

# NEWSLETTER

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## Dates for your Diary



Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> January  
**YR / Y6 Height & Weight  
Checks - Sutton School  
Nursing Team**

17<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> February  
**HALF TERM**

Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> February  
Pupils return to school -  
9.05am

[Our Playground Appeal](#)  
["Play Paves the Way"](#)  
[currently stands at £532](#)

£5,000
£4,500
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## A Message from Sandy

I start by wishing you all a very Happy New Year. A new decade always call for reflection - many of us look back at the last ten years and the memories they hold, some are joyous, some are sad, but all form part of our life's journey.

Who knows what the "20s" will bring - only time will tell; but one thing you can be sure about is that here at The Link, we will continue to strive to provide the best for the whole school community.

With that in mind, we will shortly be announcing dates for our Spring Term Diary. These will include parent workshops, parent support groups and our ever popular Mother's Day celebration.

With the pupils in mind, our Playground Fundraising Appeal - **"Play Paves the Way"** will now commence in earnest. Play is so important to the growth of children. Many adults often think of time in the playground as being a relief from serious learning, but for children, play **IS** serious learning. Our current playground, although adequate is not as exciting and inventive as it could be. The pupils have been asking for new equipment for some time, but unfortunately the school budget cannot fund all of this.

Our aim is to raise £5,000! A huge amount, I know, but not impossible. Already we have received donations to kick start our appeal and we would like to thank Olif Ltd, The Plough Pub and Mr. and Mrs. Downs (Ben in Acorn's grandparents) for starting our drive with a bang!

*Sandy*

## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT THE LINK?

Both pupils and staff have returned happy and keen to start a new term.

Some of the classes will start a new topic (details of which will be sent out to all parents shortly) and as part of our Linked Curriculum, they bring with them a wonderful learning journey, allowing our pupils the opportunity to engage, explore, discover, investigate and question.

Your support is always appreciated and any encouragement you can give your child is so important.

Our After School Clubs will be running again this term. Although Cookery Club is full, we now have a couple of places available in our Dance & Film Club. This takes place on Thursdays - 3.45pm - 4.45pm and is led by Rania, our Dance Teacher from the Dani Grant School of Dance. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Sue in the office.

What a lovely surprise we had at end of term when Ben (who left us last year to move onto The Link Secondary School) paid a visit with his Mum to present us with a beautiful mosaic plaque, handmade by Sue (his Mum) to be placed next to the tree our leavers bought for us. Now we have two lasting

reminders of the 'Class of 2019' in our playground.



We also took the opportunity of presenting Ben with the money we raised last year for "Get on Downs" during our Rock your Socks fundraiser.



With their new charity bank account established, "Get on Downs" were very grateful for our donation and sent their thanks to everyone who contributed.



## WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND AND ABOUT?

Palace for Life (Crystal Palace FC) are running free cookery and nutrition sessions in Thornton Heath. The programme has sessions on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> January for families where you can learn how to make cheap, easy and nutritious meals for your family using ingredients you have at home. Taking place at The Salvation Army Hall, 66 High Street, CR7 8LF, should you be interested contact Beth on 07702 550881 or via email on [Bethanytowle@palaceforlife.org](mailto:Bethanytowle@palaceforlife.org) All who attend receive a slow cooker too!

Sutton Dyslexia Association are hold a drop-in session at Oaks Park Café, SM7 3BA on Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> February at 9.45am. The session aim to give parents of children with dyslexia an opportunity to find out

more about the condition and how you can help your child.

## AND FINALLY .....

A reminder that Sue Denman runs a 'Special Moments' assembly every Monday. We take this time to celebrate any special thing the pupils have done at home - it could be as simply as eating their carrots, helping with the washing up or going to bed on time. Please don't be afraid to use the special moments stickers that were sent home with each child - every achievement should be celebrated.

If you would like a further sheet of stickers sent home, please contact Sue or Kathy in the office - or even write their moment in the contact book.

We would like to draw your attention to the fact that one of our younger pupils has contracted chicken pox. Please be vigilant and should your child develop a rash or any spots which look like small insect bites, consult your GP.