



Sledmere Primary School



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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy week in school! Hazel Pulley, our Interim Executive Officer, has been in school again this week looking at teaching and learning provision across the school. I am very proud of how hard all teaching staff are working. Having undertaken significant training over the course of this academic year, it is wonderful to see the improvements in how children are learning. Progress from the children is clear to see which is what coming to school is all about.

As promised, we have more parent and carer opportunities to come into school. Today, we had our first Year 6 Meeting about SATs. There is a follow-up opportunity on Monday 14 March after-school. Please do speak to your Year 6 child's class teacher if you would like to come to this. There will also be an opportunity to purchase some resources to help prepare you son or daughter. Please look out for a letter from the Year 6 team about this.

Science Week Monday from 14 March

Next week is going to be a very exciting week. From Monday 14th March, it is Science Week. Mr Jones has lots of events planned for the children beginning with Science Assemblies on Monday through to a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Fayre on Wednesday after school. The theme for Science Week is 'Growth'. The children have lots of experiments and investigations to undertake, as well as competitions. We are grateful to Mr Jones for all his hard work in organising this coming week for our children.

Comic Relief Day – Friday 18 March

Red Nose Day is Friday 18 March. We would like children to give a donation of £1 and to dress up as a Super Hero. There are lots of activities planned for the afternoon on this day. I look forward to sharing some amazing photos of the children and their activities from this day, next week. Thank you to Mrs Baldwin and Miss Guise for organising this day.

Buddy Bench

Children in School Council have devised a way to ensure that all children have someone to play with at playtime. We look forward to seeing how our Buddy Bench on each playground helps support friendships at playtime.

Parking around school including yellow zig-zags

Please can I ask all parents and carers to be mindful and considerate when parking their vehicles around school. We have had complaints from local residents because their drives have been blocked. While this is not a traffic offence, there is a degree of courtesy I feel we must extend to our neighbours. Some parents are still parking on pavements around school making it impossible for families to walk safely to and from school. We also have parents and carers that are parking on the yellow zig-zags. These areas are again meant to allow for safe passage. Please can I implore all parents and carers to park safely thinking about and considering how families are going to be able to cross a road.

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: Uzair Muhammed and Aima Ahmed

Reception

Cardiff: Ashley Heathcock and Caitlyn Russell

Belfast: Samuel Price and Eshaal Rafiq

Edinburgh: Aadam Ali and Taya Brown

Year 1

Paris: Leo Bowater and Leona Nji

Rome: Ethan Lawton and Starr-Ariah Wilkins

Madrid: Bushra Hussain and Sulaiman Farid

Year 2

Barcelona: Abdullah Umar and Charlotte Dent

Berlin: Hadiyah Khan and Jacob Harris

Budapest: Lucien Kelsey-Clarke and Alaina Mehmood

Year 3

Beijing: Zimal Ali and Nooran Mahar

Tokyo: Oritseseyi Ofuya and Darcy Palmer-Hill

Singapore: Kimberly Vidoto and Jensen Lewis

Year 4

Doha: Joseph Fletcher and Lexi Stevens

Abu Dhabi: Hope Palmer-Hill and Hassan Shahid

Dubai: Jamie Whitehouse and Alessa Delaney

Year 5

Toronto: Aribah Siddique and Alfie-James O' Driscoll

Chicago: Chase Lawton and Sarah Ikhlq

Boston: Chloe Stokes and Prabjot Singh

Year 6

Brasilia: Yusaf Jaan and Leasia Malhi

Lima: Kaden O'Driscoll and Amelia Turner-Madgwick

Santiago: Michaela Wentworth and Shaher Attique

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

Respect, Responsibility, Kindness, Perseverance, Confidence, Resilience

Messages from the School Office

- Polite reminder - Breakfast Club doors will close at 8:15am. Please come before this time.
- Early reminder - Beijing and Abu Dhabi will begin swimming lessons on 28th April.
- Have you ordered your school photos yet? A polite reminder that the closing date for free delivery is Thursday 17th March. Order through Tempest website using your unique link or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk.
- Crested School wear are having renovations and will be closed from 26th March- 4th April inclusive.

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 ...

Annalucia Harvey

Umair Khan

Peyton Robinson

Mohammed Raheem

Sumaiyah Khan

Muhammed Essa Basharat

Maisie-Elsie Williamson

Dougie Goule

Archie Flavell

Riley Lawton

Alyssia Round

Reading at home



As part of our ongoing development of reading at Sledmere, we are introducing our 'reading at home' scheme, linked to our school theme of 'Wanderlust Readers'.

Over the next 2 weeks, children will bring home a book plate in the back of their reading records. This will be used by school to monitor and stamp the number of times that the children are reading at home. After completing each book plate (reading thirty times), children will receive a certificate in praise assembly to recognise them 'travelling around the world'.

As a school, we ask that all children read three times a week at home, but the more the better! Any reading at home is encouraged- comics, newspapers, even joke books- all extra reading and support that you can give your child will significantly improve their development.



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A is for Attendance!

It is a real pleasure to see so many children in school. I know that many classes are trying really hard to earn the class of the week attendance award so they can receive a certificate, wear their own clothes on the following Friday and have the attendance trophy proudly displayed in their classroom for the week. Well done to all those that are trying really hard.

I also want to say well done to the 170 children who have 100% attendance this term since January – keep it up! We also have 50 children that are 100% from September. You certainly are on track to receive a special 100% award at the end of the year - well done!

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

Please see below the effect your child’s attendance can have when their attendance is lower than 90%.

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

Attendance Officer

I would also like to introduce you to our new school Attendance Officer – Mrs Priest. You may have already met her or spoken to her this week. Mrs Priest’s role includes meeting any children that are late on the door, phoning parents when their child isn’t in school, sending letters for poor attendance and attendance clinics, and making home visits where necessary. We warmly welcome Mrs Priest to our Sledmere family.

As always if you have any problems or concerns please contact the school office in the first instance. However, you can also speak to Mrs Priest or myself, Mrs Aulton, Deputy Headteacher, as Attendance Lead for the school.

Class	Attendance this week %	Attendance last week %
London am	92.5	92.5
London pm	81.43	84.29
Belfast	94.02	91.67
Cardiff	90	95.22
Edinburgh	86.25	90
Madrid	93.33	92
Paris	82.4	83.6
Rome	93.79	96.33
Barcelona	92.01	97.93
Berlin	94.83	91.96
Budapest	90.36	98.2
Beijing	95	93.23
Singapore	88.28	98.28
Tokyo	98.33	98
Abu Dhabi	95.86	95.86
Dubai	94.67	93.33
Doha	92.67	93.62
Boston	88.89	94.07
Chicago	95.82	90.69
Toronto	93.01	94.67
Brasilia	92.22	99.18
Lima	83.85	96.15
Santiago	78.46	97.31
Whole school	91.41	94.38