



Sledmere Primary School



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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy week we have had! The children have thoroughly enjoyed completing the Safer Internet Day activities and have learnt how to stay safe when using the internet. Thank you to Miss Jones for organising this with the class teachers.

Children's Mental Health week has also been a huge success and it has been lovely to see the children dressed to impress today - many of them have been extremely creative. Again thank you to Miss Guise who has organised the week. We will let you know how much money we have raised in next week's newsletter.

Reading at Sledmere

You may have noticed that we have changed the way in which we teach reading at Sledmere.

We now practice 'Echo Reading' daily (the teacher reads and then the children 'echo' it back) to assess the children's fluency and expression. Children are also heard reading aloud during their English, Maths and even afternoon lessons too! Although in KS2 this doesn't appear in your child's home reading record, we are constantly assessing and monitoring your child's reading progress. Reading books can be changed by the children when they have finished reading them and book bands will be monitored half termly. As always, we still encourage you to hear your child read at home too and to note this down in their home reading record - every little helps! As always if you are unsure please talk to your child's class teacher or contact Mrs Dowler, English Lead and they will be happy to talk this through with you.

After school clubs

After half term we will be continuing to run our after school clubs. Mr Ludlam has been working hard to organise some more clubs for different year groups including cricket for Years 3 and 5 and Fencing for Year 3. We will also be running a drama club. Please look out for letters from Mr Ludlam if your child wishes to attend one of these clubs.

Year 6 Booster Sessions

After half term we will be running Year 6 Maths Booster sessions for invited children. The sessions will be run by the Year 6 teaching team. Letters inviting the children will be sent out to parents next week.

Breakfast Club

A huge thank you to all those children who have joined us every day for our free breakfast club. It is lovely to see so many children with us and I have to say it's been a pleasure to see the children from different year groups eating and playing together.

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: Tiffany Cordos and William Leatham

Reception

Cardiff: Airic Danaei and Nevaeh Gammon

Belfast: Alayna Musarath and Zakariah Zaman

Edinburgh: Musa Imran and Lahna Goddard

Year 1

Paris: Lashaya Beet and Shozeb Ali

Rome: Eden Harris and Cass Lewis

Madrid: Haniya Ahmed and Ahmed Khan

Year 2

Barcelona: Adam Salim and Cody Cooke

Berlin: Isaac Cooper and Tiana Malhi

Budapest: Charlie Cooper and Mahrosh Nazim

Year 3

Beijing: Dua Fatima Omar and Ramirez Myers

Tokyo: Frankie-Jo Bagley and Gous Zeb

Singapore: Hira Noor and Kyron Beet

Year 4

Doha: Harry Bailey Parfitt and Mollie Lole

Abu Dhabi: Benyamin Khan and Petrina Amrevweatefa

Dubai: Elle-Louise Bunce and Abdoulie Darboe

Year 5

Toronto: Millie Greenfield and Prabhav Sharma

Chicago: Isabelle Hughes and Helmand Jaan

Boston: Prabjot Singh and Owais Hussain

Year 6

Brasilia: Josh Cook and Scarlett McGowan

Lima: Francedsca Hinsley and Ivan Adu-Boakye

Santiago: Shafer Attique and La Raib Shahid

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

- There is a school inset day on Friday 18th February.
- Pizza and chips will served on the last day of half term, Thursday 17th February.
- Tempest school photographers will be in on Thursday 3rd March for portrait and sibling pictures. Please ensure you have returned your completed GDPR forms so we have permission to take pictures.
- Please drop children at the class room doors and not through reception. Classroom doors are open from **8:40am-8:50am**.
- Please return any chromebooks you may have at home.

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 ...

Owais Hussain
Annika Price
Amelia B.

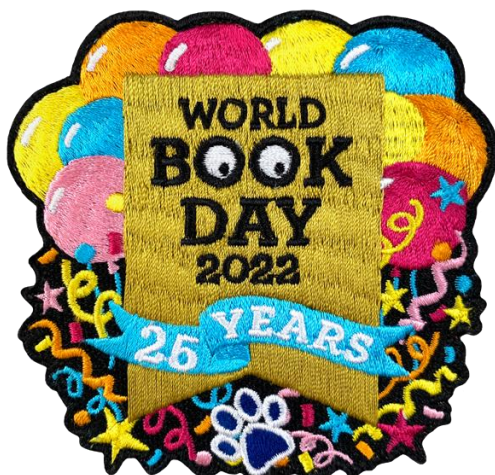
Hamed Saleh
Aayan Hanif
Amaan Iqbal

Rylan Field
Eshaan Khan



As a parent or carer you play a key role in helping your child to stay safe online. You don't need to be an expert on the internet to help keep your child stay safe online.

Please talk to your child about internet safety and what they have learnt this week.



World Book Day

After half term we will be celebrating World Book Day on **Friday 4th March 2022**. Children will be able to come dressed as their favourite book character and during the day will complete lots of exciting activities using a book especially chosen by their class teacher.



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A is for Attendance!

Monitoring attendance this week has been a real joy as many of the children are in school and are proud to have 100% attendance – there have even been several classes that have been achieving 100% on a daily basis and are determined to win the trophy at the end of the week. Well done to all those classes that have tried really hard this week.

As some of you may know I have been making some of the first day calls over the last couple of weeks. However, it is really important that you phone school to let us know why your child is absent. If we do not hear from you, our school policy is to phone you on the first day of your child's absence. However, if we cannot contact you then we will make a home visit on that day. It is extremely important that we make sure we know the reason why your child is absent as part of our safeguarding procedures.

Poor attendance – how does your child compare?

Attendance during the school year	Equals this number of days absent	Which is approx this many weeks absent	Which means this number of lessons missed
90%	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	200 lessons
70%	57 days	11.5 weeks	290 lessons

Attendance Rewards

We have lots of high profile rewards and systems in school to promote good attendance and punctuality with the children.

We have a weekly class attendance competition with the winning class being awarded a weekly certificate and school attendance trophy. The winning class also gets to wear their own clothes on the Friday of the following week. We also have weekly 100% certificates where a child in each class is awarded a certificate for attending school each week. At the end of each half term we also have our 100% attendance assembly which rewards all the children who have been in school every day achieving 100% attendance for that term.

If you are worried about your child's attendance, please speak to Mrs Aulton, Deputy Headteacher.

Class	Attendance this week %	Attendance last week %
London am	85	86.25
London pm	89.39	86.67
Belfast	96.67	100
Cardiff	81.36	88.07
Edinburgh	91.67	92.69
Madrid	94	90.69
Paris	87.6	86.82
Rome	92.33	96.33
Barcelona	95.17	96.55
Berlin	96.07	96.74
Budapest	99.26	95.38
Beijing	95	89.39
Singapore	91.03	94.83
Tokyo	94.67	92.33
Abu Dhabi	93.1	96.55
Dubai	94.83	85.17
Doha	88.28	98.62
Boston	90	93.08
Chicago	99.33	93.92
Toronto	92.67	92
Brasilia	94.89	90.71
Lima	92.22	92.22
Santiago	93.85	86.54
Whole school	93.09	92.79