



Sledmere Primary School



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year to all our families!

It has been a busy and productive start to 2022 at Sledmere Primary School. The children have made a great start to their new topics as well as continuing to make progress in all areas of their learning. I am grateful to the teachers and support staff for their diligence and care in ensuring a smooth return for the children.

Over the Christmas Break we have had improvements made to the flooring on the staircases in school and carpets of one of the Year 5 classes. We hope to have more of these improvements to our school environment in the not too distant future.

This week we are meeting with class teachers to undertake Pupil Progress Meetings. In these meetings we discuss every child's progress over the Autumn Term. We then set targets for the children and identify how we are going to ensure those targets are met. For me, this is the best part of the job as Headteacher. The opportunity to talk about each child with the teachers is always inspiring as their commitment and passion to securing the best outcomes is clear to see.

Free Breakfast Club

Don't forget our Free Breakfast Club began this week. It starts at 7.45am every morning. **Did I mention it is free?** There are 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 Management Changes

From Tuesday 11 January, the government have changed requirements relating to testing and isolation. Regardless of whether a child is symptomatic or not, if they test positive on a lateral flow device (LFD), they must isolate for 7 days. If they have two consecutive negative lateral flow tests (LFT) on day 6 and day 7, then they can return to school. There is no longer a requirement for a confirmatory PCR test. If there is no access to LFDs, and there are symptoms of Covid, the child will need to isolate for 10 days. We will provide work for children who are isolating.

As a school, we are not experiencing any issues with staffing at this time. Where we have needed to, we have been able to cover classes with supply teachers because of Covid-related absence. We hope that this remains the case but please be aware, if we cannot cover a class as a result of teacher absence, we will of course provide learning in the form of packs or online where we can.

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 restful 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: Halle Woodall and Jayden Whitehouse

Reception

Cardiff: Nevaeh Gammon and Archie Billingham

Belfast: Mohammad Ubaid and Remy Brown

Edinburgh: Alyssia Round and Hassan Khan

Year 1

Paris: Umer Kiyani and Leona Nji

Rome: Sofia Khan and Niall Greenfield

Madrid: Noah Woodruff and Poppy Wakeman

Year 2

Barcelona: Riley Lawton and Maria Aqsa

Berlin: Rehan Iqbal and Xyae Simons

Budapest: Moteeb Zeb and Grace Elonge

Year 3

Beijing: Wiktorja Grabowska and Gabriel Borta

Tokyo: Areesha Mir and Joey Griffiths

Singapore: Kyle Green and Aisha Rehman

Year 4

Doha: Ayaan Hamin and Annika Price

Abu Dhabi: Connor Nicholas and Isobelle Cooper

Dubai: Kobe Mistry and Lily-Rose Hall

Year 5

Toronto: Alfie-James Powell and Millie Greenfield

Chicago: Adam Qayyum and Ellesse Worton

Boston: Isabel Bruce and Ayaan Khan

Year 6

Brasilia: Dylan Kay and Evie Kane

Lima: Alihaider Habib and Maroush Imran

Santiago: Eryn Field and Junaid Shafiq

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 **15th of January 2022**.
- Please return GDPR forms to the school office as soon as possible.
- The additional Flu immunisation session will be on Wednesday 26th January.
- We have a few afternoon and full time (30 hours) **nursery places** for **September 2022**. Please return your completed application forms to the school office by Friday the 11th of February. Please note you will need to apply for a 30 hours free childcare code from HMRC for a full time place.
- 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

Links in the above message will work on the digital version of the newsletter available from our website

Many happy returns to all these children, who will celebrate their birthday over the week.
We wish you all the best for future health, success and happiness!

Happy Birthday to ...

Raheem Robinson Remaya Robinson Jake Newton

Subhan Iqbal Melody-Rose Ward



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A is for Attendance!

Welcome back! Happy New Year to you all.

As always attendance continues to remain a key focus this term. It is really important that your child attends every day.

This week we have sent out attendance letters to parents of children whose attendance is causing concern. Please consider how much time is lost every time your children is absent from school. We would also like to inform you that Mrs Travis Education Welfare Officer will now be joining us next week to help support families in improving their child's attendance.

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.

Lateness - New Year, New Resolution!

Small changes can make a big difference! Why not pack your child's bag or lunchbox the night before? Set the alarm clock ten minutes earlier? These small changes can help everyone to be ready to leave home in good time, arrive at school punctually and be ready for the day ahead. Thank you for your support in helping to raise our school attendance. If you would like any support or advice on attendance or punctuality, please speak to Mrs Aulton Deputy Headteacher.

Class	Attendance this week	Attendance last week
London am	93.65	81.94
London pm	94.87	81.63
Belfast	97.89	92.86
Cardiff	86.05	84.24
Edinburgh	78.35	93.09
Madrid	97.22	91.43
Paris	85.65	83.33
Rome	92.8	93.48
Barcelona	95.98	94.4
Berlin	95.83	96.43
Budapest	96.28	97.12
Beijing	85.91	84.68
Singapore	85.65	87.74
Tokyo	90.25	90.56
Abu Dhabi	94.78	96.25
Dubai	94.78	87.07
Doha	95.98	90.43
Boston	98.1	98.99
Chicago	97.03	96.43
Toronto	96.67	95
Brasilia	98.5	95
Lima	93.96	92.57
Santiago	95.91	94.91
Whole school	93.27	92.01