



Sledmere Primary School



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Dear Parents and Carers,

An eventful week! You will hopefully be aware that we have sent out a letter to all families regarding a number of cases of Covid-19 in one of our Year 6 classes. There have been many discussions over the last few days with both senior members of the LLMAT Central Team and Health Protection Practitioners regarding the enhanced outbreak measures we have taken this week. One of these is that you may well have noticed staff wearing facemasks in and around school. All individuals identified as positive through a PCR test are isolating as per Public Health guidance. Other measures can be found within our Outbreak Management Plan on our website. We continue to follow the direction set by the Department for Education. This direction is that children are better off in school than at home. We have staff that are available to provide remote learning and, where appropriate, this is taking place.

As a result of the above, our Year Group Meetings have been postponed for this half-term. As parents and carers, you will receive a Year Group Newsletter shortly and this will become a feature of our practice in sharing learning taking place in school. This will enable you to support your children at home.

In the next week or so, you will also receive a letter from your children's teacher about **Parent and Carers' Consultation Meetings**. These will take place in the first week after half-term. The plan is for these to take place in school but we will obviously continue to monitor the situation with Covid rates.

This week we say goodbye to Mrs Emily Hems. Mrs Hems has worked at Sledmere since 2018, predominately in Early Years. On behalf of the school community, I would like to thank Mrs Hems for all her hard work. We all wish her well as she moves on to a new position.

Parent Governor Vacancy - Thank you to those parents and carers that got in touch regarding the Parent Governor Vacancy. I have received five expressions of interest which is really good. This means that we will now move to organising an election for this position. If you have emailed me regarding this, please look out for an email advising of the next steps. Please do let me know if you have not been in touch yet and you are interested in this role.

We are in the process of appointing not only additional lunchtime staff but also teaching assistants. As we look to continue to ensure we meet the needs of all learners, there will undoubtedly be further additions to the team here at Sledmere. Working closely with both the new LLMAT Central Team members and senior staff from PHMAT, means that our provision for children is moving forward at pace. There are lots of exciting changes and improvements we are working on in the background.

Please do not ever hesitate to get in touch with us at school if you ever have any concerns, queries or questions. I regularly talk with our staff about how important pride in our community is. We all strive to uphold our mission statement, **Be The Best You Can Be**. We are a listening school and we are always looking to improve what we do for the benefit of our children and families.

Please have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you on Monday. **Mr Fance, Head of School**
dfance@sledmere.dudley.sch.uk – **please note this email address and use this rather than the Learning Link.org address.**



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Learners of the Week!

Nursery

London: Jenson Harris and Rabia Ulhaq

Reception

Cardiff: Ashley Heathcock and Neveah Gammon

Belfast: Mohammad Ubaid and Zeena Mohammed

Edinburgh: Regan Jones and Taya Brown

Year 1

Paris: Leona Nji and Uzair Ali

Rome: Kiran Sandhu and Zayan Babar

Madrid: Amaris Maili and Noah Woodruff

Year 2

Barcelona: Kordell Sherwood and Zoya Atiq

Berlin: Elizabeth Suci and Tinaye Dune

Budapest: Alaina Mehmood and Ibrahim Khan

Year 3

Beijing: Nooran Mahar and Halimah Idrees

Tokyo: Zack Hodgkins and Eva Hussain

Singapore: Jacob James and Sumera Jaan

Year 4

Doha: Sidorela Xhafo and Max Bowater

Abu Dhabi: Isobelle Cooper and Benyamin Khan

Dubai: Mia M and Zachary Turner-Madgwick

Year 5

Toronto: Aneela Begum and Alfie Powell

Chicago: Grace Corns and Jaiden Jones

Boston: Lilly-May Flavell and Ayaan Azhar

Year 6

Brasilia: Scarlett McGowan and Dylan Barton

Lima: Lisa Best and Callum Edwards

Santiago: Jake Hutchinson and Jasmin Cresswell

These are the pupils selected this week in recognition of our school values...

Respect, Responsibility, Kindness, Perseverance, Confidence, Resilience



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Many happy returns to all these children, who will celebrate their birthday this coming week.

We wish you all the best for future health, success and happiness!

Happy Birthday to ...

Zario De Freitas Daniel Willis Isaac Cooper Izma Khan
Shozeb Ali Abeera Ashfaq Ifra Khan Ayaan Azhar
Balqees Saleh Sulaiman Farid Ryan Brown
Ava Powis-Davies Dalitso Ofuya Jai Sohal
Archie Hughes Brogan Hawthorne

Messages from the office

Pupil Update sheets

Please could you return your child's pupil update sheets to the office as soon as possible. It is important that we have the correct information so that we can contact you.

Chromebooks

Please could you return any Chromebooks to school as soon as possible.

Please could you ring the office before 3.00pm if you wish to request a different adult to collect your child. As you can imagine the office is extremely busy at the end of the day and last minute requests can create further pressure at those busiest of times. Thank you

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



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A is for Attendance!

A big thank you to all our families who are supporting our drive to improve attendance. As you are aware attendance is an area of concern for our school, and attendance is monitored regularly.

Please be aware that:

- You will receive an amber letter of concern if your child's attendance falls below 92% asking for your support in ensuring that attendance improves.
- If your child's attendance is below 90%, you will receive a critical, red letter, inviting you to an attendance panel meeting. The aim of the meeting will be to address the cause of low attendance and to find solutions to improve.

Lateness Matters Too!

Lateness has a negative impact on a child's learning. School doors open at 8.40am, in preparation for a prompt start at 8.55am. Pupils who are late should report to the office.

As always we categorise levels of attendance into red, amber and green.

- GREEN - 100%. Excellent attendance above the national expected average, ideally where all children should aim to be.**
- AMBER - 97% or above. Good attendance - in line with or above national expected average.**
- RED - below 96%. Attendance below expected level.**

Please look at the Attendance League table opposite for this week's class and whole school attendance.

Tips to help you get to school on time every day.

- Make sure your child understands why school is important
- Show your child that you are interested in what they have done at school
- Get everything ready the night before school
- Arrange appointments before or after school or during the school holidays
- Set your alarm and your child's alarm clock, see who can beat the clock!
- Join breakfast club
- Catch an earlier bus or set off a little bit earlier if you walk

If you are worried about your child's attendance, please speak to Mrs Aulton or the office to discuss your concerns.

Class	Attendance this week	Attendance last week
London am	83.33%	95.51%
London pm	82.14%	76.06%
Edinburgh	77.08%	87.29%
Belfast	88.57%	90.48%
Cardiff	86.82%	80.43%
Paris	91.2%	85.38%
Rome	92.28%	91.44%
Madrid	88.59%	96.33%
Budapest	96.67%	97.5%
Berlin	96.33%	93.67%
Barcelona	93.1%	87.93%
Tokyo	93.79%	94.48%
Beijing	85.56%	91.08%
Singapore	96.07%	89.66%
Dubai	97.67%	90.54%
Doha	95.67%	93.33%
Abu Dhabi	96.67%	95.0%
Chicago	94.65%	87.0%
Toronto	97.22%	92.41%
Boston	94.14%	95.14%
Lima	83.33%	91.91%
Brasilia	87.6%	96.15%
Santiago	93.46%	97.78%
Whole school	91.8%	91.73%