



Sledmere Primary School



Friday 3rd December 2021

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Dear Parents and Carers,

A **final** reminder to all about the changes to our INSET days over this year. The last day of the Autumn Term for children will be **Thursday 16 December 2021**. Staff will have a training day on Friday 17 December. We have also had to move the planned INSET day on Tuesday 4 January 2022. This day will be the first day back for children. **Thursday 17 February 2022** will be the last day of the first half of the Spring Term for children. Friday 18 February 2022 will be a training day for staff. These changes and additions mean that we will have had our five training days for the academic year.

A message from Karen Wright - Director of Public Health and Wellbeing

Dear Parent/Carer,

I would like to thank you for all that you have done to help prevent the spread of COVID 19 over the past few months. It has been a very challenging time again for our childcare and education settings and for those families who need to work and have children attending schools. Dudley Public Health frequently review their Covid19 measures.

The requirement for close contacts (household and school) to isolate from school pending a PCR test has been reviewed and now removed with immediate effect. Only those who are symptomatic with any of the 3 classic Covid19 symptoms or have a positive LFT will now be required to isolate whilst awaiting a PCR test result. In the event of a large outbreak in the school and in line with the school outbreak management plan and risk assessment these measures may be reintroduced on a time limited basis following discussions with Public Health.

Reception Open Day

If you have a child looking to start in Reception from September 2022, we are providing two opportunities for prospective parents and carers to explore our learning environment. Due to on-going Covid restrictions, we request that visitors undertake a Lateral Flow Test prior to visiting and where possible wear a face-covering.

The dates and times are: Thursday 9 December from 3.45pm and Monday 13 December from 3.45pm. Please let the school office know if you are looking to visit.

Free Breakfast Club

If any parents or carers are interested in volunteering to help at our breakfast club in the New Year, please contact Ms Samra via email or pop into the school office ssamra@sledmere.dudley.sch.uk It has not started yet hence asking for expressions of interest in order for us to arrange staffing. If this is something you would like to take advantage of, please can you indicate this in an email to info@sledmere.dudley.sch.uk so that we can ensure we have enough staff in place for the official launch. We will let you know when this is.

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: Muhammed Raza Ahmad and Amina Shahid

Reception

Cardiff: Zachary Gill and Stevie Cooper

Belfast: Fatimah-Zara Idrees and Jensen Mould

Edinburgh: Musa Imran and Mahnoor Iqbal

Year 1

Paris: T'Kal Brown and Grace Beckett

Rome: Nimra Najeeb and Ethan Lawton

Madrid: Elliot Raxster and Bushra Hussain

Year 2

Barcelona: Edward Cooper and Laila Saleh

Berlin: Isaac Cooper and Poppy Hinsley

Budapest: Wali Haider and Sienna F

Year 3

Beijing: Preston Warner-Harper and Anaya Hussain

Tokyo: Maisie-Elsie Williamson and Jenson Flavell

Singapore: Aisha Rehman and Kamil Budzinki

Year 4

Doha: Max Bowater and Poppy Morris

Abu Dhabi: James Coppage-Rice and Eshal Haider

Dubai: Faith O'Connor and Tayyab Saeed

Year 5

Toronto: Bradley Wilkes and Millie Greenfield

Chicago: Haroon Ali and Keegan Sherwood

Boston: Alba Xhafo and Ayaan Azhar

Year 6

Brasilia: Zain Ansar and Ayah Salam

Lima: Francesca Hinsley and Bobby Moore

Santiago: Evie Britton and Ali Mahar

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

Respect, Responsibility, Kindness, Perseverance, Confidence, Resilience



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Design & Technology

Design and Technology Day – Friday 3 December 2021

Today it has been a themed day in school. Every class has been involved in a range of Design and Technology activities. As we hope you do every day, please ask your children what they have learnt in school today.

Dangerous Drop Off

Parking on School Drive and Warrens Hall Road can be very difficult. There is limited space near our school and we would be grateful if you could avoid parking on School Drive and Warrens Hall Road. However, if you really do have to park there, please be considerate to our neighbours by driving slowly and not parking across driveways or other points of access. The yellow zig zag road markings are placed there to advise motorists not to wait or park on these lines for the safety of children. Our Neighbourhood Police Team and Police Community Support Officers will be in attendance over the coming weeks to discourage this dangerous practice. Please do your best to keep all our children safe!

Due to space restrictions, parking on our staff car park at the beginning and end of the school day is reserved strictly for our staff, the parents of a small number of children with additional needs and our disabled visitors. The frequent delivery of materials makes our car park an even more dangerous place for children. Thank you for your cooperation.

Thirst for Learning

Learning can certainly be thirsty work but it is important that all our children remain well-hydrated. Water makes up about 80 percent of our brains and is essential in neurological transmissions for thinking and learning. Poor hydration affects mental performance and learning ability by reducing the brain's ability to send and receive information. Studies show that once thirst is felt, mental performance including memory, attention and concentration decreases by as much as 10%!

If you would like your child to have a drink of water whenever they need to, please ensure that your child has their own water bottle in school every day. To minimise the risk of sharing germs in these challenging times, please send your child to school with a clean water bottle, which they can refill in school.

Many happy returns to all these children, who will celebrate their birthday this coming week.

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

Happy Birthday to ...

Bradley Wilkes

Jamie Whitehouse

Idris Jaan

Rayyan Bhayat

Tamuka Dune

Nicole Skelding

Abubakar Nazim

Jensen Mould

Haider Majid

Logan Hancox

Halle Woodall



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A is for Attendance!

Once again a huge thank you to those children who have 100% this week. I know you have been trying really hard to improve your attendance and find the best class attendance reward of wearing your own clothes on a Friday a special treat!

However, we have many absences this week. Some of the reasons given are as follows:

- Too tired
- Not well – this needs to be explained in more detail
- Bad night
- Too far to walk in the rain
- Too icy
- We are having a family day
- Fingers hurt

Absence reasons such as these will be unauthorised and it is really important that you make sure your child is in school as much as possible and are only absent when they are genuinely ill.

Absence because of Covid related self-isolation will not affect your child’s attendance figure. A copy of your child’s attendance record is available, on request, from the school office.

To help support families with improving their child’s attendance please be aware that:

- You will receive an amber letter of concern if your child’s attendance falls below 92% asking for your support in ensuring that attendance improves.
- If your child’s attendance is below 90%, you will receive a critical, red letter, inviting you to an attendance panel meeting.

As always we categorise levels of attendance into red, amber and green.

GREEN - 100%. Excellent attendance above the national expected average, ideally where all children should aim to be.

AMBER - 97% or above. Good attendance - in line with or above national expected average.

RED - below 96%. Attendance below expected level.

If you are worried about your child’s attendance, please speak to Mrs Aulton or Mrs Mosses in the office to discuss your concerns.

Class	Attendance this week	Attendance last week
London am	76.19	79.55
London pm	52.31	69.84
Belfast	86.96	85.65
Cardiff	75.91	83.04
Edinburgh	84.58	75.88
Madrid	82.5	78.65
Paris	83.71	90
Rome	88.51	87.58
Barcelona	81.38	90
Berlin	91.3	90
Budapest	87.4	88.8
Beijing	87.77	88.21
Singapore	87.15	93.36
Tokyo	85.27	87.24
Abu Dhabi	91.84	96.18
Dubai	92.95	89.67
Doha	86.21	93.1
Boston	86.59	90.94
Chicago	93.33	94.93
Toronto	90.69	92.67
Brasilia	87.69	72.87
Lima	91.54	88.08
Santiago	92.59	94.07
Whole school	86.76	88.05