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Dear Parents, Carers and Governors,

Five Stars Award

Earlier in January we had an unannounced kitchen inspection with regards to the National Hygiene Award. We are very proud to share that Mrs Cooper and Mrs Dye have retained the five stars award. Both members of staff work hard in their role and take their responsibility very seriously. The children have a fabulous menu with each meal freshly **cooked and to a high standard for them. The staff's hard work in this area has been rewarded - well done ladies, from us all.**



100 Club

The 100 Club draw took place earlier this week in assembly. A ball was once again selected at random and we can announce that the winner of the January draw is Samantha Knight with ball 81. Congratulations!



World Book Day

World Book Day is fast approaching and is to take place on Thursday 7th of March. Hopefully **you are planning your costumes by now, don't forget that the theme is animals/conservation.**

Aviva Community Fund

Thank you to everyone that voted for the Forest School Allotment Area in the Aviva Community Fund scheme in October last year. We can now report that we have been successful in our bid and have been awarded £1000 towards the Forest School. As you can imagine, Mrs Bell is over the moon! This money will be put to good use furthering our provision for the outdoor education that your children receive here at Sutton Valence Primary School.

Alongside this, we have also been successful in a bid to be given some young sapling trees and hedging to plant in our school grounds. This project was via The Woodland Trust and should be happening in the spring.



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Attendance

Hopefully you will have read the recent attendance newsletter and noted that the school's overall attendance percentage has risen - this is fabulous; thank you to those that have supported this work. We continue to support families with attendance and punctuality; please do come and talk to us if there is something you feel we should know that is impacting your **child's attendance as we would very much like to work alongside** parents and carers with this. Please also make sure you read all correspondence that comes home regarding attendance.



eSafety

National eSafety day is next week, on Tuesday 5th of February. There **will be a focus on further developing pupils' awareness of staying safe** online. We have to theatre groups visiting the school to support this, funded by you as a member of the PTFA. Sadly in school we often have to deal with fall-outs and other consequences of online games being played at home (Fortnite in particular at the moment). Junior children will also be learning about how to manage their online time to avoid disagreements in school.



Harry Potter event at Maidstone Library

There is a very exciting Harry Potter event being held at Maidstone Library in the February half term, please see the poster at the end of this newsletter for more details. Last year this event was so popular that this year the library are running TWO sessions! There are two different time slots available and booking is advised.



PTFA Corner

Don't forget your tickets for the Valentine's Disco!



This is to be held on Thursday 14th February, tickets are only £3.00 each. We have a top class DJ plus limbo, musical hearts, musical dancing statues and a dance off to find the best **dancer at the disco... the kids will LOVE it!**

KS1 pupils are to be collected from the playground at 5pm

KS2 pupils are to be collected from the school hall at 7pm. The school gates will be open for

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both collection times, but please remember to park sensibly.

The next PTFA meeting is going to be held on Thursday 28th February at 1.30pm in the meeting room at the school. Please join us if you can - all are welcome.



Tickets are also now on sale for the Bingo night on Wednesday 27th of March. Tickets are £6.00 each which includes Fish & Chips! Bingo cards will be on sale on the night and there will be plenty of CASH prizes. Ticket requests via the PTFA post box please.



Other upcoming PTFA events for your diary:

Thursday 4th April, 3.15pm - Easter Egg Hunt

6th June, 3.15pm - Outdoor Disco

6th July - Summer Fair

14th/15th September - Welcome Back Camping

Thank you for your continued support throughout the year!

Diary Dates

4th February	KS1 - Konflux Theatre eSafety workshop "Cyber Adventure"
5th February	Internet Safety Day
5th February	KS2 - Konflux Theatre eSafety workshop "Caught In The Web"
7th February	Drop In Thursday
12th February	Years 2, 3 and 5: Parents welcome to share in pupil learning, 2.30pm
13th February	Year 1: Parents welcome to share in pupil learning, 2.30pm
14th February	Valentine's Disco, run by PTFA
15th February	Most Improved tea with Headteacher
15th February	Last day of term
25th February	Back to school
5th March	Years 4, 5 and 6 - Thames Barrier workshops
7th March	World Book Day
11th-15th March	Book Fair in school
11th-15th March	Science Week



Have a lovely weekend everyone! - Miss Terry, Headteacher



Harry Potter Word Buddy Club!

“When in doubt, go to the library” – JK Rowling

Come join us for this special word buddy club where we will be celebrating Harry Potter Night!

Come to our sorting ceremony and take part in our Hogwarts hunt amongst other activities!

There will be two sessions to book on to.

Thursday 21 February, 2-3pm and 4-5pm

Kent History and Library Centre

Booking Essential! All ages welcome.



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