



# SUTTON-UPON-DERWENT C.E. SCHOOL

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**“To foster a love of learning through environment, encouragement and endeavour”.**

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Dear Parents,

## **Safeguarding**

Our staff have recently undertaken e-safety training. This training tackled the many issues around internet safety. Having spoken to the Year 5 and 6 pupils, it has become clear that both children and their parents need to be made more aware of some of the dangers posed by the internet. We have many children in our upper school using applications and sites such as MSN, Bebo, Facebook and Windows Messenger. Several children have already admitted to having communication with people who they don't actually know.

Online gaming is also an issue as children are competing with people who once again, they don't actually know. I am concerned about the dangers posed by the internet and would like to provide an 'E-Safety Session' for parents. I urge as many of you as possible to attend, even if your child(ren) are still very young. My staff and I were shocked by our e-safety training and want to ensure parents are clear about the issues surrounding safeguarding. I have provided a slip at the end of this newsletter for you to identify the best time for an awareness session so that I can ensure more people attend.

## **Reading**

I am also rather concerned about how often children are reading at home. We have a super team of volunteers working with your children to support their reading, known as our STARS. However, it **is vital** that parents also support reading at home. **Ten to fifteen minutes each day** has a huge impact on your child's ability to read and therefore benefits learning right across the curriculum. Reading records serve as a good communication link between school and home; unfortunately in some instances reading records haven't been commented in for a full calendar month or even more. We are doing our very best in school to ensure books are changed as frequently as possible, please help us to support your children by providing that valuable fifteen minutes or so each day.

## **Friends of the School**

As I mentioned in a previous newsletter, this valuable part of our school has, in the past, raised a great deal of money for the school. Unfortunately it has been inactive for a while now. The meeting we held for new members failed to attract any new interest and I was terribly disappointed. The forthcoming residential trip, along with other school activities, has been heavily subsidised by the friends, enabling visits to become more accessible to many families. However, without the 'Friends' operating, such trips will no longer be able to run.

We are trying to raise money for new laptops in school but without the 'Friends', we simply won't be able to provide the children with the technology they deserve. If you would like to become involved with 'Friends of the School', please complete the attached slip so that we can provide you with more information. It would be a great shame for the 'Friends of the School' to disappear, taking with it many opportunities from your children.



## Collections

We are collecting many items at the moment...

- Old CDs (For our developing garden);
- Plastic pop bottles (2 litre);
- Plastic bottle tops;
- Old socks and tights (for use in the Infants when children need a spare set);
- Supermarket vouchers – Sainsbury's & Nestle Box Tops.

## Dates for your diary:

Parents Evenings	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> April Y1/2 & Y5/6 18.00-20.00 Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April All years 16.00 onwards
Party in the Playground	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> May
Reports Issued	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> July

Best Wishes,



Mr. S. A. Woodhouse  
Headteacher

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I would like further information about 'Friends of the School'.

Name

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I would like to attend a 1 hour E-Safety Session and the best day and time would be :  
***(Please tick all that apply and I will endeavour to choose the best for as many people as possible)***

Monday	15.45 <input type="checkbox"/>	18.30 <input type="checkbox"/>
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Saturday	10.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	13.00 <input type="checkbox"/>