



Cheam Park Farm Infants School



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Dear Parents,

Harvest Contributions

Last week we held a very successful harvest collection. We filled countless boxes of food to donate to Sutton Food Bank. They were overwhelmed by the generosity of families at Cheam Park Farm Infants School. They asked us to pass on their thanks to everyone who made a donation.



Lifeboat Appeal

We are collecting for RNLI lifeboat appeal from **Monday 13th October to Friday 24th October.**

Children can bring in a small donation to their classroom and the Year 2 children will visit each class daily to collect.



Charity Collection

We will be collecting for the **Poppy appeal from 4-11 November.** Year 2 children will go to each class each day and give a poppy to those children who have brought in a small donation.



Book Fair

Monday 20th October –Thursday 23rd October

Each day after school next week the book fair will be open at the back of the hall. To access follow the corridor round the school from the main entrance, past Green class and enter at the school

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kitchen end of the hall. Many parents use this opportunity to congratulate their child with a gift of a book following a positive consultation meeting.

Volunteer Meeting

We are holding a meeting for new parent helpers on **Wednesday 12th November in Rainbow House at 1.30pm.** Volunteers must attend this meeting and an interview prior to working in class. The meeting will focus on Child Protection training and Helping in class. Child Protection training must be updated every three years so if you would like to continue helping in school and have not attended this training recently you should attend. We also advise any parents who help with PTFA events or come into school regularly for any reason to attend this training so that all adults are aware of safeguarding in school.



Talent Assembly

Following yesterday's Talent Assembly Miss Evans has been inundated with acts for the next event.

If your child would like to enter the next talent assembly it will be on **Tuesday 18th November.** The children have been told to let Miss Evans know they will be entering via a note to Blue Class and then the children must remember any music, instruments or props they need for the event at 10.20am.

EYFS Workshops

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Early Years Foundation Stage Parent workshops earlier this term.

We were delighted with the response and hope that all parents who attended found the workshops useful.

Between 26 and 58 parents attended each of the four workshops and 61 out of 105 different parents took part. This has been the best attendance of any year since we started the workshops five years ago.

There were many positive comments from parents on the evaluation forms;

“Great workshops! Refreshes new ideas on child play and how to get into our child’s mind-set and help them develop”

“The maths workshop was really interesting and gave me loads of ideas and inspiration to help my child”

“Thorough, useful and informative”
“Seeing the enthusiasm of the teachers”

New Office Reception

You will have noticed that our Office Reception Area is up and running. We are still awaiting our electronic signing in system which will be in use after half term. Once that has been installed we plan to hang a notice board with FAQs for dates and numbers. This should reduce queueing time. At busy times I would like to remind parents and carers they may have to wait a few minutes to be seen.



Attendance

Our current attendance figure is 97.57%. Well done to everyone for trying to get to school every day.

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Each week a 'Smiley Face', 'Be there Bear' and Class Certificate is awarded to the class which had 'Best Attendance' for the previous week. This year I am pleased to say that the award has been given to a range of classes.

Flu Vaccinations

Please access the latest information regarding Seasonal Flu Vaccinations

[http://www.flu.gov/Children and Infants](http://www.flu.gov/Children%20and%20Infants)
<http://www.flu.gov/at-risk/children/index.html>

Ebola surveillance and contingency planning ongoing in UK

We have been sent and are following the current guidance

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/355451/Ebola_advice_for_educational_childcare_young_persons_settings_20140911.pdf



School Meals

The school lunch menu is changing from **3rd November 2014**. Copies of the menu will be sent home to children and can be found on our website and the Sutton Council website.

Parent Consultations

Over the next couple of weeks all parents /carers will have the opportunity to meet with the class teacher to discuss their child's progress. By the end of the meeting the teacher will have recorded the discussion on our Parent / School /Child consultation sheet. This will be returned to the parent to ensure they have a record of the meeting. It will detail the areas where the child is making good progress and the areas where they may need more support or next steps guidance. In the past children who required extra support received an Individual Education Plan (IEP). The new government legislation

(September 2014) indicates fewer children should have IEPs. To ensure we work within this guidance we now only provide IEPs for children who have a statement of special educational needs or were previously on School Action Plus; if we have concerns about any other child the teacher will ensure this is recorded at the end of the consultation form and any interventions will also be recorded. Interventions may include working with the TA on literacy or numeracy objectives, handwriting support, phonics support, talking partners and motor development. Some children in Year 2 have access to Mathletics. If your child has been given a password for this it is important to ensure they are accessing the site at home to develop their mathematical skills. We also provide Social and Emotion Aspects of learning (SEAL), Emotional Literacy Support (ELSA), Family Support Worker, Speech, language and Communication Needs Service (SLCNS) and Learning Support Service (LST).



Holiday Reading

If your child does manage to read during any holiday please record it in their reading record so it can be counted towards their termly certificate.

London Adventure Play Awards.

During the very first weeks the Reception Children entered school they filmed their play. Their film clips were edited and entered into a competition to win £500 to spend on play equipment. We are delighted to let you know the entry has been shortlisted. We will know during half term whether we have won the award or not. Mrs Wight organised the filming and Simon

Baldwin edited it. It can be found on the MLE site easy.uso.im. Enter username and password/ Special events / videos of the whole school.

MLE

At the end of maths week we will put photos of the week in the Special events room on MLE.

Over half term the whole school home learning will be to use the MLE. There will be a prize draw to win an ipod shuffle. So make sure your child accesses the site and finds all the clues in order to be entered in the completion.

Active Alligators

As part of our commitment to keeping children active and healthy, Mrs Young is keen to hear from any children who have participated in an activity club on a regular basis. Children may bring in certificates they may have gained or photos of themselves participating in regular sporting pastimes. These will be celebrated in assembly and children's photos will be added to our Active Alligator celebration notice board.

Please send in certificates which will be photocopied and returned or photos which can be put on the notice board.

2014 admissions

The closing date for September 2015 Reception and Year 3 admissions is **15th January**. If you know of anyone who would like a school tour of this school, please ask them to book one at the school office during November.

Free School Meals and the Pupil Premium

From November 3rd a new 'Free School Meals / Pupil Premium Service' www.fsm.lgfl.net will be a

web site where parents can quickly and easily check eligibility for free school meals and, if eligible, also gain welcome additional funding for their child's school, known as 'Pupil Premium'. If eligible, you are not obliged to accept the free school meals for your child if you wish to make other arrangements, but we do want to encourage applications as the additional funding gained would still benefit education provision at the school.

A letter regarding this service will be sent out after half term. Do check the website; anyone who does so whether they are eligible for pupil premium or not will be able to receive Sophos Anti-Virus software, free of charge, to protect the computers used by pupils at home



Reminders

Water bottles should not be carried in bookbags. Problems arise when the bottles leak, the water then damages the reading books inside the bag.

Children are still coming to school with unnamed clothes. This makes changing for PE, in particular really difficult as jumpers and t-shirts do get easily mixed up. Please make it your half-term job to name all your child's school clothes.

Children who are having packed lunches should still have a range of healthy food. The midday supervisors have noticed a very limited choice in some packed lunches. If you find that your child does not eat a range of foods and this worries you it may be useful to discuss this with our family support worker. She is currently working

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with a child to improve his eating.

Her contact details are

Hannah Leverick

Tel: 0208 436 1717

Email:

hannah.leverick@sutton.gov.uk

After half term Hannah will be working in school on Thursday mornings. You can contact her for an appointment to discuss a range of childhood issues.

The last day for ordering Christmas cards designed by your child is

Friday 17th October



Don't forget Children in Need, **Friday 14th November**. Dress up as a Super Hero and bring in some small change to donate to the charity.

Lunchtime wrist bands

We have noticed many of our coloured wrist bands have gone missing over the last few weeks. If your child has bought one home inadvertently please return it in the bookbag ASAP. We currently do not have enough of the colours if we have a particularly popular meal on certain days.

Best Wishes

Alison Day.