

Sutton Valence Primary School

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Dear Parents, Carers and Governors



Children In Need

Thank you to the children that made a superb effort today with their mad hair and spotty clothing. We can tell some parents had a fun breakfast getting the hair-styles ready! **It's what the children voted for and they loved it!**

The children also asked for a Pudsey-themed Bake-Off event for today. We had eight cakes entered anonymously and so assembly was a little longer today. Some of the School Council members were selected to judge the cakes - we had a judge for decoration, a judge for the bake (did it have a soggy bottom?) and a judge for the taste (who was blindfolded). The judges were very honest - brutally - but we had a clear winner from Mrs Tolliday with a Rainbow Pudsey Cake.



The children have also considered the serious side of why we all looked silly today, and focused on why Children In Need exists - hopefully they will get to see some of this on TV tonight. The only disappointment is that it rained today and so some hair designs did get a little wet!

Just from non-uniform donations alone we have so far raised £204.40, and there is a cake sale in the playground afterschool. Funds from this will be added to the pot and the final amount raised will be announced next week!

Christmas Performances

Just an update following the announcement of the dates of the Christmas performances in **last week's newsletter** - the plan is that all of our performances should be starting at 2pm. **However, as we haven't put any acting etc.. together yet** - as it is far too early still - if this

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time needs to change to 15 minutes earlier or later then we will advise you as soon as we can. Tickets for all performances will be sold via a **slip attached to next week's newsletter**. The cost per ticket will be £1 and this will go towards a collection for Crisis At Christmas.



Aviva Community Fund - Our Forest School Allotment Area project

Voting for our Forest School Allotment Area project that is currently registered in the Aviva Community fund scheme ends next Tuesday, 20th November. We are asking for one final push to get as many votes as we possibly can to stand a great chance of winning £1,000 towards setting up our own on-site allotment. **Please, if you haven't already done so, visit the Aviva Community fund website to register your email and cast your votes.**

<https://www.avivacommunityfund.co.uk/voting/campaign/getinvolved>

PTFA Corner

Christmas Craft and Movie Night



This is going to be held on Thursday 13th December from 3.15pm until 7.30pm. There will be games, crafts, biscuit decorating, pizza, drinks, a movie and popcorn. The cost is £10 per child and there is a sibling discount: £9 for a second sibling and £8 for a third sibling. Payment can be made via the Gateway or the PTFA post box. Please see flier at the end of the newsletter for more information.

Childminders Required

Are you, or do you know of anyone that might be, interested in helping out some of our working parents with the dropping off and collection of children that live locally? Due to the restrictions in the capacity available at our wraparound services, some parents are finding themselves stuck and have asked if we know of any local childminders or parents willing to help in this area. If you know of anyone, or you yourself could possibly help out, pop into the school office and let us know.

WWI Paper Toys Event at Maidstone Library

There is a free drop-in family craft workshop at Maidstone Library on Saturday 24th November between 11am and 1pm, or between 2pm and 4pm. Aimed at children aged 7 and above,

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there will be artists from Cabinet of Curiosity Studio present, making unique paper toys from **the First World War era. This will be loads of fun and could also support your child(ren)'s learning.**

There is also an interfaith workshop on Saturday 17th November, 11am until 2pm, where you can join storytellers from the Maidstone Interfaith Group for a fun session of traditional stories from faiths across the world.

Diary Dates

22nd November	Drop In Thursday
23rd November	Local Authority Attendance Officer on site
23rd November	Foxes Class trip
11th December	Afternoon performance of Tinsel and Tea-Towels, with toddlers
12th December	Afternoon performance of Tinsel and Tea-Towels
13th December	Christmas Craft and Movie Night, more information to follow from PTFA
13th December	The Nutcracker Pantomime - visit from external theatre group
14th December	Junior Carol Concert (pm)
17th December	Christmas Lunch
18th December	Elf visit
19th December	Singing group to visit Sutton Valence Care Home
19th December	Christmas Jumper Day for Crisis at Christmas charity
19th December	Class party and visit from Santa
19th December	Last day of Term
7th January 2019	Children return to school

Have an enjoyable weekend everyone.

Miss Terry
Headteacher



Christmas Craft & Movie Night

13th December 3.15 - 7.30pm



£10 ticket

2nd child £9 and third child £8

Includes: • Games • Crafts • Biscuit Decorating

• Pizza and Drinks • Movie and Popcorn

Please bring a cushion and change of clothes