



Sledmere Primary School



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all of you that took the time to respond to the Parent Questionnaire or spoke with an Ofsted inspector over the last two days. It was a very forensic and thorough inspection. It is not possible for us to share the outcome until it has been through a quality assurance process with Ofsted. It is likely that this will take at least until the middle of May. In the meantime, all staff continue to strive to do their very best with the children.

Ramadan

I am aware that from this coming 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 I have had one email since last week's newsletter.

Easter bonnets reminder!

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.

Mrs Aulton

Many of you will have at some point spoken with Mrs Aulton over the course of this academic year – mostly to do with attendance but not always. Mrs Aulton's role was always on an interim basis while we were awaiting Mrs Hillery's return. This is now imminent, potentially over the course of next week. On that basis, it is with genuine sadness that I have to let you know that Mrs Aulton's last day at Sledmere was yesterday. We made the very difficult decision not to make this widely known until yesterday because we were anticipating an inspection. Mrs Aulton established herself very quickly as a key member of staff here at Sledmere over the last 6 months. She established clear attendance processes which will continue, as well as leading on our revised behaviour policy and much more. Myself and staff will miss her greatly but we wish her well as she moves on.

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 – 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: Eesa Habib and Mia Howells

Reception

Cardiff: Eshaan Khan and Naishe Dune

Belfast: Remy Brown and Wasi Haider

Edinburgh: Ayat Shahid and Oliver Lunn

Year 1

Paris: Nazeer Yakubu and Saahira Wazir

Rome: Drew Carey and Ava Law

Madrid: Tommy Cooksey and Lily Thompson

Year 2

Barcelona: Ranveer Singh and Laila Saleh

Berlin: Isaac Cooper and Anabia Aman

Budapest: Zain Bhayat and Anaya Sohail

Year 3

Beijing: Uzair Khan and Wiktoria Grabowska

Tokyo: Sapphira Shaw and Sebi Diaconescu

Singapore: Hollie Fletcher and Jaxon Tighe

Year 4

Doha: Archie Goddard and Ifra Khan

Abu Dhabi: Rayn Siddique and Isabella Rose-Hall

Dubai: Zachary Turner Madgwick and Dalitso Ofuyu

Year 5

Toronto: Tyra Philip and Connor Raybould

Chicago: Lucy Rowbottom and Rehan Iqbal

Boston: Lily-May Flavell

Year 6

Brasilia: Evan Rowland and Ava-Lilli Griffin

Lima: Emi-Lei Tighe and Saifullah Jaan

Santiago: Maddison Cooper and Leighton Jones

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 28th April.
- Crested School wear are having renovations and will be closed from 26th March- 4th April inclusive.
- Easter Box meal on Friday 8th April.
- We have arranged a mop up photo session for Wednesday 27th 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 22nd 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 ...

*Maham Hamid Marium Shaikh Tudor Damoc Junaid Shafiq Shane G
Alaana Khan Emma Goddard Ashley Heathcock Orla-Mae Fitzpatrick
Duwad Mohammed William Leatham Aleena Nadeem*

Online Safety @Sledmere

Next week we continue to focus 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!

With the end of term approaching, now is a great time to discuss all matters attendance.

As you are all aware, school attendance and punctuality is one of Sledmere's priorities and I have been thrilled with the support that parents have been giving with regards to improving their children's attendance. Our academy target is 97% and this is broadly in line with national and local targets of 96%.

We are currently well below this target and we need your continued support to ensure that we meet this mark.

THANK YOU SO MUCH to all the families who have been working hard to ensure children's attendance and punctuality is high.

Establishing early good habits early on really will make a positive difference to their lives. The link between attendance and achievement cannot be over stated. Your child will achieve better if they are in school every day.

Only in very exceptional circumstances should a child be absent from school.

Why does good attendance and punctuation matter?

Every child has a right to education and to have the best possible life chances. By attending school daily and on time, they learn the importance of being punctual, a life skill which will serve them well as they grow into the next generation of working citizens.

In addition, being late means they miss minutes which build into missed learning time and missed opportunities. Being punctual means all children learn well, free from interruption from late comers.

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 for the school.

Class	Attendance this week %	Attendance last week %
London am	93.75	83.75
London pm	58.62	70
Belfast	88.94	89.57
Cardiff	83.41	93.45
Edinburgh	74.89	84.58
Madrid	93.67	93.96
Paris	89.76	89.6
Rome	93.79	96.21
Barcelona	90.97	94.79
Berlin	96.79	96.55
Budapest	95	99.29
Beijing	93.66	97.14
Singapore	94.83	97.93
Tokyo	89.33	95.33
Abu Dhabi	96.9	93.1
Dubai	97	95.67
Doha	94.33	94
Boston	99.15	88.89
Chicago	93.93	95.83
Toronto	97.74	93.33
Brasilia	90.74	91.85
Lima	97.67	93.85
Santiago	92.31	96.92
Whole school	92.68	93.67



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