



Sledmere Primary School

October Newsletter



Celebrations in School

Before we approach the end of our first half term, we have a few celebrations taking place in school that we would like to let you know about.

Harvest

As part of our Harvest celebrations, we will be collecting donations for the Black Country Foodbank. A list of suggested items to donate can be found at [Donate Food and Toiletries - Black Country Food Bank](#).



Diwali

The children will be learning about the celebration of Diwali in the coming weeks. As part of this, on **Friday 21st October** children will be invited to come to school wearing bright and colourful clothing. In addition, on this day children will be taking part in dance, art and crafts activities.



Car Park Safety

We would like to thank everyone who has supported us in striving to make our site as safe as possible by reducing the amount of cars beyond our school gates. Please note we are currently reviewing all cases where evidence has been provided.

Governor Vacancy

The Local Governing Body are seeking to recruit new governors to the team. If you are interested, please submit a letter of interest via email to the school email address.

Important Dates:

Autumn 2022 Term Dates

Tuesday 6th September to Friday 16th December

Half Term: 24th October to 28th October

Inset Days

- Friday 2nd December 2022
- Tuesday 3rd January 2023
- Monday 5th June 2023

School Logo



As we embark upon our journey of improvement at Sledmere, we recognise the importance of our children feeling a sense of belonging and pride to be a pupil at Sledmere Primary School. As part of this, we are **considering** enhancing and adapting the current school logo. If the decision is made to do this, we would want the children and families to be at the centre of the process. We will be talking to the children in school to obtain their views around this suggestion but would also welcome parents and children to get their creative thoughts and ideas flowing by creating some design ideas over the coming weeks and half-term break. Please send any suggestions/designs you have made with your child into school. We are also keen to obtain parental views on this suggestion. Please look out for email communication regarding this.

Please also note any changes would not immediately impact upon uniform, any change would then be phased gradually into the uniform in the upcoming academic years.

Our Whole School Attendance

Dear Parents & Carers I am asking for your support in improving whole school attendance this academic year. Last year's whole school attendance was well below that of national averages at 91.2%. This year we have set a whole school attendance target which is 96%. Attendance as of last week was 93.8% ,so now it is important that we continue to build on this improvement.

There are things you can do to improve your child's attendance and avoid falling into the persistent absence category of below 90%:

- If your child is unwell and you are unsure whether to send them to school, contact the office to seek advice on 01384 818425
- Avoid taking any holidays during term times. We will not be authorising any holidays unless evidence can be provided for an exceptional circumstance.
- Keep up to date with your child's attendance so that you know if they are at risk of persistent absence.
- Speak to school staff with any concerns
- Talk to your child about the importance of them being in school and let them know how important you feel it is

Please see our school attendance flowchart below to help you understand how we monitor pupil attendance.

