



# Sledmere Primary School



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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is difficult to fathom where January has gone! We continue to work really hard on making improvements to all we do at Sledmere. We cannot waste a day in striving to be the best we can be.

### **Collection from after-school clubs**

Please can I implore parents and carers to be considerate of others when parking and also entering or leaving the school site.

### **School Governors**

Next week, we have our termly Governors Meeting where school staff are challenged on our policies and approaches.

### **Children's Mental Health Week**

In the week commencing Monday 7th February 2022- Friday 11th February 2022, we are going to be promoting 'Children's Mental Health Week' here at Sledmere. Looking after our mental health is vital for us all whatever our age. The purpose of Children's Mental Health week is to support our children to understand what mental health means, factors which may affect it and things they can do to look after themselves. The theme from this year's 'Children's Mental Health Week' organised by the mental health charity 'Place2 Be' is 'Growing Together'. We will be encouraging children to consider how they have grown, and how they can help others to grow.

These aims also reflect our whole school motto- 'Be the Best You Can Be' and our Sledmere Values-

- Respect
- Responsibility
- Kindness
- Perseverance
- Confidence
- Resilience

Thank you to Miss Guise for organising this for our children.

### **Safer Internet Day**

On Tuesday 8th February it is Safer Internet Day. This year the focus is on 'Exploring respect and relationships online'. Miss Jones has worked hard in organising activities across school for this day. Thank you, Miss Jones.

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](mailto: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: Ayla Khan and Khamari Parker

### *Reception*

Cardiff: Ashley Heathcock and Aascia Mahmoud

Belfast: Myles Spittle and Balqees Saleh

Edinburgh: Aminah Najeeb and Antonio Kumar

### *Year 1*

Paris: Sumayya Hussain and Uzair Ali

Rome: Riley Kane and Kai Hopkins

Madrid: Haniya Sadaqat and Sulaiman Farid

### *Year 2*

Barcelona: Sophia Bremsmita and Dougie Goule

Berlin: Poppy Hinsley and Hamza Jaan

Budapest: Ibrahim Khan and Anaya Sohail

### *Year 3*

Beijing: Nahiyan Labid and Anaya Hussain

Tokyo: Ayma Imran and Tyler O'Driscoll

Singapore: Kyle Green and Emma Goddard

### *Year 4*

Doha: Thomas Edwards and Sumaiyah Khan

Abu Dhabi: Sami Altaf and Ruby-Leigh Hancox

Dubai: Leah Brownhill and Ibrahim Shabir

### *Year 5*

Toronto: Juwariyah Khan and Tawana Dune

Chicago: Lewis Bevin and Lucy Rowbottom

Boston: Sophia Cowlshaw-Hussain and Rand Karim

### *Year 6*

Brasilia: Raheem Robinson and Evie Kane

Lima: Mason Billingham and Phoebe Jones

Santiago: Amirah Khan and Jayson Boodoo

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

- 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.
- Please return any chromebooks you may have at home.

### Term Dates for your diaries and calendars

#### Spring 1

**Thursday 17 February** – half term break for children

**Friday 18 February** – training day for staff

**Monday 21 February to Friday 25 February** – half term

#### Spring 2

**Monday 28 February** – term starts

**Friday 8 April** – Spring Term ends

#### Summer 1

**Monday 25 April** – term starts

**Monday 2 May** – bank holiday (no school)

**Friday 27 May** – half term break for children

**Monday 30 May to Friday 3 June** – half term

#### Summer 2

**Monday 6 June** – term starts

**Thursday 21 July** – term ends

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 ...***

*Chloe Stokes*

*Luchia Anslow*

*Ayaan Rafiq*

*Teddy Bevin-Mucklow*

*Charlotte Dent*

*Joshua Chapman*

*Zachary Gill*

#### Miss Heywood

It is with real sadness that I have to let you know that Miss Heywood will be leaving us after half-term. Miss Heywood has worked with many families over her time at Sledmere. After much consideration, she has accepted a promotion in another Academy Trust. Her replacement Mrs Lawley will start with us on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February before Miss Heywood leaves. This will mean there will be a good handover and transition of crucial information.

Tuesday 8th February 2022

#PlayYourPart in creating a better internet

ALL FUN AND GAMES ?

Exploring respect and relationships online

[saferinternetday.org.uk](http://saferinternetday.org.uk)



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## A is for Attendance!

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

I know the last few weeks have been really tough and many children have tested positive, being quite poorly as a result but it is great to see so many of them returning over the last few days and I am really pleased they are feeling so much better.

Please could I remind parents that it is really important that you phone school to let us know why your child is absent. If we do not hear from you, our school policy is to phone you on the first day of your child's absence. However, if we cannot contact you then we will make a home visit on that day. It is extremely important that we make sure we know the reason why your child is absent as part of our safeguarding procedures.

Over the next few weeks we will also be inviting parents to attendance clinics to help support you with your child's attendance. You will receive a letter inviting you into school if your child's attendance is causing concern to discuss ways forward. This may involve asking for medical evidence for further absences or an offer of early help.

- 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.

Class	Attendance this week %	Attendance last week %
London am	100	84.84
London pm	80.7	80.11
Belfast	92.11	97.0
Cardiff	92.17	81.2
Edinburgh	91.53	84.81
Madrid	92.41	91.09
Paris	92.8	91.09
Rome	88.4	91.28
Barcelona	91.03	92.62
Berlin	94.85	92.9
Budapest	86.92	92.85
Beijing	90	91.29
Singapore	89.58	91.57
Tokyo	86.91	90.86
Abu Dhabi	94.1	93.77
Dubai	88.97	91.15
Doha	97	94.83
Boston	90.56	94.41
Chicago	91.32	93.46
Toronto	78.18	94.31
Brasilia	80.58	92.93
Lima	89.18	90.75
Santiago	81.92	94.43
Whole school	<b>89.63</b>	<b>91.72</b>