

Newsletter – Spring 2

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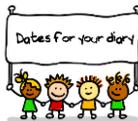
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Dates for your Diary



25th February: Y5/Y6 Open Afternoon
26th February: Y3-Y6 Open Evening
27th February: Y3/Y4 Open Afternoon
3rd/5th March: Lent Assembly
5th March: World Book Day
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6th March: Reading Café Parents
Event 1:45pm
9th March: British Science Week
10th March: Online Bullying
Workshops
16th March: Tree Planting Project
16th March: SATs Practice Week
18th March: Broom Methodist Church
Assembly
23rd March: Picture Book Week
25th March: Y5 Visit to Drayton Manor
26th March: Y4 South Yorkshire
Transport Museum
27th March: Y4 Swimming begins
27th March: Y5/Y6 Family Learning
Event 1 (Explorers) 1pm-3pm
1st April: Y3 to attend Broom
Methodist Church for Godly Play
3rd April: Last day of half term
20th April: Return to School

Open Afternoon/Evening

We're looking forward to welcoming you into school this week to meet with class teachers. Once again, Tuesday and Thursday appointments will be held in the hall and Wednesday appointments in classrooms. Please may we ask that you try to arrive in time for your appointment and advise you that the appointments are for 10 minutes. In order for us to keep things moving smoothly for other parents waiting, particularly parents with multiple appointments, please make an additional appointment, at a time agreed with the class teacher, if you wish to have a further discussion. The focus of this meeting will be to discuss your child's attitude to learning and their current progress in English and Maths. Books will be shared at the meeting. Please would you also complete and return a parent questionnaire when you attend. Thank you.

Calling all Parents...

We are pleased to announce the weekly morning workshop will continue this half term, where parents will be able to come in with their child and complete the morning task set by the class teacher, from 8:40am – 9am. These morning tasks may focus on maths, reading grammar and punctuation or writing; therefore, giving parents the opportunity to see some aspects of their child's curriculum. These workshops will begin the first week back. For Y3 parents, these workshops will be held every Monday morning, Y4 workshops on a Wednesday and Y5 and Y6 on a Friday morning. We look forward to welcoming you into school.



Leave of absence in term time

Regular attendance at school is vital to help children achieve and get the best possible start in life. Children who frequently miss school often fall behind. Therefore, before considering a leave of absence request during term time, please consider the following points.

- 1 There is no requirement to authorise a request just because a request has been made.
- 2 The Anti-Social Behaviour Act (2003) gives the Local Authority the power to issue fixed penalty notices for unauthorised leave of absence during term time.
- 3 No parent can demand leave of absence for the purposes of a holiday as a right.
- 4 Any request for leave must be made in advance.
- 5 If the application for leave of absence in term time is made because of the parent's workplace holiday arrangements then a letter from the employer explaining why the leave of absence must be taken in term time **MUST** be attached to the request form on proper letter-headed paper.
- 6 If important work has been missed by the pupil due to the parents making a request for leave of absence for a holiday, the parents should not expect special arrangements to be made by the school for that pupil to catch up that work.
- 7 The circumstances of each individual request will be taken into account. The following factors may be relevant but this should not be regarded as a comprehensive list:
 - Parent's workplace holiday arrangements if supported by a letter from employer.
 - The overall attendance of the child for the previous academic year or 3 terms.
 - If taking leave of absence in the first half of the first term would have a negative impact on pupil progress.
 - If a previous holiday has been taken in the same academic year or previous school year.
 - Timing of internal and/or external examinations/assessments.
 - The reason given by a parent for requesting leave of absence in term time.

It is more than likely that school will request that the Local Authority considers issuing a Fixed Penalty Notice for unauthorised leave of absences. The cost of a Fixed Penalty Notice is £60 per parent, per child, if paid within 21 days; rising to £120 per parent per child if paid within 28 days.



Let's Celebrate

Attendance

Good attendance at school is vital to enable children to make as much progress as possible during the school year. We urge you not to take holidays during term time unless it is unavoidable. We look to achieve at least 97% attendance across school each week and always recognise the good attendance of individual children throughout the year. During the last half term we hit 97% across school – on target. Well done to the 6 classes who had attendance above target.

3FI: 98.7%

5TS: 97.9%

6NE: 96.4%

4WN: 98.5%

6GO: 97.1%

4EL: 95.7%

3ND: 98.2%

6JB: 96.9%

4ZN: 95.7%

3MC: 97.9%

5HS: 96.9%

5RE: 94.3%



Bronze Awards

Well done to the following children who have reached 50 smiles and attained their Bronze certificates and prizes.

Y3 Pupils

Mustafa, Anja, Namish, Fearne, Zsa, Amna, Isaac, Hassan, Amelia, Amna, Laila, Subhaan, Luca, Eden, Zikra and Isabel

Y4 Pupils

Oliver, Sam, Jawad, Muhammad, Zeeshan, Faiz, Muhammed-Haadee, Abbie, Zahra, Sophie and Neve

Y5 Pupils

Aleeza, AngelMary, Joel, Lewis, Jem, Willow, Martha, Anam, Khalisa, Hannah, Carla, Tommy, Sena, Freya, Sophie and Anna

Silver Award

Well done to Almoszamil for being the first pupil to receive 100 smiles and achieve their Silver certificate and prize.



Y6 Prefects



Well done to the following children who received their purple prefect badges last half term!

6NE

Joseph, Mohammed and Zain.

6GO

Hannah.

Well done to the following children who received their bronze prefect badges last half term!

6NE

Amar, Eisa, Faheem, Mohammed and Sanah.

6GO

Hannah, Hannah, Ayaan, Raza and Sohaib.

6JB

Amera and Philip.

Well done to the following children who received their silver prefect badges last half term!

6NE

Elizabeth, Leo, Orla and Sara.

Training Days 2020 – 2021

After meeting with Mrs Peart, Head Teacher at Sitwell Infant School, we can now confirm that the training days for the next academic year will be:

Tuesday 1st September
Friday 23rd October
Friday 12th February
Monday 19th July
Tuesday 20th July

World Book Day 2020

As part of our continued drive to promote a love of reading, we will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday, 5th March, through a range of activities. We want the day (and week) to be exciting and memorable for the children, whilst enhancing the love of reading and the delight in entering an imaginary world. Unlike recent years, we would like parents to be involved, and therefore we will be hosting activities for parents and children.

Thursday, 5th March

Children are invited to dress up on this day; however, each class has been given a letter, and they are welcome to come dressed as a word that begins with that letter; for example, if the letter is 'c', then a child could wear bright clothing for colourful or if the letter is 's', then a child could be a scientist. Please see below for some ideas.



Class Letters

3FI – L	3MC – P	3ND – B	4ZN – T
4EL – A	4WN – S	5TS – N	5HS – E
5RE – R	6NE – M	6JB – D	6GO – C

Friday, 6th March

At 1:45pm, we will be hosting a 'Reading Cafe', where parents can come into school and read a book with their child before completing an activity. During this time, a range of text types will be out so that you can 'taste' different genres. Please complete the slip on the letter handed out to your child before the school holiday should you wish to attend.