



Sledmere Primary School



Friday 10th December 2021

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Please remember school is **not open on Friday 17 December** due to staff training. School will re-open after the Christmas break on **Tuesday 4 January 2022**

A busy week in school again with children being really focussed on producing some great work demonstrating real progress in their learning. We are really proud of each and every one of them. Thank you to you as parents and carers for your continued support.

Attendance remains a key issue for us and at a time when many families submit requests for a Leave of Absence, please be aware these will more than likely be unauthorised. Children have missed so much time in school over the last 18 months so it is important as a school we ring-fence their time - we have to prioritise their education. Our children only get one chance and we have much to catch up on.

With this in mind, we have reviewed our strategies for supporting children and after the Christmas break are looking to introduce a structured tutoring programme both during and after the school day. This has begun for some children already but will soon be extended.

Revised Outbreak Management Strategies

You will no doubt be aware of recent announcements from the government regarding changes to the management of the risk of the new variant. We have reviewed our strategies and have ensured that, where possible, all staff and visitors wear facemasks around school. Facemasks are not required in classrooms unless we have a concern about an outbreak. The Omicron variant has meant that some guidance has changed in particular around the need to isolate regardless of vaccination status and undertaking a PCR test, not a LFT (lateral flow test). Thank you to all parents and carers for your support in keeping our whole school community safe.

Reception Open Day

If you have a child looking to start in Reception from September 2022, we have one last opportunity for prospective parents and carers to explore our learning environment. Due to on-going Covid restrictions, we request that visitors undertake a Lateral Flow Test prior to visiting and where possible wear a face-covering.

The last date is Monday 13 December from 3.45pm. Please let the school office know if you are looking to visit.

After-School Clubs

Please look out for letters next week. We are keen to make sure we do not lose any time with these so Mr Ludlam is working hard to get letters out to classes next week for clubs to continue in the week that we return in January (apart from Monday 3 January!)

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: Umar Ali and Olivia Corns

Reception:

Cardiff: Ashley Heathcock and Hoorain Noor Karim

Belfast: Maneeha Hussain and Mason Bunce

Edinburgh: Amelia Milek and Hassan Khan

Year 1

Paris: Farhan Farid and Saahira Wazir

Rome: Emmi-Rae Griffin and Elliot Banson Osei

Madrid: Grace Leatham and Hashim Aamir

Year 2

Barcelona: *Henry Cooper and Amelia Burnett*

Berlin: Teddy Bevin-Mucklow and Rida Fatimah

Budapest: Haider Ali and Ayat Altaf

Year 3

Beijing: Musa Farrid and Halimah Idrees

Tokyo: Lexi-Mai Lovett and Noah Jones

Singapore: Tiarni Walshaw and Jensen Lewis

Year 4

Doha: Suraiyah Nawaz and Brahmjot Singh

Abu Dhabi: Hassan Muhammad Shahid and Rubina Cowlshaw-Hussain

Dubai: Harvey Twine and Elle-Louise Bunce

Year 5

Toronto: Jokubas Sidlaukas and Zulekha Shahzadi

Chicago: Chase Lawton and Hamed Saleh

Boston: Sophia Cowlshaw Hussain and Abbas Khuram

Year 6

Brasilia: Jonah Lane and Sehr Khuram

Lima: Mason Billingham and Haleema Sadia

Santiago: Lexi Campbell and Caleb Gilbert

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

Respect, Responsibility, Kindness, Perseverance, Confidence, Resilience



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Messages from the School Office

- Applications for **September 2022 Reception places** need to be made by the **15th of January**.
- Swimming lessons for Doha and Singapore classes will start at the end of January, dates to follow.
- We still have outstanding chromebooks to be returned, if you still have one please return to school office as soon as possible.
- Please remember to leave a voice message on the school phone line, if your child is unable to attend school. **01384 818 425**

Netflix Safety

Thanks to the internet, there are now many ways for your children to watch TV, both the old fashioned way on a big screen and via the internet with on-demand programming. Restricting and controlling what your children can watch is harder than ever, but you can make TV safer for your children and limit the amount that they can watch.

Netflix lets you create profiles for everyone in your house. On the Netflix home screen, if you select Man-age Profiles, you can change each one to show different content, defined by age group.

Children should be encouraged to use their profiles only, particularly as there's no way to PIN protect adult profiles. However, you can PIN-protect content globally, so if a child does use your profile, they're blocked from watching inappropriate content. Go to Netflix, select Account from the drop-down menu by your name and select Parental Controls. You'll be prompted to enter a PIN, but then can select which content is PIN protected by age range: Toddlers, Older Children, Teens and Adults. You can also PIN protect specific programmes by typing their name in, which could be handy if you feel a programme is unsuitable or a child has been watching it too much. (Taken from the National Online Safety website)

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 ...

Saifullah Jaan Shayan Shoaid-Ali Ioana Drob
Zain Ansar Amy Goodard Paul-Sebastian Diaconescu
Sapphira Shaw Connie-Leigh Martin
Zainab Iqbal Cody Cooke Anaya Fatima



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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!

We have also introduced another attendance reward for children this week. Children who have achieved 100% for the whole week for each class will be put into a draw. The winner will receive a certificate during celebration assembly. I look forward to seeing as many children as possible achieve these certificates.

Next week the children who have achieved 100% for the whole term will also receive a very special 100% attendance award. Are you in the running for this special award?

To help support families with improving their child's 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.

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, Deputy Headteacher or Mrs Mosses in the office to discuss your concerns.

Class	Attendance this week	Attendance last week
London am	76.67	76.19
London pm	85.48	52.31
Belfast	87.5	86.96
Cardiff	72.73	75.91
Edinburgh	89.17	84.58
Madrid	93.93	82.5
Paris	88.52	83.71
Rome	86.82	88.51
Barcelona	91.72	81.38
Berlin	94.49	91.3
Budapest	90	87.4
Beijing	83.57	87.77
Singapore	93.66	87.15
Tokyo	90.07	85.27
Abu Dhabi	98.67	91.84
Dubai	91	92.95
Doha	93.1	86.21
Boston	92.5	86.59
Chicago	91.5	93.33
Toronto	92	90.69
Brasilia	92.92	87.69
Lima	89.56	91.54
Santiago	97.78	92.59
Whole school	90.52	86.76