



Sledmere Primary School



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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy week in school!

Our Pupil Progress Meetings have been a wonderful opportunity to hear from the class teachers how hard all the children are working. It is so important that all our teachers (this includes the support staff) understand that it is in their power to give all our children the gift of success in their learning. We must not, and do not, waste a minute of their time in class. We are in the business of removing barriers to learning to ensure all our children can **be the best they can be**.

This week we have had one of our highly dedicated teachers delivering learning from home to their class. I am grateful to both the teacher and the teaching assistants who have been supporting the children in class, in school. This is testament to our commitment to get the best possible outcomes for our children, even in these difficult times.

There will be some further guidance letter coming out to parents and carers of Year 1, Year 2 and Year 4 today. As a result of the increasing number of cases of Covid, we request that children are lateral flow tested twice a week. We continue to work closely with Dudley Health Protection Practitioners who are monitoring the level of cases we have in school. This has increased this week and so parental support is most appreciated.

Please can all parents and carers consider how you are driving into the school car park, if you need to. We have had reports this week of tailgating and even arguments between adults. We do endeavour to have staff on the barrier each morning but there is also a responsibility on the behalf of parents and carers to only come into the school car park if you have a valid reason to. This was communicated to all in the Autumn Term. We hold a list of those that have spoken to us. Please do not use the school car park unless you have done this.

As a result of Mrs Hillery's absence, we asked Mrs Slater to support the school with Special Educational Needs (SEN) provision and Inclusion across school from September 2021. Having carefully considered the impact of this work over the Christmas break, I made the decision that Mrs Slater would not come back to work at Sledmere from January 2022. Mrs Aulton, as our interim Deputy Head, will support Mrs Land the SEN Co-ordinator going forward. Mrs Slater asked me to pass on her best wishes to you all.

Transfer Update

We are increasingly hopeful that the proposed transfer of our school to a new Academy Trust will take place by 1 April 2022 at the earliest. Please be assured that trustees and the interim Central Team of LLMAT are working tirelessly to ensure this happens as soon as is legally possible. Meanwhile of course, we continue to work closely with our colleagues from PHMAT in moving Sledmere forward.

Next week we welcome a visit from our Chair of Governors, Brendan Oakley. He will spend the day with us on Friday 21 January to look at all the wonderful things that have gone on with our School Improvement Plan since September.

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.

Wishing you all a restful weekend.

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: Olivia Corns and Ali Muhammad

Reception

Cardiff: Khadijah Khan and Haider Ali Majid
Belfast: Mason Bunce and Zeena Mohammed
Edinburgh: Taya Brown and Mosse Thomas

Year 1

Paris: Kevin Tudor and Arisha Azhar
Rome: Ayaan Ansar and Mahnoor Rani
Madrid: Maham Khurram and Mohammad Sajjad

Year 2

Barcelona: Archie Bowen and Lola O'Driscoll
Berlin: Anabia Aman and Abdul Hadi Shahid
Budapest: Rukaiyah Idrees and Zain Bhayat

Year 3

Beijing: Ayaan Ali and Jasmine Cowlshaw-Hussain
Tokyo: Ayma Imran and Brogan Hawthorne
Singapore: Kimberly Vidoto and Faris Sher

Year 4

Doha: Elissa Heathcock and Max Bowater
Abu Dhabi: Hashim Khan and Humna Tanveer
Dubai: Inayah Khurshid and Mutasim Saleh

Year 5

Toronto: Afiyah Sajjad and Dawud Mohammed
Chicago: Jaiden Jones and Abeera Ashfaq
Boston: Connor Newton and Lola-Mai Lewis

Year 6

Brasilia: Zain Ansar and Ava Powis-Davis
Lima: Rayaan Shahed and Sophieleigh Hopkins
Santiago: Jake Hutchinson and Alexandra Preda

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 2022**.
- Please return GDPR forms to the 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**.
- Please drop children at the class room doors and not through reception. Classroom doors are open from **8:40am-8:50am**.
- We have a new uniform supplier: Crested School wear Churchill Precinct Dudley

Covid Jabs

Dear Parents,

There are 100 sites across the Black Country and West Birmingham, all are offering first, second and booster doses for adults aged 18 and over, as well as vaccines for 12-15-year-olds.

Appointments can be booked online via the [National Booking System](#), or by calling 119.

Walk-in appointments are also available at a number of vaccination sites across the area including Tipton Sports Academy in Sandwell, The Saddlers Vaccination Centre in Walsall, the Cardiac Rehab Gym at City Hospital and the Mander Vaccination Centre in Wolverhampton.

More information is available [here](#)

Black Country and West Birmingham CCG

Links in the above message will work on the digital version of the newsletter available from our website

Many happy returns to all these children, who will celebrate their birthday over the week.
We wish you all the best for future health, success and happiness!

Happy Birthday to ...

Irfan Rafi Alexandra Preda Mason Billingham
Shazeb Aftab Mohammed Muzavor Chase Lawton
Mia Lovesey Keegan Sherwood Hajra Ahmed
Benyamin Khan Max Bowater Tiarni Walshaw-Brown
Mohammed Labid Sakinah Batool Kordell Sherwood
Sumayya Hussain Drake McCarthy
Hoorain Noor Karim Airic Danael



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A is for Attendance!

As always attendance continues to remain a key focus this term.

Congratulations to all those children who have been in school every day so far this term. Hopefully we can keep up the good attendance and improve our attendance percentage for the Spring Term.

Last week I introduced you to Steph Travis the school's EWO. Over the next few weeks she will be working with me to help support parents by arranging attendance meetings, attending home visits and talking to parents of children who are late. It is really important that your child attends school regularly and if we are concerned about your child's attendance we will be contacting you to arrange a meeting and offer support if needed.

Home visits – if your child is absent from school and we have not been able to contact you to find out the reason why then we will visit your home on the same day your child is absent. It is extremely important that we make sure we know the reason why your child is absent as part of our safeguarding procedures.

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	93.83	93.65
London pm	83.05	94.87
Belfast	89.08	97.89
Cardiff	80.63	86.05
Edinburgh	88.8	78.35
Madrid	87.68	97.22
Paris	92.69	85.65
Rome	94.67	92.8
Barcelona	94.85	95.98
Berlin	90.98	95.83
Budapest	90.7	96.28
Beijing	95	85.91
Singapore	87.68	85.65
Tokyo	93.17	90.25
Abu Dhabi	89.53	94.78
Dubai	85.46	94.78
Doha	95	95.98
Boston	92.77	98.1
Chicago	95.17	97.03
Toronto	97	96.67
Brasilia	88.46	98.5
Lima	90.67	93.96
Santiago	94.96	95.91
Whole school	91.21	93.27