



# Sledmere Primary School



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you so much, on behalf of all the staff at Sledmere, for the thoughtful gifts and messages we have received. As we move into this holiday period it is a good time for us all to pause and reflect on what is important to us all. Whatever you are doing, please do stay safe and take care. **School re-starts on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022.**

Yesterday, we said a fond and somewhat tearful farewell to Mrs Sue Clark. She has been a lunchtime supervisory here at Sledmere for 38 years. Not only that, on the day of her retirement it was also her birthday – I have been asked not to talk about that though. Sue has been a feature of our school for so many years, done so much for thousands of children over her time here. There are not enough words to express how grateful we all are as a school community for her commitment to the children – in some cases three generations. Please do look at for a feature in the Express and Star to see how we celebrated this momentous occasion. To Sue, we will miss you but know that you will not be a stranger. Thank you.

We also say good bye to Miss Hawthorne today. Nursery parents and carers will be aware that Miss Hawthorne is leaving Sledmere after 11 years. Miss Hawthorne has worked in many year groups over her time at Sledmere and we know that she will be missed by children and staff alike. Thank you Miss Hawthorne – we wish you well.

## **Free Breakfast Club**

A big thankyou to Ms Samra and the office staff for arranging the beginning of our free breakfast club provision starting in January. This has been a commitment of mine since the beginning of this year, to make sure our children come to school ready to learn and in a safe and happy way. We are looking forward to welcoming close to 90 children on **Tuesday 4 January 2022 from 7.45am**. There will be many fun activities on the way as part of this provision as well. What better way to start the school day than with a good breakfast and amongst friends as well? See you there!

## **Covid-19**

Just a quick reference to Covid...please be aware as parents and carers that we are in regular contact with Health Protection Practitioners. We are following the very detailed and comprehensive guidance from the Local Authority. We have been commended on the handling of the relatively small number of cases in children we have had. A further message from the Black Country and West Birmingham CCG is below in this newsletter with links that will work for you as parents and carers.

## **January Opening**

Many parents and carers have asked me about this over this week. The message is 'business as usual' currently, from **Tuesday 4 January 2022**. Please keep an eye out for our usual communication channels for anything different. These are email, text message, Twitter and school website.

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](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: Tiffany Cordos and Carter Underhill

### *Reception*

Cardiff: Stevie Cooper and Archie Billingham

Belfast: Adam Bhayat and Maheeha Hussain

Edinburgh: Ayat Shahid and Adam Khan

### *Year 1*

Paris: Nazeer Kabudu and Anabia Khurshid

Rome: Aysha Rafi and Farhan Iqbal

Madrid: Haniya Ahmed and Charlie Raybould

### *Year 2*

Barcelona: Amelia B and Scirocco Wilkins

Berlin: Mahnoor Qayyum and Ayaan Rafiq

Budapest: Subhan Iqbal and Humaira Musarath

### *Year 3*

Beijing: Uzair Khan and Halimah Idrees

Tokyo: Tamuka Dune and Areesha Mir

Singapore: Darcie Wilkinson and Riley Roper

### *Year 4*

Doha: Lexi Stevens and Zuhaib Imran

Abu Dhabi: Hassan Imran and Isobel Howells

Dubai: Essa Basharat and Hailey Hutchinson

### *Year 5*

Toronto: Jenson-louie Dale and Kelsey Flavell

Chicago: Connor Raybould and Alysha Khan

Boston: Craig Martin and Areeba Imran

### *Year 6*

Brasilia: Bryan Kerchev and Ayah Salam

Lima: Evie Small and Kaden O'Driscoll

Santiago: Amy Goddard and Iman Hussain

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

- Applications for **September 2022 Reception places** need to be made by the **15<sup>th</sup> of January**.
- Swimming lessons for Doha and Singapore classes will start at the end of January, dates to follow.
- We still have outstanding chromebooks to be returned, if you still have one please return to school office as soon as possible.
- Please remember to leave a voice message on the school phone line, if your child is unable to attend school. **01384 818 425**

## Covid Jabs

Dear Parents,

The NHS is encouraging everyone eligible for their first, second or COVID-19 booster jab to walk-in and 'grab a jab' this weekend, to protect themselves and help make the Christmas period safer for us all.

There are 100 sites across the Black Country and West Birmingham, all are offering first, second and booster doses for adults aged 18 and over, as well as vaccines for 12-15-year-olds.

Appointments can be booked online via the [National Booking System](#), or by calling 119.

Walk-in appointments are also available at a number of vaccination sites across the area including Tipton Sports Academy in Sandwell, The Saddlers Vaccination Centre in Walsall, the Cardiac Rehab Gym at City Hospital and the Mander Vaccination Centre in Wolverhampton.

More information is available [here](#)

**Black Country and West Birmingham CCG**

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 ...***

*Khamari-Jax Parker      Alfie Byrne      Eesa Habib      Maneeha Hussain*  
*Isabella-Rose Hall      Poppy Seymour-Morris      Yousaf Khurram*  
*Zayn Khan      Hailey Hutchinson      David Kaziboni*  
*Khadijah Khan      Joseph Ballinger      Finley Jackson*  
*Mahrosh Nazim      Harry Bailey-Parfitt      Samuel Price*  
*Usman Sadaqat      Eilya Akam      Leighton Lovett      Malaikah Shazadi*  
*Umar Ali      Sarah Habib      Lorenzo Richards*



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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!

We have also introduced another attendance reward for children this week. Children who have achieved 100% for the whole week for each class will be put into a draw. The winner will receive a certificate during celebration assembly. I look forward to seeing as many children as possible achieve these certificates.

Next week the children who have achieved 100% for the whole term will also receive a very special 100% attendance award. Are you in the running for this special award?

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, Deputy Headteacher or Mrs Mosses in the office to discuss your concerns.

Class	Attendance this week	Attendance last week
London am	81.94	76.67
London pm	81.63	85.48
Belfast	92.86	87.5
Cardiff	84.24	72.73
Edinburgh	93.09	89.17
Madrid	91.43	93.93
Paris	83.33	88.52
Rome	93.48	86.82
Barcelona	94.4	91.72
Berlin	96.43	94.49
Budapest	97.12	90
Beijing	84.68	83.57
Singapore	87.74	93.66
Tokyo	90.56	90.07
Abu Dhabi	96.25	98.67
Dubai	87.07	91
Doha	90.43	93.1
Boston	98.99	92.5
Chicago	96.43	91.5
Toronto	95	92
Brasilia	95	92.92
Lima	92.57	89.56
Santiago	94.91	97.78
Whole school	92.01	90.52