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## May 2024 Newsletter

### Message from the Executive Head

Dear families

I can't quite believe we are moving into the final half term of this academic year. Time really does fly when you are having fun!

The next half term promises to be a busy one, with lots of extra-curricular events and opportunities for parents to join us in school.

I look forward to sharing in these experiences with you and the children and hope the weather continues to be kind to us so we can make the most of our wonderful outdoor spaces!

*Kind Regards*

*Natalie Butcher  
Executive Head, The Swallowtail Federation*

### Message from Mrs Holmes

Dear families,

I cannot believe we are coming into our final half term of this year, it really has flown by.

We have had a super half term and next half will be no different apart from all the activities that we have planned.

Please make sure you look at the dates on the newsletter as there are many things happening and the second half of the summer term is always very busy. Our first event will be on 14th June, which will be our first bingo night. You will be able to book this on Pupil Asset very soon.

May I please remind you that all children need to attend school in their uniforms each day, they have time to change into their PE and Forest School clothes on these days.

I hope you all have a great week and look forward to seeing you on Monday 3rd June.

*Sabrina Holmes  
Senior teacher; Sutton CE Infant Academy  
R.E and Collective Worship Lead Teacher*

## Sutton News

- Wings ceremony- Pre-school children moving into Reception class in September 2024 will be having a special ceremony to celebrate their time at pre-school; all families with children moving from pre-school to Reception are welcome to attend. The event is on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July at 2.30pm.
- Sun cream and Hats- As the weather is warming can all children bring in a named bottle of sun cream (to be left at school) so they can re-apply this before lunchtime. Children need to also bring in a named sunhat daily and have sun cream applied to them before they attend school each morning.
- Father's day messages from the children will be available to view in the EDP on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June.
- For sports day on Wednesday the 10<sup>th</sup> July we have decided to have a special lunch, Feast on the Field will consist of breaded chicken or plant balls in a wrap with lettuce, mayo served with potato wedges and crunchy veg sticks, with an iced bun for pudding. Packed lunches and Jacket potatoes will **NOT** be available to order that day. Please ensure you add your lunch option by **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July**, as we need to pre-order all lunches in advance; please select either special lunch or vegetarian special lunch.
- We still have spaces available for our drama club on Thursdays after half term. If you would like a space for your child, please book by **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May** for the whole half term.
- Please ensure you book on breakfast club the Friday before the sessions you would like your child to attend, as this is when we look at staffing for this. If for any reason, you need to book after this point please email the school office so we can check staff are in on the day. Can breakfast club be booked no later than Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May for w/c 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024.
- Bingo- We are excited to announce the new date for our Bingo evening is **Friday 14th June, 6 – 8pm**. There will be six games of bingo and nibbles. Tickets cost are £5 per person, and information will follow shortly on how to book your ticket. We have an ice-cream van coming to visit the event between 6.45pm and 7.15pm. You are welcome to bring drinks from home but we will also be selling them at the event.
- Pre-school fee's for June 2024 need to be paid for by Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May.

### 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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Website: [www.swallowtailfederation.co.uk](http://www.swallowtailfederation.co.uk)

Facebook page – Search for Sutton CEVC Infant School



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## This Month's Curriculum Focus – Maths

At Swallowtail we continue to observe the White Rose Maths curriculum which follows carefully sequenced small steps to ensure the children have a secure understanding and firm foundation upon which they can build and develop their mathematical knowledge.

Our maths teaching applies a concrete, pictorial and abstract approach which is a system that adopts the use of physical and visual aids to develop the children's understanding of abstract topics. This allows children to access our maths teaching and provide them with a range of strategies to support them with their problem solving. Having the ability to 'see' the maths in action provides children with the opportunity to reflect on how numbers work.

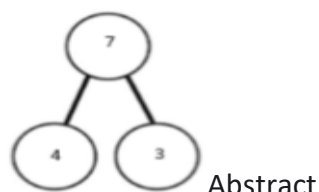
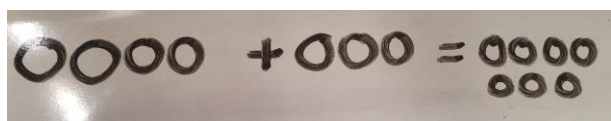
Introduction to new concepts align the use of concrete resources, such as counters, pieces of fruit, Numicon, with its pictorial representation and its abstract form, albeit numbers or symbols.

Building these steps across a lesson, or sequence of lessons, can help pupils better understand the relationship between numbers and the real world, and therefore helps secure their understanding of the mathematical concept they are learning.

Concrete



Pictorial



Mrs Gilbert

Maths Subject Leader

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

Please note there has been some changes to times of events from the last newsletter.

7<sup>th</sup> June- Frozen Fridays will start, ice creams will be available to purchase every Friday at the end of the school day, and Year 2 school council is running this.

Week beginning 10<sup>th</sup> June. Phonics screening check for all year 1 and year 2 children re-taking.

14<sup>th</sup> June- Father's Day Worship from 8.50am. Everyone is welcome to attend.

14<sup>th</sup> June- Bingo night at school, 6.00pm-8.00pm. £5.00 per person.

19<sup>th</sup> June- Class and leaver's school photos from 9.00am.

19<sup>th</sup> June- Dental check for children in Reception/YR 1. Letter has been sent to families.

21<sup>st</sup> June- Federation day at Sutton Infant Academy, pre-school children will be spending the day at Catfield Primary. More information to follow.

24<sup>th</sup> June- KS1 Children sharing their work.

26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>- KS1 Parent consultations. These will be booked via Pupil Asset. Will go live on Pupil Asset from Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June.

1<sup>st</sup>- EYFS reports sent to families.

2<sup>ND</sup> July- Early Years Stay and Play session. 9.30-11.00am.

2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> July- YR2 transition days at Catfield Primary.

2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> July- YR2 transition days at Stalham Primary Academy.

4<sup>th</sup> July- Dance Showdown.

5<sup>th</sup> July- KS1 school trip to Hickling Broads. More information to follow.

5<sup>th</sup> July- Wheels night 5.30pm-7.30pm. £3.00 per child, to book your tickets please email the office and we can add the fee to your Pupil Asset account. We are unable to secure hot food for the event so everyone is welcome to bring along a picnic. Drinks and an ice cream will also be available during the evening.

9<sup>th</sup> July- YR2 leavers trip to Bewilderwood. More information to follow.

10<sup>th</sup> July- Sports day and summer fayre from 10.30am-12.00pm, followed by our special Feast on the Field lunch, parents and carers are welcome to stay with their children during lunchtime. Grasshoppers will be holding different games for you to take part in.

11<sup>th</sup> July- Caterpillar's (pre-school) will be holding their Wings ceremony for children who will be going to reception class in September, all families of children involved welcome to attend from 2.30pm.

12<sup>th</sup> July- EYFS class trip to Dinosaur Park. Please ensure you have returned your completed consent form.

12<sup>th</sup> July- Year 2 leaver's night. 6.30pm-9.00pm, 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>- Year 2 leavers breakfast from 8.00am, more information to follow.

18<sup>th</sup> July- Leavers service at school at 1.30pm.

19<sup>th</sup> July- End of year church service at 9.30am.