

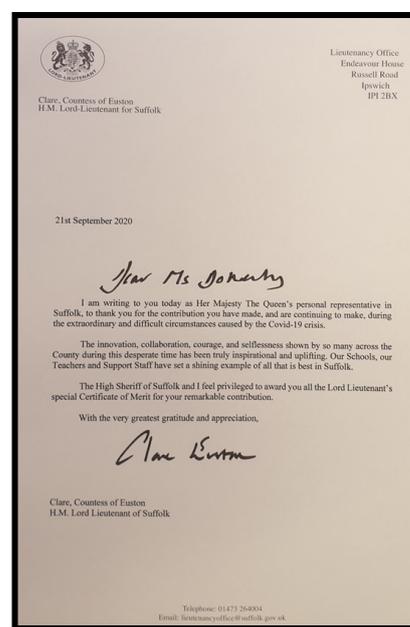
## Weekly Wows

Our wonderful **Year 6** children are already showing us what they can do! They have made phenomenal progress in maths already this year, with some making a 45% point gain in two weeks in their assessments! Well done Team Cougars!



### Staff Recognition

We had a lovely surprise this week when this letter and certificate were delivered to the school. The staff have been awarded a special Certificate of Merit by the Queen's representative in Suffolk, Clare, Countess of Euston, the Lord-Lieutenant of Suffolk for 'innovation, collaboration, courage and selflessness' during the Covid-19 crisis!



### Technology Survey

If you haven't yet completed the survey about what access to devices your child would have if they had to switch to remote learning, please do!

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/MWDFX35>

This will be very important if we are ever in the unfortunate position that we have to close to a bubble or year group. With this information, the aim is that we will be able to quickly loan devices from across our multi-academy trust if this were to happen. Fingers crossed it won't!

This information would also allow us to know if individual families need to borrow devices if they have to self-isolate at any time.

### Miss Page

We were all very excited to hear that Miss Page got engaged during the summer holidays and will be getting married at the end of the year! Unfortunately for us, her husband-to-be is Spanish and they will be setting up home together in Madrid which means she will be leaving us at the end of term. We have started the recruitment process and will let you know as soon as we can about her replacement.



## **Children eligible for free school meals who are self-isolating**

If your child is away from school, self-isolating or school is closed due to Coronavirus-related issues, schools are expected to continue to provide a free school meal. We understand that it is not always easy for families to take up the offer of food from school and experience tells us that parents can find it easier to receive a voucher instead for the value of the food that the Government expects the school to provide, ie £2.34 a day.

In the event of self-isolation or a school being closed, we will arrange to provide a Tesco voucher to families whose children are entitled to a free school meal. If this is not convenient, please do contact us.

*Please note, this relates to children from low-income families who are eligible for free school meals. It does not cover children in Reception to Year 2 who are eligible for free school meals as part of the Government Universal Free School Meals offer.*

## **Safety at Drop-Off and Pick-Up times**

A few nags, I'm afraid, but this stuff is important to keep everyone safe.

Please:

- Use the whole 10 minute slot when you drop off and collect children. Many of you are still over-keen and dropping children off at the beginning of the 10 minute slot! This causes congestion, both at the gate and carpark (which could be dangerous), and when children come into the classrooms and do their hands and put their things away. The Year 6 children who come to school independently have been much better at this since I spoke to them at the beginning of the week. Some of them were waiting at the gate for 20 minutes with their friends!
- Keep to the left on-site and along Church Walk as well, if you can.

Thank you.

## **October PD Day – Holiday Club**

As I shared on Dojo last week, we have arranged for Dellar Sports Coaching to run a holiday club on site on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October to support parents who may be struggling to get childcare. This is open for any of our children and will operate between 8.30am and 5.30pm and will cost £18 per child (sibling discount £15 per sibling), half day (8.30am – 1.00pm or 1.00pm – 5.30pm) £9.00 per child. If you would like your child to join this, please contact Dellar Sports Coaching directly on 07771 567564 or [dellar.sports.coaching@gmail.com](mailto:dellar.sports.coaching@gmail.com)

## **Hello Yellow Day – 9<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

We will be supporting Young Minds by marking [Hello Yellow Day](#) again this year on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2020. Children can come to school in non-uniform, wearing something **yellow** for a £1 donation. They don't have to be in yellow from head to toe, but can just wear one thing that is yellow.



## **Menu Change - Census Day - Thursday 1st October 2020**

In October every year we have a National School Census Day where we complete data about the numbers of children in school and whether they are having a school meal or not. On Census Day, Thursday 1st October 2020 we encourage as many of our KS1 pupils as possible to have a school dinner (Hot or Cold). The figures we submit are used to calculate the money the school is given to fund our universal free school meals. **For each child who has a school meal, the school receives over £400. This has a significant impact on our school budget, especially in these times when budgets are being increasingly squeezed.**

The menu next Thursday is as follows:

Sausage, Chips, Beans and Peas

**Or** Veggie Sausage, Chips, Beans and Peas

**Or** Jacket Potato

**Or** Pick 'n Mix

**Pudding:** Chocolate Muffin

**Photograph orders** - will be collected by Braiswick Photographers on Monday 5th October 2020.

## ***Forthcoming Events***

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| Friday 2nd October 2020    | - | Flu Immunisations           |
| Thursday 22nd October 2020 | - | School closes for half term |
| Friday 23rd October 2020   | - | PD Day - school closed      |