

Newsletter – Autumn 1

Monday 6th September 2021

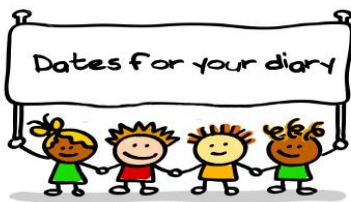
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Dates for your Diary



13th September: After-school clubs begin

15th September: Lower School Road Safety Assembly led by PCSO

16th September: Upper School Road Safety Assembly led by PCSO

23rd September: Y6 Visit to Crucial Crew

24th September: Individual Photographs

19th – 21st October: Open Evening (Further information to follow)

22nd October: INSET Day

22nd October – 31st October: School Holiday

1st November: Back to School



Welcome Back



I can't believe we're already here again at the start of another school year! Where has the summer gone? It has been a delight to welcome all of the children back to school over the last two days. For many of our new Year 3 children, Thursday was the first time they have ever set foot into our rather large building and they have settled in so well.

All of the staff have worked exceptionally hard during the summer break to make the school a welcoming and safe place for the children to return to. The children have taken the school routines on board with resilience and the days are running smoothly. Thank you to all of you for continuing to follow the procedures that we have put in place to keep both pupils and staff safe.

It has also been lovely to officially welcome Miss Houghton to Sitwell Junior School, our new Y6 Teacher. We hope she enjoys her time with us.

To keep up with the latest school news please follow the school's Twitter page @SitwellSchool which is regularly updated – you might even catch a glimpse of your child and their learning. You can also find copies of all correspondence on the school website www.sitwelljunior.uk

Sitwell 7

At Sitwell Junior School, we focus on a set of shared values which help us to work with one another co-operatively and with respect. These values make our school community happy and harmonious, a fun place, where children feel secure. Our Values are important to all pupils, staff and parents.

The whole staff team and all pupils are involved in promoting values and recognising their positive effects around school. The values have been selected by pupils and staff as values which are important within the school community and which will be important throughout life.

We will ensure that our seven shared Values, known as 'The Sitwell Seven', are interwoven into the teaching and learning in order for children to make maximum progress as lifelong learners and thinkers. These are:

Respect, Responsibility, Resourcefulness Resilience, Reflection, Risk Taking & Relationships

Individual Photographs

On Friday 24th September, the photographer will be in school to take individual and family photographs. If you would like your child to be photographed with younger brothers or sisters from the Infant School, please could you bring them into school, at 8.30am. Smart uniform and a smile will be the order of the day.

Parent Pay and Teachers to Parents

We are a cashless school and use a website called **parentpay.com** as a method of payment for school trips, breakfast club and after school clubs. Any parents that are not already registered will receive an activation letter, via email, which will contain a username and password in order for you to access the system. Therefore, any Year 3 parents that have not yet returned the pupil data collection forms must do so as soon as possible so that we have your most up to date contact details. If any Y4-6 parents have recently changed email addresses, or wish to change any other data collection details, please inform the school office.

Arbor is our main method of communicating important information to you as a parent. Through this system you will be able to receive text messages, emails and book Open Evening appointments. Again, in order for this system to work effectively we need your current email address and mobile telephone number.

School Dinners

www.live-kitchen.co.uk is the website we use for pre-ordering school meals. For those of you not already registered you will receive a link to the website, via email, in order to register your details so that you can log in and pre-order your child's school meals. Also, you can set up a direct debit or make card payments on the website as we do not accept cash payments for school meals. If you are already registered but have forgotten your password, please contact the school office and this can be reset. Finally, if your child is eligible for free school meals, you still need to register and pre-order school meals on the website.



Our Curriculum Offer

At Sitwell, we promote a flexible, knowledge and skills based curriculum designed to engage, develop and innovate all our children. Our curriculum is a carefully planned thematic approach to teaching and learning designed to support children's natural curiosity and stimulate their creativity. It aims to inspire and challenge all pupils and prepare them for the future. We use the Sitwell 7 Values of Respect, Responsibility, Relationships, Resilience, Resourcefulness, Risk-taking and Reflection to promote positive attitudes to lifelong learning and develop children socially, emotionally and academically.

Appropriate Experiences

We have developed three drivers that shape our curriculum, bring about the aims and values of our school and respond to the particular needs of our children:

Community – which helps pupils to belong and be an active member of our school, the locality, our country and the world.

Possibilities – which helps pupils to build aspirations and know available possibilities for their future lives.

Responsibility – which helps pupils to understand the purpose of our curriculum and the part they play in achieving their full potential.

Further information on our curriculum, including our long term curriculum plans and topic overviews, are accessible on our school website www.sitwelljunior.uk

PE Reminder

To prevent the need for children to get changed for PE, we would like them to **continue to come to school dressed in their PE kit on the days that they have PE**. Please see the timetable below as a reminder of when your child has their PE sessions. This means that the children do not need to bring their PE kits into school. **PE lessons will start the week commencing Monday 6th September**. If your child has a sports club after school, they can also attend school in their PE kit on that day (with the exception of football club, as a football kit is required for this club and this will need to be brought to school on the day).

Term Dates 2021-22

This year's term dates can be found on the school website www.sitwelljunior.uk

The INSET days are as follows:

Friday 22nd October 2021

Friday 18th February 2022

Monday 6th June 2022

Thursday 21st July 2022



PE Timetable



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM	5TS	4ZN/4EL/4WN/6NE/ 3ND/3FI	5RE/5MC	6NE/6JB/6CH	3ND/3FI
PM	5RE/5MC	6JB/6CH/3HS	5TS	4EL/4ZN	3HS/4WN