



# Guiden Sutton Church of England Primary School

*Love and Justice for All*

9<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Dear Parent,

The summer holidays seem like a distant memory!

The children have settled back to school beautifully and most of those first day butterflies have now flown away! A huge welcome to our new Reception class who have made us all very proud... their Year 6 Buddies are doing a great job leading them along the right path!

We are all very excited to see what 2022 – 2023 has to bring!



♥ Our condolences are with the Royal family at this sad time. We will remember Queen Elizabeth II for her service and devotion to the nation and the Commonwealth. ♥🇬🇧

Year 4 are looking forward to their Kingswood residential next week. Some might feel a bit 'wobbly' as they will be stepping out of their comfort zone, but we will work together as a team to support and encourage each other, every step of the way. There won't be a Headteachers's newsletter next week as I will be away with the children.

Don't forget you can use the school **Facebook** page to keep up-to-date with what goes on in school on a daily/weekly basis. This can be found at the bottom of the school website, under the **Live School Calendar**, which is constantly updated.

**Mrs. Caroline Cawley** (Year 2) is our new **Assistant Headteacher**. If I am out of school or unavailable, please ask to speak to her.

We also **welcome** Mrs. Croft (Year 3 Teaching Assistant), Mrs. Lewis (who will be covering Mrs. Mullen's maternity leave in Year 1 after October half term) and Mrs. Gibson-Phillips who will be teaching Year 6 for the Autumn Term.



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Thank you for making the time to complete the **communication survey** at the end of last term: your feedback is invaluable. **Your child's BLOG will now be emailed out to you on a Friday afternoon.**

**School Spider** has also answered some of your questions/comments and we are now waiting on further tweaks and upgrades to make the communication and payment methods more streamline:

## **Payments not working**

- Ensure you have strong WiFi/4G/5G signal
- Ensure you have the most up to date version of the app
- Ensure your phone operating system is up to date

## **No record of payments**

All orders can be found in the menu > parent profile > previous orders.  
Parents also receive email receipts with their orders.

## **Payment Details**

We do not currently store card details, but this is something we are looking into. We are also looking to introduce Apple and Google Pay in the near future.

## **Messages**

We do not have the option to delete messages. Our research showed that parents preferred to have a record of all messages received. If a parent reads a message, the notification will no longer show.

## **Logging In**

The app does keep parents logged in. For example, I have been logged in since April 2021.  
The only times a parent would need to log back in is if they had logged out, if the school had updated PR or priority settings in the MIS, or if the parent had deleted and reinstalled the app.



**Artsmark  
Silver Award**  
Awarded by Arts  
Council England

*Over the past few years, Mrs. Williams has been working tirelessly to achieve the Artsmark Award, accredited by Arts Council England. At Guiden Sutton, we aim to teach a broad and balanced curriculum and the award is acknowledgement of the fact that we recognise children need the opportunity to experience the richness of the arts. This week we received the excellent news that we have been successful and have been awarded our Silver Artsmark Award.*

*"Being an Artsmark school demonstrates that through offering a broad, balanced and creative curriculum, young people have the opportunity to develop character and talent and increase their knowledge, curiosity and skills that will remain with them as they go through adult life."*



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The silver level award celebrates the schools' ongoing commitment to arts and cultural education, and the opportunities emerging across the whole setting. It also celebrates that, at Guiden Sutton, young people are offered equal opportunities to participate in a broad range of arts; that the school recognises the importance of development opportunities for staff; understands the value of working with arts and cultural organisations; and that pupils, in addition to being able to develop skills and knowledge, are also confident and have self-belief.

[Kings School](#) Open Day is on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October.

[Youth Theatre - Storyhouse](#) has places available.

Please see attached flyer for [Guiden Sutton 10km and Fun Run](#).





The people of the Ukraine continue to be in our thoughts and prayers as we welcome those families who have found a safe home in Guiden Sutton Village.

Please click on the link to visit [St John's Church website](#).

**PLEASE** contact the school office if you have any spare time to come and help Mr. Davis with some weeding and tidying up outside.

### Save the Date:




As parents and grandparents will now have the opportunity to visit classrooms more regularly during 'Call in...' sessions, visiting your child's classroom after prayers will no longer happen.

<b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 9:10am</b>	<b>Year 5 class prayers</b> – please join us in the hall for Collective Worship with Heather Carty. If you would like to bring along any donations for the Foodbank, they will be greatly received.	
<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 5pm – 7pm</b>	<b>Welcome BBQ</b> - (weather permitting) led by The Trustees, more information to follow. All fundraising this year will go towards the installation of new outdoor play equipment for the Trail Way. We need to raise another £5,000!	
<b>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September 9:10am</b>	<b>Year 4 class prayers</b> – please join us in the hall for Collective Worship with Heather Carty. If you would like to bring along any donations for the Foodbank, they will be greatly received.	
<b>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September 6pm</b>	<b>Reading Evening</b> will be held in school. More information to follow.	



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<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October</b> <b>9:10am</b>	<b>Year 3 class prayers</b> – please join us in the hall for Collective Worship with Mrs. Bracewell. If you would like to bring along any donations for the Foodbank, they will be greatly received.	
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October</b> <b>9:10am</b>	<b>Call in Friday</b> – please enter through the main entrance and head straight to your child’s classroom. The Trustees will also be holding another pre-loved uniform sale which proved very successful year. All money raised will go towards the new Trim Trail.	
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October</b> <b>9:10am</b>	<b>Year 2 class prayers</b> – please join us in the hall for Collective Worship with Heather Carty. If you would like to bring along any donations for the Foodbank, they will be greatly received.	
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Harvest</b> – Children are invited to bring in fresh produce, tins and packets of food, that will be displayed and donated to residents of Guiden Sutton, The Foodbank and Chester Aid to the Homeless.	
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October</b> <b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Parents’ Evening</b> – Will be held in school. Booking slots will be available nearer the time.	
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October</b> <b>9:10am</b>	<b>Year 1 class prayers</b> – please join us in the hall for Collective Worship with Heather Carty. If you would like to bring along any donations for the Foodbank, they will be greatly received.	

**Attendance** continues to be above national average (**95%**), so thank you to everyone for making this a priority!

A reminder that the **‘kitchen choice’** when selecting your child/children’s **school dinner** is the same as the **‘main choice’** offered. Please remember to book school dinners on the School Spider App. Also, another polite reminder that a **healthy snack** must be given for break time.

**Mrs. Lloyd** is here to help anyone who needs any support with **School Spider**.

Have a great weekend!

Theresa Rainford