



Sledmere Primary School



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Dear Parents and Carers,

A further reminder to all about the changes to our INSET days over this year. The last day of the Autumn Term for children will be **Thursday 16 December 2021**. Staff will have a training day on Friday 17 December. We have also had to move the planned INSET day on Tuesday 4 January 2022. This day will be the first day back for children. **Thursday 17 February 2022** will be the last day of the first half of the Spring Term for children. Friday 18 February 2022 will be a training day for staff. These changes and additions mean that we will have had our five training days for the academic year.

We had two groups of children go out of school this week for sporting events. Please see the reports in this newsletter about these first competitive events of the academic year. The children were all amazing and we are very proud of them for their wonderful manners and team spirit.

Miss Lisa Ware

Very sadly for Sledmere, Miss Ware has made the decision that she will not be coming back this year. We will forever be in Miss Ware's debt for the eleven years that she taught at Sledmere and the positive impact she has had on so many children. I am sure I speak on behalf of the whole school community at Sledmere when I wish Miss Ware all the very best for the future.

Parents of children in Year 5 Boston Class will be aware that Miss Ward has been teaching your children since September while Miss Ware was absent. Miss Ward will continue to teach Boston Class for the remainder of this year.

What's in a name?

Please be aware that two of our lovely teachers at Sledmere have got married recently! We wish them all the best for the future. Miss Morgan (Year 3, Tokyo class) is now Mrs Gardiner and Miss Ramzan (Year 1, Rome class) is now Mrs Khalil.

Multi-Academy Trust Transfer News

Many parents ask me about where we are in this process currently. As things stand, there remains no official move forward. We await the go-ahead from ministers in London, at the Department for Education. I hope to have something more certain to share either before the end of this term or early in January.

National Christmas Jumper Day is on Friday 10th December! Get your best woollen garments at the ready.

Free Breakfast Club

If any parents or carers are interested in volunteering to help at our breakfast club in the New Year, please contact Ms Samra via email or pop into the school office ssamra@sledmere.dudley.sch.uk It has not started yet hence asking for expressions of interest in order for us to arrange staffing. If this is something you would like to take advantage of, please can you indicate this in an email to info@sledmere.dudley.sch.uk so that we can ensure we have enough staff in place for the official launch. We will let you know when this is.

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, Headteacher dfance@sledmere.dudley.sch.uk – **please note this email address and use this instead of the Learning Link.org address.**



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Learners of the Week!

Nursery

London: Zuleykha Jaan and Sophia Symes

Reception

Cardiff: Naishe Dune and Ollie Price

Belfast: Eshaal Rafiq and Sulaiman Hussain

Edinburgh: Taya Brown and Aadam Ali

Year 1

Paris: Drake McCarthy and Muizza Shaikh

Rome: Ava Law and Zakareeya Khan

Madrid: Tommy Cooksey and Orla-Mae Fitzpatrick

Year 2

Barcelona: Kordell Sherwood and Amelia Tildesley

Berlin: Fatima Shaikh and Hassan Ahmed

Budapest: Alfie Byrne and Nimra Khan

Year 3

Beijing: Zimal Ali and Luke Larmer

Tokyo: Frankie-Jo Bagley and Brogan Hawthorne

Singapore: Jorja Billingham and Ryan Cordos

Year 4

Doha: Joseph Fletcher and Kashaf Waseem

Abu Dhabi: Romario Parker and Isabella Rose-Hall

Dubai: Lily-Rose Hall and Jai Sohal

Year 5

Toronto: Shakir Zada and Kelsey Flavell

Chicago: Lewis Bevin and Sarah Ikhlaq

Boston: Owais Hussain and Eviee-Rose Hendley

Year 6

Brasilia: Bryan Kerchev and Leasia Malhi

Lima: Sara Imran and Kamranullah Khan

Santiago: Khadeeja Waleed and Jake Skelding

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 ...

Zainab Yasin Amna Ul-Haq Hira Noor Tyler O'Driscoll

Isra Sultan Amelia Milek Areeha Shah

Ahmed Raza Ali

Athletic Sledmere!



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A huge well done to our Year 5/6 Sports Hall Athletics Competition Team, who finished 5th at the Dudley North school's competition on Tuesday. They competed against other schools from the local area in a series of track and field events. These included standing long jump, relay races, javelin throw, standing ball push, speed bounce. They were fantastic throughout the afternoon.

Boccia Competition

In addition, a big well done to all the children from Sledmere who attended the Dudley School Partnership Boccia Competition on Thursday at David Lloyd Leisure. 8 children across different year groups competed against other schools. For many this was a first experience of the sport. They were all a credit to the school and showed some excellent throwing skills to hit the intended targets.



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A is for Attendance!

Once again a huge thank you to those children who have 100% this week. I know you have been trying really hard to improve your attendance and find the best class attendance reward of wearing your own clothes on a Friday a special treat!

Don't forget, at the end of this term, children who have excellent attendance, over 97%, will receive an attendance certificate. Any child with 100% at the end of term will receive a special 100% certificate too! I look forward to seeing as many children as possible receive these awards.

Please could you ensure your child is in school every day unless they are ill. However, if your child does have sickness or diarrhoea please ensure you keep them off for 48 hours before they return to school.

Absence because of Covid related self-isolation will not affect your child's attendance figure. A copy of your child's attendance record is available, on request, from the school office.

Dental and medical appointments

Parents and carers are asked not to arrange these during school sessions, except in cases of emergency, so that the impact on their school work is avoided. Please do not keep children out of school for the whole day unless absolutely necessary.

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.

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.

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

Class	Attendance this week	Attendance last week
London am	79.55	86.52
London pm	69.84	87.69
Belfast	85.65	86.96
Cardiff	83.04	84.82
Edinburgh	75.88	81.65
Madrid	78.65	91.72
Paris	90	88.19
Rome	87.58	95
Barcelona	90	89.31
Berlin	90	94.64
Budapest	88.8	97.2
Beijing	88.21	86.9
Singapore	93.36	86.12
Tokyo	87.24	94.79
Abu Dhabi	96.18	91.32
Dubai	89.67	81.67
Doha	93.1	97.86
Boston	90.94	93.79
Chicago	94.93	95.67
Toronto	92.67	92.33
Brasilia	72.87	90
Lima	88.08	89.23
Santiago	94.07	95.19
Whole school	88.05	90.67