

NEWSLETTER

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Dates for your Diary

Monday, 19th July 2021
Secondary School Leavers'
Ceremony and BBQ

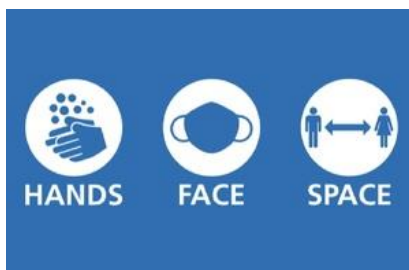
Wednesday, 21st July 2021
END OF TERM - EARLY
CLOSURE FOR PUPILS

Thursday, 22nd July 2021
STAFF INSET DAY

2021/22 ACADEMIC YEAR

Wednesday, 1st September 2021
STAFF INSET DAY

Thursday, 2nd September 2021
PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL



A Message from Sandy

Sadly, as you all know, due to the current climate, we are unable to hold our annual Link Association Summer Fair this year, but this week saw the first of the fundraising alternatives being held instead - our sponsored "Walk for Friendship".

What a lovely event it was. Very well organised and much enjoyed by all.

Those parents who came along to support their child, enjoyed cheering them on, whilst also having the opportunity to mix with other parents and being able to have a chat, something that has been missed within the school environment this year.

Our young learners too all enjoyed the event, proud of their achievement; equally proud of their medal and all were keen to tell everyone that they were raising money for our new playgrounds.

My thanks go to Claire Hartland, Sharon Wilson and Sally Dearsley for their organisational skills and to everyone who sponsored this event.

Have a lovely weekend.

Sandy

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT THE PRIMARY SCHOOL THIS WEEK?

Everyone wholeheartedly agrees with Sandy and felt that the Link Association "Walk for Friendship" was a huge success.

Being able to get out into the open, mix with others and exercise just makes everyone feel so much better.

Exercise, laughter and play are three things that help to raise endorphin levels and it was certainly evident when everyone returned to school after their "Walk for Friendship".

We thought we would share a few images with you that just sums up the atmosphere to the event.



This image will stay forever in our minds and epitomizes the kindness and friendship across the school



Maple and Hazel Classes in particular proved to be very energised and happy, enjoying an impromptu race, after being awarded their medals.



Pine Class proudly showing off their medals. Following the walk, they enjoyed time in the park with all their Mums and the Pine Teaching Team.

A wonderful opportunity for everyone to meet and get to know each other that little bit better.





Meanwhile, during a social skills walk as part of his class topic on buildings and homes; Reiss sits and observes the trains and contemplates how wonderful it would be to be a train driver.

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT THE SECONDARY SCHOOL THIS WEEK?

Once again this week, Sandy had to award lots of chocolate treats.

Students

Alfie H - Johnson - Success and Positivity. Alfie showed maturity when out in the community - acting appropriately and sensibly when a problem occurred. We are very proud of him.

Thomas B - Johnson - Success and Courage. Thomas displayed independence by ordering a coffee when out in the community and paying for it himself.

Kenisha - Tomlin - Resilience. Although it has been her first week back since undergoing surgery, Kenisha attended the

sponsored walk on Tuesday and the Art trip this week and all with a smile on her face.

Also the whole of **Tomlin class** were nominated this week for their **kindness** to Kenisha, thinking about her needs and helping her to carry equipment around the school during transitions.

Staff

Lilian - success and kindness - a lovely calm colleague - she is always on top of everything she needs to do to help the students in class. She led the transition trip to Orchard Hill College for students, which was very successful because of her excellent planning.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND AND ABOUT?

Free Parenting Programmes

Free online parenting programmes are now available for anyone in Sutton to access.

The Solihull Approach offers a series of parenting programmes for all parents-to-be, parents, grandparents or carers of any child from the antenatal period to age 18 years, with the aim of providing a safe space for parents

and carers to feel more confident in their approach to parenting.

If any professional wants a virtual introduction to this please contact megan.pitt@sutton.gov.uk

The courses cover different periods throughout a child's life and are suitable for all parents and carers, including those whose children have additional needs, i.e. ADHD or ASD.

The courses are available to complete online, are available in 108 languages and are free for all Sutton residents.

Register at www.inourplace.co.uk and apply the access code: TREE

To return to the course(s) go to www.inourplace.co.uk and sign in.

For technical support, contact solihull.approach@heartofengland.nhs.uk or call 0121 296 4448 Mon-Fri 9am-5pm

As you may all be aware, there is currently a review of EHCPs in Sutton. There is an attempt to reduce the amount of therapy provision included in children and young peoples' plans.

Sutton Parents may well like to find out more and can do so by connecting to this support service:

[Sutton Parents Carers Forum \(SPCF\) | Impartial and Independent Advice & Support | Sutton Council](#)

Sutton Scene have launched an online video game called NewsFlash! Aimed at 8-12 year olds, it raises awareness about misinformation. Teachers from Stanley Park Junior School and Glenthorne High School participated in focus groups and two of the characters - Newsie and Pumpking were designed by Stanley Park Students.

To take a look, head to: <https://www.newsflashgame.org/>

AND FINALLY

Wednesday, 23rd June was National 'Thank a Teacher' day and we close by doing just that - sending a big thank you to all our Link Teachers,

