



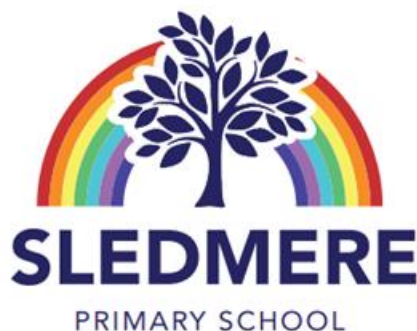
Sledmere Primary School



January 2023 Newsletter

School Logo

Firstly, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and carers that took the time to vote and give feedback on our new school logo proposal during parents' evenings last term. Following on from this, we collated a short-list of the top 6 that had been voted for and gave the children in school the final vote. I am happy to share with you our first draft of the most popular logo that was voted for below.



As previously mentioned, there will be a gradual phased introduction of the logo into school uniform. We will be liaising with Crested School Wear in Dudley with regards to this.



As of **Monday 23rd January**, we launched ParentPay as a means for families to pay for school dinners and trips.

Your child has already been sent home with a letter containing an activation code that will you need to set up your account, once this has been done, money can be added to pay for items. Please be aware that, for the time being, cash will still be needed to purchase tuck items.

We understand that some parents feel worried about changing over to Parent Pay, please call the school office with any queries and we will do our best to support.

Important Dates

Inset Day: Monday 5th June 2023

Spring Term Dates

Wednesday 4th January to Friday 31st March (*School will finish at 1.15pm on Friday 31st March*)

Half Term: Monday 20th February to Friday 24th February

Curriculum Dates

W/B 30.1.2023: Story telling week.

3.2.2023: NSPCC Number Day

3.3.2023: World Book Day in school

W/B 6th February : Children's Mental Health Week 2023

Punctuality

Please remember that gates close promptly at **8:50am** and any children coming to school after this time receive a late mark in the register. Lessons start every morning at **8.55am**, punctuality is extremely important, please bear in mind that if your child is:

5 minutes late every day they lose 3.4 days education a year

10 minutes late every day they lose 6.9 days education a year

15 minutes late every day they lose 10.3 days education a year.



NSPCC Number Day this year is on Friday 3rd February 2023. This will be a non-uniform day, where we are asking families to be creative and allow the children to dress-up or wear clothing that may represent numbers. For example, football tops or clothing with amounts of objects that can be counted on or go big and be creative with a full-on Maths related costume. We will be asking for a 50p donation that will go to the NSPCC and support services; such as Childline and Speak Out, Stay Safe. Children will be doing additional Maths activities on this day in school also.

Attendance

We would like remind parents and families that good school attendance is essential in supporting your child's learning and progress in school.

Unfortunately, our attendance is not as high as it should be and is currently sitting at **91.2%**.

We understand that the significant amount of illness prior to Christmas will have impacted upon school attendance but we would still like to remind parents/carers to contact school as soon as possible to inform us of your child's reason for absence.

Launch of Dudley's Cost of Living Support Hubs

We have been informed that Citizens Advice Dudley and Wolverhampton are opening four Cost of Living Support Hubs starting 30th January which will be running for the next 12 months.

Dudley's Cost of Living Support Hubs are there to alleviate some of the immediate struggles households face to afford food, pay bills and buy essentials.

The Hubs will provide support to any Dudley resident who needs help, offering immediate poverty relieving support and information on how to save money and make money stretch further, along with practical help relating to access to food, fuel, available grants and funds based on qualifying criteria.

Provision House, 80-81 High Street, Dudley DY1 1PY is one of the locations we have been informed of. Opening hours will be 9.30-3.30pm, Mondays and Fridays as of 30th January.



We have now renewed our subscription for **Times Table Rockstars**.

Times Tables Rock Stars was created to ignite a love of maths in children and help them to recall their times tables in record speed. Accessible on any device, via the app or browser, children can play anytime, anywhere.

Your child (Years 2 – 6) will have been sent home with their unique username and password, so that they can log in and benefit from the different areas of Times Tables Rockstars at home.