



# Sledmere Primary School



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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have sent out what is known as a 'warn and inform' letter to all parents and carers recently. This is because there have been a number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 within the school. We know that you may find this concerning but we are continuing to monitor the situation and are working closely with Health Protection Practitioners from Dudley Public Health. This part of the newsletter is to inform you of the current situation and provide advice on how to support your child. Please be reassured that for most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness. The school will continue to remain open and all children should continue to attend as normal if they remain well. We are taking what are known as enhanced outbreak management steps in line with the Outbreak Management Plan on our website.

### **What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19**

If your child develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), they should isolate immediately and arrange a test via <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test-or-by-calling-119>. The rules on self-isolation have changed.

Close contacts of a positive case (including households) no longer need to self-isolate if they are:

- fully vaccinated
- are under the age of 18 and 6 months
- can't have the vaccination for medical reasons
- or have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial

**Any household members that are over 18 and 6 months and are not fully vaccinated will need to isolate.**

On to cheerier news... To celebrate Harvest Festival, we are asking children to bring in their donations of food next week, from this Monday 11th October. This year, we are supporting our local foodbank in Brierley Hill. Please feel free to donate shampoo, conditioner, toothbrushes and toothpaste, shower gel and personal care items. Other good suggestions for the Food Bank include UHT fruit juice, potatoes (tinned and dried), coffee, tinned vegetables, cooking sauces, breakfast cereals, rice, noodles, biscuits and ready meals. These will be put on display in our main hall before we contact the local foodbank at Brierley Hill arrange collection on Friday 22nd at 4pm. Thank you in advance for your support.

Next week, you will receive a letter inviting you to a face-to-face meeting about how your child has settled in to this new academic year. You will also receive an Initial Report. We shall tell you about your child's progress, attitude, effort and behaviour, so you will know exactly what support you can give at home. Please remember if you ever want to find out how your child is doing in school, do not hesitate to get in touch by phone or email. The door is always open and we are always happy to talk to you.

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.

**Mr Fance, Head of School** [dfance@sledmere.dudley.sch.uk](mailto: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: Rayan Atif and Faris Muhammad

### *Reception*

Cardiff: Denilson Paul and Olivia Chapman

Belfast: Mason Bunce and Remy Brown

Edinburgh: Ayat Shahid and Hassan Khan

### *Year 1*

Paris: Aleena Nadeem and Shozeb Ali

Rome: Mahnoor Rani and Drew Carter

Madrid: Charlie Raybould and Alicia Owen

### *Year 2*

Barcelona: Riley Lawton and Sophia Bremsitta

Berlin: Colby-Joe Handley and Mahnoor Qayyum

Budapest: Zain Bhayat and Mahrosh Nazim

### *Year 3*

Beijing: Tayyab Hussain and Karlay Nash

Tokyo: Gous Zeb and Sheza Iqbal

Singapore: Hollie Fletcher and Jensen Lewis

### *Year 4*

Doha: Harry Bailey Parfitt and Ifra Khan

Abu Dhabi: Ethan Whitehouse and Humna Tanveer

Dubai: Leah Brownhill and Jamie Whitehouse

### *Year 5*

Toronto: Juwariyah Khan and Ayaan Sajid

Chicago: Logan Cooper and Lucy Rowbottom

Boston: Bushra Muzzamil and Connor Newton

### *Year 6*

Brasilia: Shazeb Aftab and Ayah Salam

Lima: Mason Billingham and Maroush Imran

Santiago: Serena Naveen and Shafer Attique

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 ...***

Ayaan Farid

Connor Newton

Aaliyah Forrest

Thomas Edwards

Anabia Aman

Nimra Najeeb

Lashaya Beet

Rumaisha Waseem

Tiffany Cordos

## 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](mailto:info@sledmere.dudley.sch.uk)



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## A is for Attendance!

Once again, can I say a big thank you for all our families that are trying really hard to support us in our attendance drive this year. It is really lovely to see so many children achieving 100% every week – well done. Next week we will be continuing to arrange parents’ meetings for those children who are currently below 92% attendance.

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.

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.

## Lateness

There are a number of children who are regularly arriving late, after 9.00am. Please could you ensure your child arrives at 8.40am ready to start lessons at 9.00am? As you can see from the table below being late to school can also have a negative impact on your child’s learning.

Minutes late per day during the school year	Equals days worth of teaching lost in a year.
5 minutes every day	3.4 days
10 minutes every day	6.9 days
15 minutes every day	10.3 days
20 minutes every day	13.8 days

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	82.61%	83.33%
London pm	70.0%	82.14%
Edinburgh	90.79%	77.08%
Belfast	88.89%	88.57%
Cardiff	81.57%	86.82%
Paris	84.68%	91.2%
Rome	95.33%	92.28%
Madrid	92.23%	88.59%
Budapest	97.5%	96.67%
Berlin	94.67%	96.33%
Barcelona	92.07%	93.1%
Tokyo	88.97%	93.79%
Beijing	93.57%	85.56%
Singapore	93.21%	96.07%
Dubai	98.0%	97.67%
Doha	95.0%	95.67%
Abu Dhabi	96.67%	96.67%
Chicago	94.0%	94.65%
Toronto	92.28%	97.22%
Boston	92.14%	94.14%
Lima	80.1%	83.33%
Brasilia	93.75%	87.6%
Santiago	90.0%	93.46%
Whole school	91.55%	91.8%