



Sledmere Primary School



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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very busy half term and I find it hard to believe we are half-way through this academic year. The children have been simply amazing throughout this year so far and I have every confidence this will continue.

As we continue to move out of the restrictions placed upon us for so long now, we are looking forward to more and more events with you as Parents and Carers in school. We have had a number of sports events for small groups of children, cross-country this week being a further example. The opportunity to invite families in to celebrate children's achievements in other areas is one I am really looking forward to.

Our free Breakfast Club provision continues to grow from strength to strength. It really is such a pleasure to see so many children with us, enjoying a huge range of activities. I am grateful to the staff for being here, every day, to support this offer.

Key Dates for your diaries

Children return to school after the half term break on **Monday 28 February**. During that week on **Thursday 3 March**, it will be School Photograph Day so please ensure your child is wearing full school uniform for their photograph. For those classes that have PE, they can bring this in and change before their lesson, as a one-off. **Friday 4 March** is World Book Day – more on that later on in this newsletter. Towards the end of that half-term, **Tuesday 5 April and Wednesday 6 April** will be Parent and Carer Consultation Meetings. At these meetings, teachers will verbally share successes so far this year and targets.

Academy Transfer News

Things do appear to be moving with a little more pace currently. While we are yet to have a definitive date for the transfer of Sledmere to our proposed Academy Trust, we are fast approaching that point. I hope to be able to share more with you after the half-term break. It has been a long process but I can assure you, the end is in sight and a brighter future awaits.

School Dog

I am sure that many of the children have spoken at home about my puppy Jasper, our school dog. Jasper is a Jack Russell Terrier and is coming up for 3 months old over half-term. Many of the children have met him in assembly and around school. The intention is for Jasper to be in school a couple of days a week and to spend time with children. Children can benefit educationally and emotionally, increase their understanding of responsibility and develop empathy and nurturing skills through contact with a dog. In addition to these benefits, children take great enjoyment from interaction with a dog. Please be assured we have a full risk assessment in place.

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 half-term break. We will see you all back in school on Monday 28 February.

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 Lexi Rae-Clarke

Reception

Cardiff: Caitlyn Rivers and Eshaan Khan

Belfast: Benjamin Willis and Saanvi Nahar

Edinburgh: Aizah Waheed and Regan Jones

Year 1

Paris: T'Kal Brown and Taiba Ahmed

Rome: Nancy Stringer and Mustafa Mehmood

Madrid: Elliot Raxster and Amaris Maili

Year 2

Barcelona: Rayan Nawaz and George Stringer

Berlin: Tinaye Dune and Eishal Shoaib-Ali

Budapest: Jonathan Aleman and Ayat Altaf

Year 3

Beijing: Aishah Iqbal and Oscar Raxster

Tokyo: Lexi-Mai Lovett and Mikail Mohammed

Singapore: Tiarni Walshaw-Brown and Jacob James

Year 4

Doha: Shiloh Wilkins and Elissa Heathcock

Abu Dhabi: Jacob Willis and Maia Hedges

Dubai: Chris Osei and Lily-Mai Hicks

Year 5

Toronto: Tyra Philip and Raihan Ansar

Chicago: Syprus Wilkins and Kelsie Cade

Boston: Lilly-Marie Delaney and Ryan Le

Year 6

Brasilia: Aryaan Jaan and Eliza Ray

Lima: Jessica Blakeway and Kamranullah Khan

Santiago: Irfan Rafi and Maazia Sajid

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

- There is a school inset day on Friday 18th February.
- Tempest school photographers will be in on Thursday 3rd March for portrait and sibling pictures.
- Please ensure you have returned your completed GDPR forms so we have permission to take pictures.
- Please look out for your year group newsletter that will be sent by email.

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

Happy Birthday to ...

<i>George Stringer</i>	<i>Alberto Drob</i>	<i>Lola O'Driscoll</i>	<i>Maham Khuram</i>
<i>Hope Palmer-Hill</i>	<i>Hassan Imran</i>	<i>Wasi Haider</i>	<i>Safiya Ahmed</i>
<i>Kaiden Johnson-Simms</i>	<i>Tayyab Hussain</i>	<i>Aryan Yakoob</i>	<i>Daniya Ali</i>
<i>Elizabeth Suci</i>	<i>Zimal Ali</i>	<i>Amelia Henry</i>	<i>Isabella Fowler</i>
<i>Elliot Banson Osei</i>	<i>Jacob Willis</i>	<i>Samuel McGrath</i>	

World Book Day – Friday 4 March 2022

As we approach World Book Day 2022, we wanted to give you a 'heads up' of how we will be celebrating this event within our school.

- As always, we encourage all of our children (and staff), to come to school dressed as their favourite book character on Friday 4th March.
- The teachers will be swapping around in our 'DEAR' time and visiting the different classes in the year group to read part of their favourite book.
- We will be having a 'book swap' within each year group- children are able to bring in a book (of good condition please), that they no longer read to 'swap' with another book that has been brought in (This will be on a 'like for like' basis- a hard cover, for a hard cover, a comic for a comic etc).
- We are also holding an 'Extreme Reading' competition within school. Children can bring in a photograph of themselves in the most 'extreme' places. A prize will be awarded to the most creative photograph in each group. Take a look at some of the ideas underneath for inspiration!



We have lots of lovely lessons planned for the children and hope that they will enjoy celebrating a love for reading, as much as we enjoy teaching it!



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A is for Attendance!

Well done to all those children who've achieved 100% attendance this term and thank you to all the children who, after lots of illness, have come back into school and are improving their attendance every day that they attend school.

A REMINDER - Poor attendance – how does your child compare?

Attendance during the school year	Equals this number of days absent	Which is approx this many weeks absent	Which means this number of lessons missed
90%	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	200 lessons
70%	57 days	11.5 weeks	290 lessons

Spotlight on punctuality

It is important that your child attends school every day and on time. Arriving late to school is unsettling for children and disrupts the start to their day.

Did you know? 10 minutes late every day = 33 hours lost learning each year!!

Routines

The easiest way to ensure your child attends school on time every day is to establish a GOOD EVENING AND MORNING ROUTINE. If mornings are hectic in your household, prepare as much as possible the night before.

The school day starts at 8.40am with doors closing at 8.50am. Please ensure your child is in school before the registers close. If your child arrives after this time, then you MUST take your child to the Main Office to sign them in late. These late procedures are in place so that every child is entered onto the register correctly and can be accounted for in the event of an emergency. This is to ensure the health and safety of YOUR child, so please make sure that these procedures are followed at all times.

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	75	85
London pm	78.57	89.39
Belfast	89.06	96.67
Cardiff	83.7	81.36
Edinburgh	85.42	91.67
Madrid	87.5	94
Paris	86.5	87.6
Rome	100	92.33
Barcelona	93.1	95.17
Berlin	96.88	96.07
Budapest	93.98	99.26
Beijing	88.44	95
Singapore	92.24	91.03
Tokyo	95.83	94.67
Abu Dhabi	98.71	93.1
Dubai	97.08	94.83
Doha	93.1	88.28
Boston	88.46	90
Chicago	94.58	99.33
Toronto	87.5	92.67
Brasilia	91.2	94.89
Lima	90.28	92.22
Santiago	97.12	93.85
Whole school	93.75	93.09