

# Sutton St James CP School

## Weekly Update

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### Reminders:

- ♦ Wednesday 16th May—Jump Rope for Heart
- ♦ Friday 25th May—Open Morning
- ♦ Friday 25th May—Kingsgate performance for Year 5 and 6
- ♦ Friday 8th June—Sports Day and Picnic
- ♦ Friday 15th June—Enterprise morning, Dads invited in, 9-11.30
- ♦ Saturday 16th June—Summer Fair, 12-3pm
- ♦ Tuesday 19th June—Team Building Experience Day
- ♦ Tuesday 26th June - Thursday 28th June—Heron Residential visit to York
- ♦ Thursday 12th July—Optional Parents Evening
- ♦ Friday 13th July—PTA event and BBQ
- ♦ Thursday 19th July—Final Celebration Assembly, 9am
- ♦ Thursday 19th July—Leavers BBQ and PTA Disco, 6.30—8pm
- ♦ Friday 20th July—Leavers Assembly

### 2017/18 Term Dates

Term 4—19th Feb—28th March

Term 5—16th April—25th May

Term 6—4th June—20th Jul

### 2018/19 Term Dates

Term 1—4th Sep—19th Oct 2018

Term 2—30th Oct—20th Dec 2018

Term 3—7th Jan—15th Feb 2019

Term 4—25th Feb—5th Apr 2019

Term 5—23rd Apr—24th May 2019

Term 6—3rd June—19th July 2019



### Dragons and Dinosaurs Invade!

On Monday 16th April the school was invaded by lots of dragons and dinosaurs, all of whom were very well behaved. Lots of the children made a huge effort with their costumes (with the help of their parents), some were bought and others homemade. The children were inspired to be creative when it came to writing their own dinosaur based stories, especially when they were told that it was a competition! Well done and thank you for your support in making this day successful.



### Nigel Blackman Visit

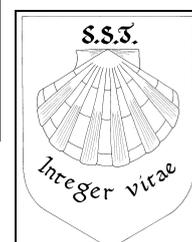
On Thursday 19th April we were very lucky to have a visit from Nigel Blackman the famous author and illustrator of the Secret Dinosaur series of books. Mr Blackman led an assembly in the morning, telling us all about how he had become interested in writing books and how he came up with the ideas for his stories. It was fascinating to learn where his stories had come from and even more amazing to see his illustration skills, including some of his draft sketches for actual books that have been published. Each class also had a session with Mr Blackman learning more from him, and putting their drawing skills to the test!



### Story Competition Winners!

Following our theme day all of the children in school wrote a story about dinosaurs and the adventures that they had. These stories were then judged by class teachers and the winning story from each class sent to Mr Blackman, our visiting author, to read and when he was in school on Thursday he worked with each of the winners to show them how to make their stories even better. The four fantastic authors chosen as winners were Cordi Mansfield, Ella-Grace Freeman, Harvey Parker and Evie Cooper. Each of them received a poster and an illustration drawn by Mr Blackman. Well done to all of the children in school for their fantastic dinosaur inspired stories but especially to the winner from each class. Well done—we are very proud of you and your work.

**Book Swap Day** Following the great success of our book swap day at the end of last term we have decided to make this a regular event. Every Wednesday all children in school will be allowed to bring in an old book from home which they have read and swap it for one of the book swap books at lunchtime. Please could I also remind parents of the book shelf in the conservatory for them. Happy reading!



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