



Sledmere Primary School



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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am immensely proud of every single Year 6 child in our school this week. They have applied themselves so well to the challenge of Key Stage 2 Statutory Assessment Tests or SATs. The tests in Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (SPAG), Reading and Maths were undertaken from Monday of this week through to Thursday. All we ever ask of our children is that they do their best, to be the best they can be.

Walk to School Week 16 – 20 May

Next week is Walk to School Week. Dudley Council's Road Safety Team have provided schools with resources and these will be coming home today. The main theme for this week is Health and Wellbeing but there is also a focus on the use of the Green Cross Code (Stop, Look and Listen). Please do speak with your children about this really useful life-skill that will help to keep them safe when out walking and when crossing busy roads, like the Buffery Road.

Breakfast Club drop-off arrangements

This week we made some urgent changes to the drop-off arrangements for Breakfast Club. This week we had consistently over 100 children in attendance. There has been a steady increase over recent weeks and clearly SATs week had a further impact. Nonetheless, there were some real health and safety concerns regarding the consideration of children and adults' safety with cars moving around. Please remember this is a Primary School. Our children deserve the best role models in how situations are dealt with and also in how we all conduct ourselves. Being considerate of all, being present and mindful of others, is a basic expectation.

Jubilee Celebration Plans

As the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations are officially during the half-term break, we are making plans to celebrate this in school over the last two days of this half-term, Thursday 26 and Friday 27 May. We will send out details next week, once our staff working-parties have finalised the events for the children.

A Reminder...PE Uniform Expectations

I wanted to let parents and carers know that we need to be looking to formalise PE Uniform. As a reminder, this is:

****Navy blue t-shirt with school badge where possible, *Black shorts/skirt or black leotards, *Black pumps***

****In cold weather, children will be allowed to wear plain joggers and sweatshirts (no logos)***

Please can parents and carers begin to consider our expectations regarding this with a view to full implementation after half term, from Monday 6 June by the latest. We have spoken with Crested Schoolwear about the navy blue t-shirts.

Please do not ever hesitate to get in touch with us at school if you ever have any concerns, queries or questions. 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. I hope you have a lovely weekend.

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: Lexi-Rae Clarke and Ali Sabar

Reception

Cardiff: Archie Billingham and Evaleen Singh

Belfast: Adam Bhayat and Ava-May Thompson

Edinburgh: Adam Khan and Ayat Shahid

Year 1

Paris: Enyinnaya Ugwu and Aleena Nadeem

Rome: Starr-Ariah Wilkins and Sahib Sohal

Madrid: Harleigh Howells and Elliot Raxster

Year 2

Barcelona: Amelia Tildesley and George Stringer

Berlin: Abdul Hadi Shahid and Eishal Shoaib Ali

Budapest: David Kaziboni and Nimra Khan

Year 3

Beijing: Saleh Maresh and Sarah Habib

Tokyo: Areesha Mir and Tyler O'Driscoll

Singapore: Idrees Ali and Daniella Retiza

Year 4

Doha: Amaan Iqbal and Poppy Seymour Morris

Abu Dhabi: Petrina Amrevweatefa and Mujtaba Hashmi

Dubai: Amna Ul Haq and Kayleb Robinson

Year 5

Toronto: Aaliyah Forrest and George Till

Chicago: Adam Qayyum and Ayesha Asim

Boston: Ayaan Azhar and Alba Xhafo

Year 6

All of Year 6 have been awesome this week!

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

Respect, Responsibility, Kindness, Perseverance, Confidence, Resilience

Many happy returns to all these children, who have celebrated their birthday over this week.

We wish you all the best for future health, success and happiness!

Happy Birthday to ...

Mohammad Ayaan Sajjad

Idrees Ali

Mia Howells

Isa Mehmood

Henry Cooper

Edward Cooper

Mustafa Mehmood

Bushra Hussain

Leah Brownhill

Rayhaan Adnan

Leasia Malhi



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Messages from the School Office

- Please note parents will have not have access to the school carpark at pick up time until 3:10pm
- Class photos and a Year group photo for Year 6, will be taken by Tempest Photographers on the **22nd June**.
- Polite reminder - Breakfast Club doors will close at **8:15am**. Please come before this time.

Census Day on Thursday 19th May

- It is essential that your child is in school on **Thursday 19th May** as it is **Census Day**. **Census Day** is the day when the Department for Education collects information about all schools and their pupils, which is then used to calculate funding for the coming financial year. This information includes free school meal eligibility, ethnicity, special educational needs and attendance.
- Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a Universal Free School Meal and the amount of money we receive to fund this is based purely on the number of children, who take up the offer of the Universal Free School Meal on Census Day.
- If all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 order a lunch on Thursday, we shall generate significant additional income for school, even if they never order another Universal Free School Meal!
- **The kitchen will be serving pizza and chips as a boxed meal on Thursday 19th May.**
- **On Friday 20th May the kitchen will be serving burger and chips.**

Online Safety

Please do speak to your children about keeping safe online and when using social media.

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Stay Safe

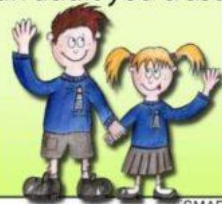
Don't give out your personal information to people / places you don't know.



M

Don't Meet Up

Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Always check with an adult you trust.



A

Accepting Files

Accepting emails, files, pictures or texts from people you don't know can cause problems.



R

Reliable?

Check information before you believe it. Is the person or website telling the truth?



T

Tell Someone

Tell an adult if someone or something makes you feel worried or uncomfortable.

Follow these SMART tips to keep yourself safe online!



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A is for Attendance!

Attendance Regulation changes during the height of the pandemic meant that there were specific codes related to Covid Absence. While these must appear on your children's record due to the legal requirements at that time, please be assured they are classified as Authorised Absence as opposed to Unauthorised Absence. It therefore does not reflect negatively on a child's individual attendance record.

As you are all aware, school attendance and punctuality is one of Sledmere's priorities and we 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	73.75	87.05
London pm	78.57	79.86
Belfast	93.33	87.23
Cardiff	86.22	91.38
Edinburgh	81.20	85.72
Madrid	95.00	88.92
Paris	95.36	92.12
Rome	89.31	90.27
Barcelona	96.85	94.13
Berlin	95.19	94.27
Budapest	95.17	91.98
Beijing	86.67	92.88
Singapore	96.00	91.29
Tokyo	90.71	90.63
Abu Dhabi	91.03	92.89
Dubai	92.07	93.89
Doha	97.73	93.86
Boston	96.43	93.24
Chicago	98.93	92.67
Toronto	97.33	93.67
Brasilia	99.26	91.08
Lima	97.41	91.63
Santiago	99.23	93.36
Whole school	93.32	91.70