

## Newsletter – Autumn 2

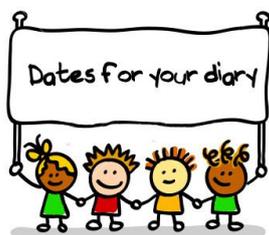
### Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2021

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Here are some important dates for autumn term 2. This is not an exhaustive list as other events may be added as the term progresses.

08.11.21	Travelling Books in school
11.11.21	Y5/Y6 Road safety Assembly
11.11.21	Y3 Visit to Cadbury World
12.11.21	Y3/Y4 Road Safety Assembly
15.11.21	Anti-bullying Week Odd Socks Day
17.11.21	Flu immunisations
19.11.21	Children in Need Fancy Dress Friday
10.12.21	Provisional Christmas Concert Day
13.12.21	Provisional Christmas Concert Day
14.12.21	Y3 Pupil of the Term Assembly
14.12.21	Y4 Pupil of the Term Assembly
15.12.21	Y5 Pupil of the Term Assembly
16.12.21	Y6 Pupil of the Term Assembly
15.12.21	Christmas Dinner Christmas Jumper Day
17.12.21	Break up for Christmas



#### Thank you



I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support during the first half term of the new school year. It has been a successful return to school for everyone; most importantly the children, after the six weeks' holiday. The children have settled well into their new classes and have displayed determination and motivation to succeed and achieve in their learning. Towards the end of the half term, it was lovely to be able to offer both face-to-face and telephone appointments for parent consultations as we know that these are an integral part of your child's progress. As a follow up to the parent consultations, you will soon be asked to complete an online parent survey. The results from this survey will help us to ensure we are meeting the children's needs and doing the best job that we possibly can. The survey will only take five minutes to complete and your views about the school will be very much appreciated and welcomed. The children will also complete a similar survey in school.

#### Year Group Half-Termly Newsletters

Today, you will have received your child's year group newsletter for this half term – please keep this safe as it details useful information regarding your child's learning. Your child will have also received home learning today, if they have started a new topic for this half term. Do not forget that children are always learning - at home as well as at school. Experiences outside of school can be just as educational as at school. For up to date information and to find out what your child has been learning about in school, why not follow our twitter page @SitwellSchool.



## **Frequently Asked Questions**



This half term, we will continue to do all we can to share information about your child's learning with you, for example through Marvellous Me, email, the school website and Twitter. Following on from the parent consultations, please see the following frequently asked questions:

### **Where can I find out what my child will be learning about in school?**

Each half term, your child will bring home a half termly newsletter. This will provide you with details about what your child will be learning in the core subjects of English and Maths as well as the topics your child will be learning. Our topics incorporate the foundation subjects, such as Geography, History, Art and also Science and Computing. Our current Yearly Overviews, Topic Overviews and Knowledge Organisers can all be found on the school website: <https://www.sitwelljunior.uk/curriculum-statement/> Following a review of our curriculum, you will notice, over the next half term, some tweaks being made to these key documents. This is to ensure that children are having the opportunity to revisit knowledge and skills to allow them to secure the learning into their long term memories.

### **How can I support my child with learning at home?**

The half termly newsletter mentioned above will provide details on how you can help your child with learning at home. Each half term, your child will also receive a Home Learning letter. This will provide details of a project they can carry out at home linked to their topic. For other ideas on how you can help your child with learning at home, please see our 'Learning at Home' area of our school website: <https://www.sitwelljunior.uk/learning-at-home/>

### **How will I know how much progress my child is making?**

During the autumn and spring term, we will hold parent consultation meetings during which you will be able to talk to your child's teacher about their attainment and progress towards end of year expectations. At the end of each term, we complete assessments which consist of both tests and teacher assessments in Reading, Writing, Maths and GPS. These are discussed during our spring term parent consultation appointments. At the end of the academic year, you will receive a Record of Achievement which will provide a detailed report of your child's progress throughout the year across the primary curriculum.

### **How can I get in touch with my child's class teacher?**

Under normal circumstances, we welcome parents into school at every opportunity. We usually arrange curriculum express days for the children to share their learning with you and invite you to share in your child's successes during assemblies and other celebration events. However, none of this is possible at the moment and this is as difficult for us as it is for you. However, you are still able to catch your child's class teacher for an informal chat after school. Alternatively, please telephone the school office, or email the school ([info@sitwelljunior.uk](mailto:info@sitwelljunior.uk)).

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## Children in Need 2021

On **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November**, we will be holding a 'Fancy Dress Friday' day for Children in Need. The children can come in non-uniform, their favourite party clothes, something spotty, or even a football kit – they can choose! All we ask is that the children bring a donation of £1 to raise money for Children in Need.



## Anti-bullying Week 2020

The theme for Anti-Bullying Week 2021 is: **ONE KIND WORD**. Anti-Bullying Week will happen from **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November** and will start with Odd Socks Day to mark the first day of Anti-Bullying Week.

### Odd Socks Day

All you need to do is wear odd socks! It's a great way to celebrate what makes us all unique in Anti-Bullying Week! It will be held on **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2021**, the first day of Anti-Bullying Week.



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## Travelling Books

As always in November, we have 'Travelling Books' in school next week, helping us raise money to buy more books in school. During the week, classes will have the opportunity to browse the book fair. However, we will not be able to open the fair before or after school due to the current circumstances. If your child would like to purchase a book, complete the pre-browse order form and send in the correct amount, or alternatively you may phone Travelling Books on 0330 088 5756.



## Christmas Concerts

As we continue to review our COVID-19 risk assessments and take advice from Public Health England and the Rotherham LA, we are unable to share with you our plans for Christmas Concerts and what form these will take just yet. As soon as we have more information on this, we will let you know.



## Finally...

Following twenty-five years of working at Sitwell Junior School, Mr. Green, our Site Manager, left Sitwell Junior School for pastures new the Friday before the half term break. We would like to take this opportunity to thank him for his years of service and, on many occasions, going above and beyond. He was always available when needed and his cheery greetings first thing in the mornings will be missed.



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