



Sledmere Primary School

September Newsletter



We would like to wish all our children and families a big welcome back to school. We are already so proud of how the children have started back this academic year. The learning atmosphere across school feels really positive and we are excited for the year ahead.

New Curriculum

We start our new academic year with a new wider curriculum journey. We are excited to be launching and working alongside the Primary Knowledge Curriculum in school for History, Geography, Art, Science and Design Technology. Feedback so far from the children and staff is extremely positive. We recognise that as we continue to strive for improvement, we need to provide parents/carers with more information about what your children are learning in school. We will now be sending out half termly curriculum newsletters that will provide an overview of the topics and themes that your children will be learning about in the term ahead. Autumn 1 will go out to parents next week.

Homework

Homework will restart this half-term and will be sent out on a Friday for pupils to return on a **Wednesday**.

Please see below an overview of what homework types to expect.

EYFS: Phonics , Ten town Maths & a talk topic

KS1:

Yr1 : Reading books , Maths & Phonics

Yr 2: Reading Books, Maths , Comprehension/phonics

KS2:

Y3/4 : Timetables Reading books , Reading skills/comprehension.

Y5/6 Arithmetic, Reading Books, Reading skills/comprehension.

Important Dates:

Autumn 2022 Term Dates

Wednesday 6th September to Friday 22nd December

Half Term: Monday 30th October to Friday 3rd November

Inset Days

- Monday 6th November
- Monday 8th January
- Monday 22nd July

Parents Evening: Wednesday 11th October

Read Write Inc. **Phonics**

We want to start the new year working with parents/carers to best support our children with their early reading skills. Please look out for invitations to parent events throughout October and November. More information to follow.

Caterlink

We want to inform parents of a pending change to our catering services in school. Unfortunately, Dudley Catering Services will no longer be providing for schools. Their provision with Sledmere will end on 27th October. We are excited to then welcome Caterlink as our new catering service. Further information from Caterlink will go out to parents in the coming weeks. Please note, that as part of this change, school meal prices will be increasing as of 6th November to £2.55 a day.

Attendance

It has been lovely to see so many children attending school every day since the start of this academic year.

We start the year, with a school attendance currently at 94.6%. This is an improvement on this time last year. Thank you for all your support and encouragement on getting your children into school to ensure they settle well and make a good start to the year. We will continue to strive and aim for our attendance to be in line with at least the national average/expectation of 96%.

Please see below, a few prompts and notes to consider about school attendance

- Please be respectful of other parents and pupils and remember that lateness affects every child in the class. The school day begins at 8.30am and gates will close promptly at 8.40am.
- We will continue with our 100% attendance reward scheme this year.
- Please remember, frequent absence can add up to a considerable amount of lost learning and can seriously disadvantage your child. Please see the breakdown below.

Attendance during one typical school year (190 days)	equals this number of days absent	which is approximately this many weeks absent	which means this number of lessons missed (6 per day)
95%	10 days	2 weeks	60 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	Over 100 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	Over 220 lessons
70%	57 days	11.5 weeks	Over 300 lessons

- Any child with 90% attendance and below, is classified as being *persistently absent*. School and other statutory services will become involved. This could be a home visit, invitation to a meeting and a School Attendance Support Plan, or Early Help support offered.
- Please remember that taking holidays in term time will affect your child's schooling as much as any other absence. There is no automatic entitlement in law to time off in school time to go on holiday. Leave of absence shall not be granted unless the parents can prove **exceptional circumstances**. All applications must be made in writing at least 5 school days prior to the requested leave date.
- We understand that there may be barriers to attendance. Please pick up the phone or come and speak with us you are experiencing issues that may impact upon your ability to ensure regular school attendance. We will do our best to support you.