

# Sutton Valence Primary School

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Dear Parents, Carers and Governors,

## SCIENCE WEEK



Wow, what a week! I seriously do not know where it has gone; the school has been so busy that there has been no time to catch up with anybody! We've had a whole school focus on Science this week, organised by Mr Armstrong our Science leader. I'm sure the children have been chatting about this at home - they were all fascinated with how their intestines work! Please see further down the newsletter for a report from Mr Armstrong himself explaining more about what activities the children have been involved with.

## Red Nose Day



This year the School Council took over the organisation of this event within school - they have done a fabulous job! They decided to put themselves in the stocks today and have had wet sponges thrown at them for a small fee! Unsurprisingly, lots of children bought money in to take part in this! The School Council members were absolute stars and clearly showed why they have been elected by their classes to represent them when it comes to charity events. They did their duty admirably with not one of them complaining.. and the water was cold! The total amount they raised by doing this was £62.60 - a superb job by them all.

The School Council also chose a cake sale as another means of raising funds - once again Mrs Cooper stepped up to deliver glorious cakes in support of Red Nose Day. All sold out, and this raised a further £145.80 for Comic Relief.

Thank you to you all for contributing to a great Red Nose Day. The total raised is a little over £580 which is truly amazing.



More photos are on our school website, on the Special Days page - please do have a look!

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## Science Week in more detail

The children and staff have been immersed in our scientific journeys of discovery - whether it has been travelling back in time to the Land of Dinosaurs, bringing the insides of our bodies to the outside and making poo (yuck!), investigating the importance of both light and dark and how reflective materials are so important, how filtering water is so vital to our existence, or discovering that salt carries its own electric current and is therefore a conductor of electricity! Phew!

I do hope that your children have filled your heads with all of their scientific knowledge as there has definitely been a buzz around the school this week. As a fairly new teacher, it has been lovely meeting all of our fantastic children from Reception class through to Year 6, and seeing them work together really well as they investigate the world around them. The children have been fantastic!

As Science lead, I would like to say a great big thank you to all of the teachers, support staff, office and kitchen staff too! Everyone has helped in some way. I am already busy **thinking ahead to Science Week 2020 and can't wait to get started!**

- Mr L Armstrong, Year 5 teacher



## Parent Consultations

**Thank you to all parents who have signed up to meeting with teachers next week. If you don't have a session for one of the days, please do ring to choose an appointment from the remaining slots that are left. It is appreciated if you can stick to these days and don't ask for other separate times - teachers have a set time to complete these parent sessions in order that they are not using other time in the week when something else should be happening.**

Today Years R, 1 and 2 brought home with them a mid-year review report to support parent **sessions for the parent consultation sessions. Please do look through your child's bag to find these.**

At the sessions next week the PTFA will make available a sign-up sheet for helping at the Summer Fair, which will soon be upon us the way this year is speeding past!

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## 100 Club

The 100 Club draw took place earlier this week for February - **better late than never! I'm delighted to announce that the winner is Rod Harcourt with ball number 2. Congratulations! Your £50 cheque is on it's way to you! Thank you once again to the PTFA for organising this.**



## Final chance to register interest

We will be making a decision about both Sama SouthEast Karate and Rockademy next week so please do let us know if either are of interest to you and your child(ren). In case you missed the emails, please see below for details.

## Karate

The school is potentially looking to offer a Karate club after school on a Wednesday, run by Sama SouthEast Karate Club. This would run from 4.50pm until 5.50pm every week, and there is a 4 week period before you would need to commit to attending long term in the form of purchasing the uniform and annual license. Payment is made weekly in cash when your child attends.



## Rockademy

We have been approached by Rockademy to enquire whether any pupils would be interested in learning to play the guitar, bass, drums or harmonica. We have previously contacted parents and carers and if there is enough interest then we are prepared to offer this at the school, although final dates and timings can only be confirmed once numbers are known.

Rockademy offer group or individual lessons that are competitively priced and provided here in school. They also offer instrument hire which is a great service if your child would like to try learning an instrument, without the initial commitment of purchasing your own.



## Support our school Summer Fair

The PTFA are working hard to organise this year's Summer Fair which is to be held on Saturday 6th of July on the school field and playground. If you don't already have the date in your diary, please do keep it free and come along. We have been successful in securing a partnership with local estate agent Wards, in Headcorn, who have kindly offered to sponsor 30 advertising boards for the event. These will be placed strategically around the village,

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advertising the fair and their support of this local community event.

We are asking families that live in the village of Sutton Valence if they would kindly host an estate agent board at the front of their property to advertise our summer fair. The boards will be erected at the beginning of June and removed straight after the event. Please let the school office know if you live in the village and would be happy to host a board.

## Year 3 K'Nex Construction Toy Challenge

This took place last week in the school hall where Sam, the workshop organiser, showed us **the K'Nex construction toy. He gave us a challenge which was to build a vehicle that would carry one of our shoes and could go down a ramp.** We worked in pairs and were asked to think about certain scientific things while we were constructing. We had to keep testing our vehicle to see if it went straight, check how far it had travelled, and if the shoe stayed on the vehicle!

We learnt about friction and so some of us took the tyres off so that our vehicles would go further. We also learnt about what to use to get our wheels to turn freely and not rub against **other pieces of K'Nex.**

We all tested our vehicles and chose the first three places. Our vehicles were judged on distance travelled with the shoe, and also our teamwork.

Congratulations to our winning pair, Aimee and Riley P!

Thank you Miss Terry for this wonderful workshop. The children (and staff) all really enjoyed it!

- Mrs B van Rensburg, Year 3 teacher

PTFA Corner



The next PTFA meeting is going to be next Monday, 18th March, at 7.30pm at The Queens Head pub in Sutton Valence. Please join us if you can - all are welcome.

Mothers Day

**If you haven't already done so and your child would like to take part, please do send in the money for the PTFA's Mothers Day scheme this year as soon as possible so that they can accurately work out the number of pots and plants to purchase to avoid wastage of money and/or products.** This is a lovely opportunity for your child to decorate a little pot for Mum or a loved one, bringing it home from school with them on Friday 29th March.

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Bingo - tickets are still on sale for the Bingo night taking place 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.

Easter Egg Hunt - The school egg hunt is taking place at 3.15pm on Thursday 4th April on the school field. Tickets are now on sale at the cost of £2 per child which includes a chocolate egg. Ticket requests via the PTFA post box please.

Can you help at our Summer Fair? We are busy organising our Summer Fair and are in need of volunteers to help set up on Friday 5th July between 3.15pm and 7pm and/or to run a stall for an hour on the day. We currently have gaps on the following stalls - welly wanging, raffle, bouncy castle, face painting, glitter tattoos, tea and cakes, and on the bar. If you can help, please let a member of the PTFA or Mrs Jack in the school office know.

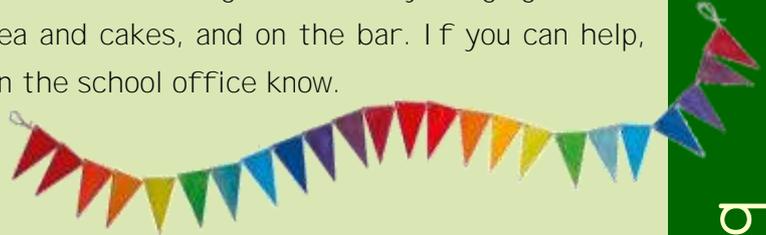
Other upcoming PTFA events for your diary:

6th June, 3.15pm - Outdoor Disco

6th July - Summer Fair

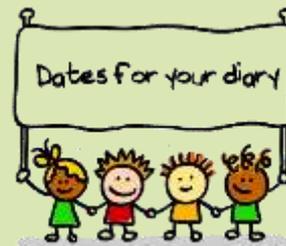
14th/15th September - Welcome Back Camping

Thank you for your continued support throughout the year!



## Diary Dates

18th March	Year 3 Pupil and Parent Conference
19th March	Year 4 Pupil and Parent Conference
19th March	Years R, 1 and 2 - Parents Evening
20th March	Year 5 Pupil and Parent Conference
20th March	Years R, 1 and 2 - Parents Evening
22nd March	Year 6 Pupil and Parent Conference
26th March	Year 5 - Medieval drama workshop
25th-28th March	Return filled Recycle With Michael bags to school



Have a good weekend - I hope you are relxing and enjoy the Red Nose events on TV tonight!

Miss Terry  
Headteacher

PTFA

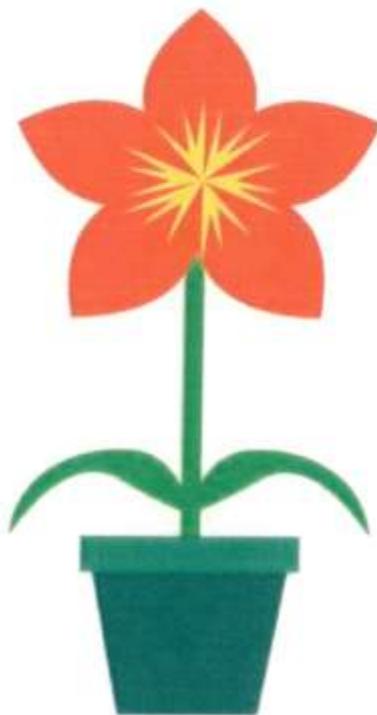
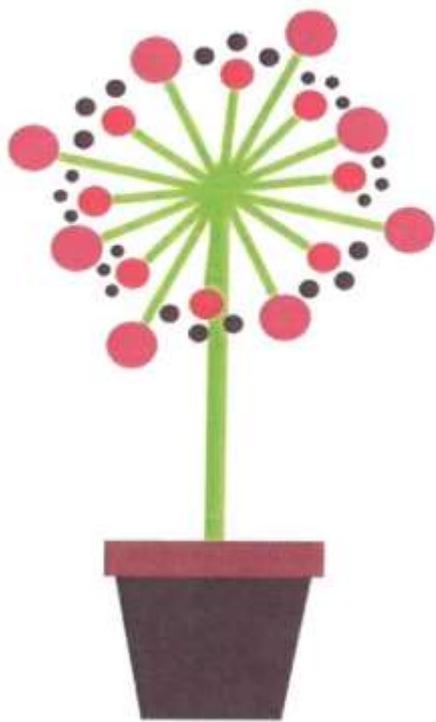
# A Mother's Day Gift

decorate a flower pot to take home

Thursday 28th March (at school)

To come home with child on Friday 29th March with potted flower

£1.50 per child



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Please can I have ..... tickets

Child's name/s and class .....

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Please find enclosed £.....

Please return to school office

Tickets: £6 per person (includes fish and chips)

bingo cards can be purchased on night

CASH PRIZES!

# BINGO

MARCH 27<sup>TH</sup>

7-10pm Sutton Valence School hall

bring a bottle!

Please can I have ..... tickets

Name: .....

Childs name and class ...../.....

Please find enclosed: £.....

Please hand into office or PTA letterbox

(Deadline for tickets 22nd March)

THURSDAY  
4th APRIL

3.15pm school field



Easter  
**EGG HUNT**

Tickets £2 (includes chocolate egg)

Please can I have ..... tickets

Child's name/s and class ...../.....

Siblings who do not attend the school are welcome to buy tickets

Please find enclosed: £.....

Please post in the PTA letterbox or office by 1st April

Please advise if your child has any dietary requirements/ allergies

# RECYCLE WITH MICHAEL

- 1 DONATE YOUR UNWANTED CLOTHING & SHOES
- 2 RAISE MONEY FOR CHARITY
- 3 RAISE MONEY FOR YOUR SCHOOL



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