



Sledmere Primary School

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'Stronger Together'*



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Getting It Right!

It is essential that all the information we hold on our children is correct. Your child(ren) has brought a Learner Data Collection Form today. Please do your best to complete the form as accurately and as clearly as possible. It is essential that phone numbers are correct, especially if we might need to contact you in an emergency. If you ever do change your mobile, please let us have your new number as soon as possible. During lockdown we did our best to significantly increase the number of email addresses we hold for our families. We need all our families to have a functional email address. If you need any help in getting set up, please come in and see us. We shall be more than glad to get you connected. We are keen to distribute this weekly newsletter exclusively by email in an attempt to keep down our paper usage and costs.

Census Day on Thursday 1 October

It is essential that your child is in school on Thursday 1 October as it is Census Day. Census Day is the day when the Department for Education collects information about all schools and their pupils, which is then used to calculate funding for the coming financial year. This information includes free school meal eligibility, ethnicity, special educational needs and attendance.

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a Universal Free School Meal and the amount of money we receive to fund this is based purely on the number of children, who take up the offer of the Universal Free School Meal on Census Day. Put simply, the more children who order a meal this Thursday, the more money we generate for our school. This is an opportunity, which we cannot afford to miss.

Our wonderful cook, Tracey, has arranged for a wildlife boxed meal on this day. We shall also be running a Rainbow Art Competition next week. Mrs Hillery will distribute the sheets on Monday and the most creative design will win prizes.

If all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 order a lunch on Thursday, we shall generate significant additional income for school, even if they never order another Universal Free School Meal! So, please support Sledmere by ordering a meal for your child on Census Day. It's free and if your child usually has a packed lunch, you can send that in as normal, so nobody will go hungry. Thank you in advance for your support.

Derek Fance
Head of School

Peter Bravo
Executive Headteacher

Attendance

Please do your best to get your children to school every day unless they are genuinely unwell. Our pupils have missed so much during the period of enforced school closure. It is essential that we work together to help all our children catch up as soon as possible. Individual attendance of less than 90% or ten or more unauthorised sessions (equal to one school week) will result in a referral to the Education Investigation Service, which could result in a Penalty Notice being issued.

Catch It, Bin It, Kill It

We continue to promote the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach, to ensure good respiratory hygiene. We have maintained our increased cleaning regime during the school day to enhance cleaning, including cleaning frequently touched surfaces such as table tops and door handles more often. The children have really impressed us with their attention to handwashing and sanitising. Please feel free to provide your own child with their own small bottle,

Actions You Can Take

- ⇒ Ensure you take responsibility for maintaining social distancing on our school site.
- ⇒ Do not send your child to school if they are showing COVID-19 symptoms or if someone in your household is showing symptoms.
- ⇒ Arrange a test if you or your child develops symptoms and inform us of the results. If the test is positive, follow guidance for households with possible or confirmed COVID-19 infection, and engage with the NHS Test and Trace process.

A Good Start To The Day

Please make the most of our **Active Breakfast Club**. It provides before school childcare from 7.45 am. Our Active Breakfast Club costs £3.00 and offers breakfast and healthy activities in our two halls. Breakfast is cereal, toast, fruit and fruit juice. We are pleased to have a super staff team in the form of Mrs Kelly Washington, Mrs Suki Kaur and Mr Adam Ludlam, so our children attending our Active Breakfast Club childcare work with familiar faces, who know the children well and are able to offer the same high quality provision, which is to be found throughout our school. We do hope that as many of you as possible will make use our Active Breakfast Club this year. If you are interested in using this provision, please email info@sledmere.dudley.sch.uk or pick up a form from our office.

We are currently applying for funding to run free provision for our pupils. We need to prove that there is sufficient demand for this at Sledmere, so good attendance in our Active Breakfast Club provides convincing evidence. Fingers crossed for a successful bid!

For the Attention of all our Nursery Parents: School Places

If you have a child born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017, your son or daughter will be due to start primary school in September 2021, you need to apply for a school place. We would like to remind you:

- Apply online from Thursday 1 October 2020
- Return date for paper application forms - 15 January 2021 by 5pm*
- Return date for online applications - 15 January 2021 by midnight*

You must complete an application form either online or by completing the application form provided by your local authority. We shall be taking to our parents in Nursery about how to apply online and we are more than happy to complete the online application with you on one of our computers in school.

Please do not assume that your child will get a place at a new school without an application, even if you have an older child already attending the same school.

Decisions on places will be emailed or sent by 2nd Class Post to parents on 16 April 2021

*Failure to return your form/apply by this date may affect the outcome of your application.



Many happy returns to all these children, who have celebrated their birthday this week. We wish you all the best for future health, success and happiness! Happy Birthday to ...

Frankie-Jo Bagley Aman Rafi

Dylan Ing Azaan Khan

Laila Batool Luke Skelding

Amelia Madgwick-Turner Bilal Amjad

Farhan Farid Jamie Pirnie

Jokubas Sidlauskas Samuel Wass

Perfect Timing

It has been wonderful to see our Year 4 children and staff back in school today after their 14 days of self-isolation. We do hope that we shall have not any more cases in school. In order to maintain social distancing and keep all our children, families and staff as safe as possible, our classes need to stick to the arranged start and finish times. Thank you in advance for your cooperation. Please remember that our school gates remain locked until 8.30 am. Please do your best to ensure your child arrives at their allocated start time.

		Reception	Year 1	Year 2	
Arrive at 8.40	Leave at 3.00	Belfast Miss Perera	Paris Miss Smith	Budapest Mrs Willis	
Arrive at 8.50	Leave at 3.10	Cardiff Mrs Nunn	Rome Miss Ramzan	Berlin Mrs Haynes	
Arrive at 9.00	Leave at 3.20	Edinburgh Miss Jones	Madrid Miss Abdul	Barcelona Miss Smith	
		Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Arrive at 8.40	Leave at 3.00	Tokyo Miss Aherne	Dubai Mrs Oliver	Chicago Mrs Dowler	Lima Mr Ramsay
Arrive at 8.50	Leave at 3.10	Beijing Mrs Naylor	Abu Dhabi Miss Guise	Toronto Mrs Karam	Brasilia Mr Jones
Arrive at 9.00	Leave at 3.20	Singapore Mr Hyde Mrs Parsons	Doha Mrs Baldwin	Boston Mrs Silcock	Santiago Miss Ware