in Church Road between 10.30am and 12 noon. All ages are welcome, for more information take a look at the poster at the end of the newsletter.

PTFA Corner



Camping Weekend, 8th and 9th September - Tickets for Welcome Back Camping are £2.50 per person. Lots of families have already signed up to come along so why not come and join them! For more information on what's going on and what is provided, please see the poster further down the newsletter.

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PTFA Corner cont'd..

AGM - Our AGM will take place at 3.30pm on Thursday 20th of September in the school Hall. Those that would like to attend can book their children into wraparound care in the bunker free of charge. Please book places via the school office.

Quiz Night - Saturday 13th October at the Queens Head pub. Tickets are £7 per person and include a meal of sausage and mash. The maximum team size is 8 people and there are only 65 places available due to capacity limitations within the pub. Please come along and support this event.

Halloween Disco - Thursday 18th October. More details to follow soon.

Christmas Craft and Movie Night - TBC. Watch this space!

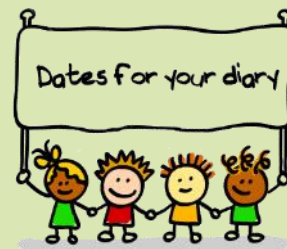
Thank you for all your continued support!

Diary Dates

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| 8th/9th September | Welcome Back camping on the school field |
| 20th September | Drop-In Thursday |
| 20th September | PTFA AGM at 3.30pm |
| 21st September | Jeans for Genes Day (more information to follow) |

A reminder of the upcoming "Meet The Teacher" dates for September 2018

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| Rabbits | Class 1 | Monday 10th September, 3.15pm |
| Foxes | Class 2 | Thursday 13th September, 3.15pm |
| Woodpeckers | Class 3 | Wednesday 12th September, 3.15pm |
| Owls | Class 4 | Friday 14th September, 3.15pm |
| Squirrels | Year 5 | Tuesday 11th September, 3.15pm |
| Moles | Class 6 | Monday 10th September, 3.15pm |



Have a great weekend.

Miss Terry
Headteacher



**Sutton Valence Primary School PTFA
Welcome Back Camping Weekend**

Arrival: 2pm Saturday 8th September

Departure: 10.30am Sunday 9th September

We will be Providing

BBQ Saturday, Face Painting and Glitter Tattoos, Glow Sticks, Marshmallows to toast on the Campfire. Bacon Sandwiches, Tea & Coffee Sunday morning.

There will be activities all of which are optional as the children may just want to run about and play – Family Cricket, Hide & Seek, Art from the Environment plus other games.

There will be a Bar selling Pimms Summer Punch, Beer, Lager and Soft Drinks but please feel free to bring your own drinks.

On the Sunday morning the children will be making & decorating kites and running around the school field in their pyjamas flying them while the adults pack up.

Bring: Tent, Sleeping Bag etc, Torches, Board Games, Midnight Snacks...

Don't Bring – Dogs!

You are welcome to come for the day and leave after the BBQ if you would prefer not to camp over.

A donation of a salad for the BBQ would be appreciated – e.g. Potato Salad, Green Salad, Coleslaw, Tomato Salad etc.

Quiz Night



Ticket £7 (includes Sausage & Mash)

Round 1 @ 7.30pm

QUEENS HEAD PUB

SAT 13TH OCTOBER

Max team size 8

Raffle on night



LOOKING FOR PLAYERS



SUTTON VALENCE HOCKEY CLUB EST 1953

AGES 4-80+

WE HAVE A TEAM FOR ALL AGES AND ABILITIES

As one of the oldest village clubs in the county based around a local pub running 5 mens, 1 ladies and more than 5 junior sides.

We are looking for new members of all ages and abilities to come and join our growing club for 2018/19 SEASON.



For More information:

<http://www.suttonvalencehockey.com>

Or email info@suttonvalencehockey.com



All Welcome to SVHC CLUB DAY
SUNDAY 9th Sept 2018

SV Prep School, Church Road, Sutton Valence,
ME17 3RF