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*With friendship, trust and kindness, we fly!*

## April 2024 Newsletter

### Message from the Executive Head

Dear Families

I had the absolute pleasure of showing Richard Cranmer, our Trust CEO, around our schools last Wednesday. He was absolutely blown away. He wrote me a lovely email and stated the following as things that really stood out to him:

- The warm and professional welcomes from the school offices.
- The behaviour of the children- they looked smart and proud. In every classroom and space, they were engaging well with their learning.
- Teachers and support staff were enthusiastic about their work and very happy to explain what they were doing.
- The Forest School is an absolute jewel in your crown. Something the Trust will be keen to promote and celebrate.
- All buildings looked well-maintained, nicely decorated, super displays and very well organised.
- Well-resourced and welcoming libraries in every school.
- The leaders that you have- very impressive professionals who gave a very good first impression.
- The flexibility of staff to work across the schools in the Federation. A very unique and special model that ensures that the highest quality education can be given at all times.

I could not have been prouder, looking outside in gave me a good reminder of how special we are. A big thank you to everyone in the community for making them this way.

*Kind Regards*

*Natalie Butcher*

*Executive Head*

*The Swallowtail Federation*

## Message from Mrs Holmes

Dear families,

I trust you had a lovely Easter break, I have been hearing all about beach trips, shopping and picnics. The children have come back full of energy and ready to tackle the term ahead.

After only two weeks of being back, we have already achieved a great deal. Grasshoppers and Bumblebees have been on a 3k virtual walk around Bury St. Edmunds in history and begun planning and writing a non-chronological report about plants. They have also begun to research what plants need to help them grow and stay healthy.

During structured story time, Caterpillars and Butterflies have been reading Luna Loves Art; they are enjoying looking at different artists to go along with this. Caterpillars have used the ten frames in maths and Butterflies are working with teen numbers.

On Wednesday, Mrs. Pell was super impressed with all the children as they had their first fire of the year. They were all extremely careful and showed great consideration to each other and the rules around having a fire. She is looking forward to the next one.

You would have noticed our lovely new sign on the front gate, we are excited to begin our journey with St. Benet's Academy and have already been lucky enough to have two visits from different members of the trust. Our children showed what a fantastic bunch they are. Grasshoppers excitedly told the CEO, Richard Cranmer, that my favourite colour is purple!

Next Monday (29th April), we will be holding our next FOSIS meeting at 14.30. This will be to discuss upcoming events for the Summer term, at the moment we only have two or three active members of the FOSIS team which means we may have to cancel some events as it is too much for a small group to be able to organise. We have always prided ourselves on the extra things we do and experiences we can give our children but without support from parents this will not be able to continue. At present, the FOSIS members that we have are all year 2 parents and the majority of these will be moving on from our school in July. If you are interested in joining the FOSIS team, please contact the school office or speak to myself or Mrs. Turton.

*Sabrina Holmes*

*Senior teacher; Sutton CE VC Infant Academy  
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## This Month's Curriculum Focus – Design and Technology

The aim of our CUSP DT curriculum is to ensure that pupils are equipped to successfully think, work and communicate like a designer. Our curriculum is ambitious and focuses on excellence in this subject through a range of disciplines and by referencing outstanding practitioners in this field. The intention is that the pupils are inspired and acquire knowledge as designers and technologists and enables them to skilfully apply their understanding.

Our CUSP Design and Technology curriculum at Swallowtail is organised into blocks with each block covering a particular set of disciplines, including: food and nutrition mechanisms, structures, systems, electrical systems, understanding materials and textiles.

Vertical progression in each discipline has been deliberately woven into the curriculum so that pupils revisit key disciplines throughout their Primary journey at increasing degrees of challenge and complexity.

Central to the learning modules are activities designed to develop pupils' oracy and vocabulary skills to enable them to use the language associated with design and technology meaningfully when talking about their work and the work of others.

In addition to the core knowledge required to be successful within each discipline, the curriculum outlines key aspects of development in the **Working as a Designer** section. Each module will focus on promoting different aspects of these competencies.

<b>Working as a Designer</b>			
<b>Design</b>	<b>Make</b>	<b>Evaluate</b>	<b>Apply</b>
The art or process of deciding how something will look or work.	Create something by combining materials or putting parts together.	Form an opinion of the value or quality of something after careful thought.	Use something or make something work in a particular situation.

The CUSP Design and Technology curriculum delivers an expertly written and ambitious curriculum that the pupils within our Swallowtail Federation thoroughly enjoy.

Mrs Smithson (DT lead)

### **Safeguarding**

Some links for e-safety:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/digital/5-a-day/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

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Facebook page – Search for Sutton CEVC Infant School



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## Sutton News

- Cake raffle- We are now able to take money for cake raffle only. The cake raffle raises so much funds for our school so we hope you can continue supporting this. Children can bring in £1.00 every Friday to enter their name in the cake raffle draw. We are always looking for cake donations and greatly appreciate these; Mrs Holmes will be on the playground next Monday looking for families to put their names on the list.
- We have a large amount of lost property in school, which can be found in the school reception. We have noticed a number of plastic Tupperware's from lunch boxes also in lost property.
- We now have a good number of children taking part in the Dance Showdown taking place in July; we can still accept children until the first practice session with the tutor. If this is of interest to you please contact the school office.
- Miss Coleman is in the office every day between 8.45am-1.00pm. If you need to contact the school after this time please leave a message on the school answer machine which is checked before the children are collected. If you have a non-urgent request please email the school office on [office@sutton.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:office@sutton.norfolk.sch.uk) and Miss Coleman will respond the next day.
- The census special lunch is on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May; please ensure you have added your child's preference onto Pupil Asset by Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May. These are ordered in advance the following day, if your child has no entry they will need to come to school with a pack lunch from home.
- To ensure we keep our children safe can we please ask families not to park in the staff car park or directly outside the school gate when dropping off and collecting your children.
- May pre-school invoices are due to be paid for by Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May, these can be paid for via Pupil Asset.

### Diary Dates (all subject to change) summer term:

- 8<sup>th</sup> May- Forest School stay and play session 9.30-11.00am.
- 17<sup>th</sup> May- Bingo night from 6.00pm-8.00pm. More information to follow.
- 14<sup>th</sup> June- Father's Day Worship from 8.50am.
- 19<sup>th</sup> June- Class and leaver's school photos from 9.00am.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> June- Summer Fayre. More information to follow.
- 24<sup>th</sup> June- Children sharing their work.
- 26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>- KS1 Parent consultations.
- 2<sup>ND</sup> July- Early Years Stay and Play session. 9.30-11.00am.
- 4<sup>th</sup> July- Dance Showdown. More information to follow.
- 5<sup>th</sup> July- Wheels night 5.30pm-7.30pm. More information to follow.
- 10<sup>th</sup> July- Sports day at 1.30pm.
- 12<sup>th</sup> July- Year 2 leaver's night. More information to follow.
- 17<sup>th</sup> July- Reserve Sports day (if 10<sup>th</sup> cancelled due to weather).
- 18<sup>th</sup> July- Leavers service at school at 1.30pm.
- 19<sup>th</sup> July- End of year church service at 1.30pm.