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## Sutton Road Primary School and Nursery

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## Newsletter

Monday 7th December 2020



We would like to invite all of our children and staff to come to school wearing their Christmas jumpers or their Festive outfits/accessories (Santa Hats, Headbands or Tinsel) or simply wearing the traditional Christmas colours of red or green.

We are asking you to make a donation and all donations will be split between the charity 'Save the Children' and school. The charity's aim is to provide lifesaving supplies and emotional support for children caught up in disasters like floods, famine and wars and campaigning for longterm change to improve children's lives. Please make your donation via Parent mail.

#### **5LB News**

5LB have earned their first reading jar reward! The children have asked for a 'dress up as your favourite character' day. This could be a character from a book, movie, game, TV programme etc. This will take place on **Thursday 10th** 

December so children in 5LB may come to school in their chosen character outfit.



## Download the App!

We have noticed that only 62% of parents/carers are using the Parentmail app.

Did you know that if you use the app you can get messages, forms, accounts for Meals and the shop all in one place? It is so simple and easy to use.

You can download it from the Android app store or the Apple app store. It is free and doesn't take up much memory but it helps us to communicate with you more effectively.

Google Play (Android) Store

Apple (iOS) Store

When we get the app usage to over 90% the office team will draw a name out from all of the registered users and their child will receive a prize!!

## Christmas Events happening in school

Friday 11th December 2020 - Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday 16th December - Christmas Dinner Day

Friday 18th December - Christmas Party Bag Day





### Boccia

In year 6 we have been learning how to play Boccia. We have absolutely loved it. Even though it can be tempting to just throw the ball as hard as possible, we are getting better at being strategic. As you can see, the blue team did an amazing job!







## Winter Reading River

Reading Rivers are texts that 'flow' together based on the theme. Every two weeks there will be a theme and a river - one for KS1/EYFS and one for KS2. The aim of the Reading River is to allow our children to make connections and allow

them to discuss reading. Reading. Reading Rivers on the theme of 'winter' will be discussed in classes over the next 2 weeks. Here are some suggested reads for different key stages. Do you have any favourite 'winter' books?





#### Meet our Mental Health First Aiders

I am Mrs Darwood-Brown and I'm a Teaching Assistant in Year 3. I lead the year 3 Learning Group and I complete lots of different interventions with a variety of children who need my support. Along with Mrs Fearn, I am the schools Mental Health First Aider.

To me, well-being is all about being happy and healthy and not letting my surroundings and the people around me have a negative effect on that. A person's well-being, whether that is their emotional or physical well-being is extremely important and should be considered without question. It is about wanting to thrive and to not just exist. If a person is aware of what effects their well-being, they can put strategies in place to ensure they can deal with life's challenges and so have a happier, healthier, more fulfilled life.

Hello, my name is Mrs Fearn and I am the Deputy Inclusion Leader at Sutton Road. As part of this role, I support lots of children with interventions around their emotional wellbeing and I am one of the school's Mental Health First Aiders.

When I think about wellbeing, I think about an analogy I heard once: You are holding a cup of coffee when someone comes along and bumps into you or shakes your arm, making you spill your coffee everywhere. Why did you spill the coffee? "Well because someone

your coffee everywhere. Why did you spill the coffee? "Well because someone bumped into me, of course!" Wrong answer. You spilled the coffee because there was coffee in your cup. Had there been tea in the cup, you would have spilled tea. \*Whatever is inside the cup, is what will spill out.\* Therefore, when life comes along and shakes you (which WILL happen), whatever is inside you will come out. It's easy to fake it, until you get rattled. \*So we have to ask ourselves... "what's in my cup?" When life gets tough, what spills over? Joy, gratefulness, peace and humility? Or anger, bitterness, harsh words and reactions?

For me looking after my wellbeing is being aware of what helps me when my cup is filling up with negativity. It's also about choosing what has an impact on you and seeing the positivity where possible (which isn't always easy).

When looking after others, I think it's the little things that makes the biggest difference, noticing people, making a cup of tea or sharing a smile. Together we can help each other to stay well.





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### Diary Dates

Friday 11th December 2020 - Christmas Dress up day.

Wednesday 16th December 2020 - Christmas Dinner Day

Friday 18th December 2020 - Christmas Party Bag Lunch Day

Monday 21st December 2020 - First Day of Christmas holidays

Monday 4th January 2021 - First day back at school

Monday 15th February 2021 - First day of February Half Term

Monday 22nd February 2021 - First Day back at school

Tuesday 23rd February 2021 - Individual photo day

Monday 24th May 2021 - Class photo day

#### Mental Health First Aider

Hi, I am Miss Beecroft and I am a teaching assistant in year 5. I have recently completed Mental Health First Aid courses for both adults and

children. My role within school is to build positive relationships, encourage good physical health, develop coping strategies and resilience and create an environment that promotes well-being.

I wanted to become a Mental Health First Aider to help and support those I work closely with. I hope to achieve this by raising awareness and offering support to anyone who needs it by listening to the individual and suggesting activities or strategies to promote well-being.

Well-being to me means being happy and healthy.

I feel mental health is as important as physical health, especially at the moment with all the challenges that we are having to cope with. Now, more than ever, it is important to keep talking and looking out for one another.



# Be Kind Advent Calendar

1<sup>st</sup> Tidy your bedroom without being asked. 2nd

Donate some of your old toys to a charity shop.

3rd

Leave a dish of water out for the birds and animals. 4<sup>th</sup>

Ask your teacher if you can sharpen the crayons for them. 5th

Donate some food to your local food bank (check their requirements first). Make your bed every day without being asked.

7<sup>th</sup>

Make some biscuits to deliver to your friends.

8<sup>th</sup>

Make a care package for a friend or family member. 9th

Let a friend know you appreciate them 10th

Hold the door open for someone.

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Offer to help an elderly relative with their Christmas decorations. 12<sup>th</sup>

Smile at everyone you meet today.

13<sup>th</sup>

Try to be kind to your siblings. 14th

Donate items to your local animal shelter (check their requirements first). 15<sup>th</sup>

Leave a happy note for someone to find.

16th

Feed the birds in your garden or local park. 17th

Tell someone a silly joke to make them smile. 18<sup>th</sup>

Offer to help out with a household chore.

19th

Leave a treat for your post delivery person. 20<sup>th</sup>

Post a thank you card to your local police, fire or ambulance station. 21st

Write a thank you note to a teacher or someone who has helped you recently. 22<sup>nd</sup>

Help with dinner preparations by setting the table vithout being asked 23<sup>rd</sup>

Phone a relative for a chat.

24th

Let your parents/carers have a lie-in and read a book in bed until they are awake.



