



# Sledmere Primary School



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Another fun-packed week comes to a close and we move closer to Summer. It has been great to see the children being able to play on the field this week and enjoy the warmer weather. Please make sure you make the most of it this coming weekend as, typically for this country, it is all change again next week.

## Ramadan

I am aware that from Saturday 2 April Ramadan is likely to begin, confirmed upon the sighting of the new moon. While many of our older children may wish to fast with their families, there is no requirement for this until young people have reached the age of 14. For young children, fasting can have an impact on their concentration in school and this is particularly important for Year 6 children who have tests coming up in May. If families wish for their older children to participate, please can you contact me directly so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Please email me at [dfance@sledmere.dudley.sch.uk](mailto:dfance@sledmere.dudley.sch.uk)

## Easter bonnets

I am pleased to announce the re-introduction of a Sledmere Tradition! The last couple of years have meant that any celebration of Easter has not been possible. This year, on Friday 8 April, we want to hold an assembly for children to show off their creative skills. We are asking for children and families to create an Easter Bonnet at home which will then be on show in the assembly, modelled by the creator. There will be a prize for every entry and then a winner for each year group. We look forward to seeing some amazing entries.

## Breakfast Club

This week we reached over 90 children attending our Breakfast Club. With the addition of providing breakfast for our youngest children, this means we are feeding well over 150 children every morning – over 25% of the school. I am really pleased that we are able to support children and their families in this way.

## 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. Wishing you all a lovely weekend – it looks like the sun will be shining for a change!

**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: Safiya Ahmed and Mustafa Imran

### *Reception*

Cardiff: Archie Billingham and Nevaeh Gammon

Belfast: Wasi Haider and Levaeh Alexander

Edinburgh: Rosy Thompson and Tudor Damoc

### *Year 1*

Paris: Kingsley Reid Lewis and Muizza Shaikh

Rome: Brooke Richards and Kai Hopkins

Madrid: Carter Woodall and Harleigh Howells

### *Year 2*

Barcelona: Archie Bowen and Charley Wilkes

Berlin: Joshua Chapman and Fatima Shaikh

Budapest: Wali Haider and Inaaya Hamid

### *Year 3*

Beijing: Ayaan Ali and Anaya Hussain

Tokyo: Jenson Flavell and Eva Hussain

Singapore: Jacob James and Aisha Rehman

### *Year 4*

Doha: Joseph Ballinger and Mariam Shaikh

Abu Dhabi: Romario Parker and Maia Hedges

Dubai: Mia M and Kobe Mistry

### *Year 5*

Toronto: Ayaan Sajid and Sahaab Khan

Chicago: Zainab Yasin and Abdul Raheem

Boston: Eviee-Rose Hendley and Craig Martin

### *Year 6*

Brasilia: Ava Powis-Davies & Dylan Barton

Lima: Annalucia Harvey & Rhys Hudson

Santiago: Jasmin Cresswell & Jayish 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

- 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 28<sup>th</sup> April.
- Crested School wear are having renovations and will be closed from 26<sup>th</sup> March- 4<sup>th</sup> April inclusive.
- If your child has an appointment please inform the school office and bring in a copy of the appointment letter.
- We have arranged a mop up photo session for Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April. Parents have been sent a text, if their child missed the last photo session. Class photos and a Year group photo for Year 6, will be taken by Tempest Photographers on the 22<sup>nd</sup> June.

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 ...*

*Ava-Lilli Griffin*

*Fatima Batool*

*Dylan Barton*

*Marcus Bennett*

*Maia Hedges*

*Radhikakumari Patel*

*Hassan Ahmed*

*Dexter Whitehouse*

*Kiran Sandhu*

*Fatima Irfan*

*Sophia Symes*

## Online Safety @Sledmere

From next week to the end of this term, we are focussing on teaching our children the importance of keeping themselves safe online.

It is important that parents and carers monitor what children are accessing on devices. YouTube in particular allows young people access to a range of inappropriate materials.

### **Have a conversation**

It is really important to chat with your children on an ongoing basis about staying safe online. Not sure where to begin? These conversation starter suggestions can help.

#### ■ Ask your children to tell you about the sites they like to visit and what they enjoy doing online.

What games do you and your friends like to play online? Can you show me the websites you visit the most? Shall we play your favourite game online together?

#### ▲ Ask them about how they stay safe online.

What tips do they have for you, and where did they learn them? What is OK and not OK to share?

#### ● Ask them if they know where to go for help.

Where can they go to find the safety advice, privacy settings and how to report or block on the services they use?

#### ◆ Think about how you each use the internet.

What more could you do to use the internet together? Are there activities that you could enjoy as a family?



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## A is for Attendance!

Why attendance is important.

Your children are our future leaders, carers, teachers and parents. For us, it's about giving them the very best opportunities right from the start.

We understand that your children are ill but sometimes we know that there may be other reasons why they don't attend which we may need to help you with. Early intervention is the best way to help your child get the best from our school. Don't be scared to call. Make some notes before you ring, if that will help.

Here are some questions to ask yourself...

Do you know why your child is refusing to attend?

Is there a pattern? For example, do they always struggle to come to school on Thursdays, and is Thursday a PE day or a teacher's job share day?

Do you do something different on Thursdays?

Is there a member of staff with whom your child feels comfortable, who might be able to help?

Do you have an idea for a school incentive that we can put in place to encourage them?

Are you the school refuser?

Often parents don't realise that their children are using their super powers to hone in on their parents' emotions. Does it make you feel sad when you have to leave your child at school? Do you dislike a teacher or a friend of your child?

Some of these questions may seem daft, but rest assured that whatever is behind your child's frequent absence, we can help and we want to help.

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 Attendance Officer or myself, Mrs Aulton, Deputy Headteacher, as Attendance Lead for the school.

Class	Attendance this week %	Attendance last week %
London am	83.75	93.75
London pm	70	80.65
Belfast	89.57	91.74
Cardiff	93.45	92.17
Edinburgh	84.58	86.97
Madrid	93.96	94.63
Paris	89.6	81.6
Rome	96.21	88.97
Barcelona	94.79	96.89
Berlin	96.55	96.9
Budapest	99.29	94.07
Beijing	97.14	87.06
Singapore	97.93	91.63
Tokyo	95.33	97.79
Abu Dhabi	93.1	87.46
Dubai	95.67	90.04
Doha	94	98.33
Boston	88.89	89.47
Chicago	95.83	92.42
Toronto	93.33	94.07
Brasilia	91.85	92.31
Lima	93.85	93.16
Santiago	96.92	95
Whole school	<b>93.67</b>	<b>92.05</b>



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