



Harvest

Our **Harvest Assembly** is on **Wednesday October 8th**. It will be led by the children and supported by Father Lorne from St Oswald's Church. The donations will be taken to Sutton Food Bank. Please send in a variety of tinned and packet groceries from **Monday 6th October**. We will make a beautiful display on the stage which will encourage the children to think about people less fortunate than themselves. The charity has sent the following message:

FOOD DONATIONS

the following foods are currently needed:

Long Life Milk
Long Life Juice
Sugar [500g]

Tinned Sponge Pudding
Tinned Custard Pudding
Jars of Pasta Sauce
Biscuits
Tinned Meat

we would prefer you do not donate other items - We have too many beans/ Pasta/ Cereals/ Tea/ Chick Peas/ Sweetcorn/ Tinned Tomatoes

*Finally, because we want to give food that is in date to clients we would ask that foods donated have **at least three months** before best before date.*

Maths Week 20- 24 October

Activities and investigations will focus on Shape. All children will have the opportunity to swap classes for a session. We are looking forward to an exciting week of activities.

DT day

Week beginning 4 November

During this week each class will focus on developing a sewing skill. The week has been organised by Miss Bignell and we are all looking forward to getting our needle and thread out.

Road Safety Week 17-21 November

During this week we will be focusing on the safety of children as they walk to and from school. Mrs Maskell will be leading this work through assemblies and school council. On **Friday**

21 November it is mufti day. We ask that every child comes to school dressed in bright / fluorescent clothing to enable them to be seen as the nights draw in.

Celebration Assemblies

The autumn term is a busy time for celebrations.

On **Monday 6 October** Mrs Shahzad will be leading an assembly to celebrate the Muslim festival of Eid.

On **Monday 20 October** Mrs Subodharan will be leading an assembly to celebrate the Hindu festival of Diwali.

Monday assemblies

I thought I'd remind parents that each Monday is an achievement assembly. I talk to each child who has a birthday in the forthcoming week and share the certificate achievements from the previous week. We also

celebrate best attendance and the class which has had the most children in during the previous week receives a certificate.



Lunch with a teacher day

On Thursday 2 October we will be celebrating the first month of our free school meal offer. A special menu will be in place and staff will be eating lunch in the hall with the children. We hope as many children take this offer up as possible. We have tried to ensure there is something on the menu that everyone enjoys. If you are at all concerned about your child eating a school lunch but would like them to have a try please discuss the matter with the class teacher.

Parent Helpers / Volunteers

The teachers would like to express their thanks to all those volunteers who have already started working in class. If anyone else is interested in offering to help, particularly if they are an experienced helper we would love to have you. If you already have all the checks please let Jane Quigley in the School Office know when you are available and you can start immediately. If you are a new volunteer you need to:-

Attend Child Protection Training
**(Wednesday 12 November, 1.30pm
Rainbow House)**

Complete a DBS
Have an Interview

Submit 2 character references
Read and sign our Procedures Document
Submit a photograph to make an identification badge.
Parents who volunteer often get a great deal of pleasure from the experience and support and benefit the children enormously.

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This year we had a great interest in the 'Supporting Teaching and Learning' Diploma. Next year we intend to make it a 'Desirable' characteristic that any person who would like to study on the diploma course has previously been a volunteer in school either at Cheam Park Farm or elsewhere. If you are thinking about applying for the course next September please bear this in mind.

MLE workshop

We have been alerted to the fact that the MLE workshop is on a day of religious observance for some Muslim families. Miss Bignell has sent out MLE guidance to all Reception families and will be running two workshops on Monday 6th October. If after reading the guidance you still feel you need to attend a workshop please contact Miss Bignell in Lilac class who will run small group or individual sessions depending on the need.

Training workshops

All EYFS workshop notes can be downloaded from the Parent Room on MLE.

Before and After School

Now that our entrances are up and running I would like to remind parents of dropping off and collecting procedures at the beginning and end of the day.

This applies to Year 1 and Year 2.

When you drop off in the morning please stand well clear of the main entrance. No parent should go on to the semi-circle of new tarmac near the entrance. By giving the children this space it means that everyone can see their child enter the school. If you need to speak to me or the person opening the door please just wait until the bulk of children have entered the building. Most parents who have a message can do this via the new Office Reception area.

At the end of the day please wait until the majority of children have left the class teacher before trying to speak to them. If

you have to rush to collect a junior child then why not go to the office and ask to book an appointment with the class teacher. The class teacher's priority is to ensure all children are safely in the care of the people picking them up.



Supporting pupils in schools with medical conditions

Cheam Park Farm Infants School wishes to ensure that pupils with medical conditions receive appropriate care and support at school. This policy has been developed in line with the Department for Education's guidance released in April 2014 – "Supporting pupils at school with medical conditions".

In line with guidance we have updated some of our procedures. Governors are currently ensuring our practice is in line with our policy.

Parents can support us in some areas.

Please ensure all asthma inhalers and EpiPens are in date.

When a child is prescribed medication such as antibiotics ask the GP for one that can be taken three times a day – before school, after school and before bed.

Family Support Worker

Our new family support worker, Hannah Leverick, can be contacted on Tel: 0208 436 1717

Email: hannah.leverick@sutton.gov.uk

She will be running weekly drop in sessions on Tuesday afternoons between 1.30 and 3.00pm. These are individual appointments in school where you can discuss any issue you have concerning your child. These may include bed wetting, behaviour and eating. Please contact Hannah

directly or talk to the Office staff to book an appointment.

On Tuesday 21st October

Hannah has organised a group coffee afternoon for any parent to attend. Parents can raise issues within the group and share ideas together. If anyone would like a more in-depth meeting individual meeting this can also be arranged. In the past parents have found this service very useful and have learnt new strategies to deal with children's behaviour.

Marking Policy

For your information we have been reviewing our marking policy. You will see green, red and yellow stickers in your child's books. These have been placed by both the child and the teacher. They indicate whether the child has understood the concept or not and whether the teacher agrees with this.

Green – I can do this

Yellow – I'm getting there

Red – I need help

Teachers are then following this up with further support where necessary.

We have also introduced 'Two stars and a wish'. A star represents something the child has remembered in their writing, the wish indicates what they need to remember next time.

Teachers are writing less in the unaided writing books but hope the impact is greater. For every piece of unaided work the teacher will correct two or three appropriate spellings which will be copied correctly by the child at the start of the next session.

We have also included a 'Marking Code' at the front of books to ensure parents understand the information at the end of each piece of work.

Children's Behaviour

At the end of last year and continuing on into this term we have experienced a

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Eco Warriors



The Eco Warriors for this term are
Sapphire: Oliver, Sweta
Indigo: Sienna, Adam
Purple: Albie, Harry W
Orange: Aron, Lou Lou
They will be working together to ensure our school is environmental as possible.



Lost Property

The large green Lost Property bin is already filling up. Do check it regularly for lost uniform, water bottles, skipping ropes etc. Name all equipment and clothing to ensure you are able to retrieve it successfully.



Nursery toys

The nursery has made a plea for cars and action figures to supplement their toy supply. If you can donate any good quality toys your child has grown out of please take them straight to nursery.

PE Bags

We are delighted with the new PE bags which Reception Children have been supplied with. They have much shorter handles and so are easier to carry and hang on the pegs. If anyone was thinking of updating their child's PE bag please do it sooner rather than later.

few incidents where children in Year 1 and Year 2 have used language, play, drawing or writing which we feel is not appropriate for the age of the children in our school. This has included drawings and writing about bullets, guns and knives. On each occasion I have spoken to the child and to the parents of the children involved and have been well supported by both the reaction from the parents and their dealings with the issue. We are uncertain whether this type of play and language has come from the news, films, TV programmes, computer games, family discussions or possibly older siblings. I will continue to contact parents if the need arises and in school there may be occasion to tackle some of these issues sensitively, at a child's level, through circle time and PSHE lessons.



Children in Need

This is a charity we support every year and this year is no exception. On **Friday 14 November** each child may dress up as a hero. Please send in a donation of small change for this event.



Christmas Cards

Every child will be designing a Christmas card in school this year. These have been sent home for you to decide whether to purchase these as manufactured cards. All details are attached to the art work. The PTFA are running this project. Orders should be returned to school by **14th October**.



Tissues

As always at this time of year we make a request for boxes of tissues. Please send in a box with your child. They will be stored in classes and used throughout the term.

Best Wishes
Alison Day.