



Whole-School Newsletter Autumn Term 1 | Tuesday, 5th September 2023



## MESSAGE FROM MRS DAWSON

I can't believe we're already here again at the start of another school year! It has been fantastic to welcome all our children, old and new, into school after the summer holidays and get back into lessons! It is always an exciting time when we start the new year and see the children's excited, smiling faces walk through our gates on the very first day. Needless to say school has started exceptionally well, with so much positivity - everyone has settled in brilliantly.

Part of the transition into school is getting to grips with new routines, new expectations and meeting lots of different people. It sometimes takes a week or two, but everyone gets there very quickly. If you do have any queries, please do get in touch with us and we will be there to help. Alternatively, if you would like to email school instead, please email [info@sitwelljunior.uk](mailto:info@sitwelljunior.uk) and your email will be forwarded to the most relevant person to assist you.

All of the staff have worked exceptionally hard during the summer break to make the school a welcoming and stimulating place for the children to return to. They also have lots of exciting things planned for the coming term. Some dates are included in this newsletter, but please read the year group newsletter which will be emailed to you today and keep an eye on our Twitter feed (@SitwellSchool) and Marvellous Me for school, year group and class updates.



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 05.09.23 FIRST DAY OF AUTUMN TERM 1
- 21.09.23 Y5 WONDER DOME PLANETARIUM SHOW  
IN SCHOOL
- 22.09.23 INDIVIDUAL PHOTOGRAPH DAY
- 25.09.23 Y6 WHITBY RESIDENTIAL
- 28.09.23 Y4 MULTIPLICATION TABLES CHECK PARENT  
MEETING AT 2:30PM & 3:20PM
- 03.10.23 Y6 VISIT TO CRUCIAL CREW
- 05.10.23 Y5 WONDERDOME
- 10.10.23 WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY
- 17.10.23 3HT SHEFFIELD WILDLIFE TRUST OUTDOOR  
LEARNING WORKSHOP
- 18.10.23 3KL SHEFFIELD WILDLIFE TRUST OUTDOOR  
LEARNING WORKSHOP
- 19.10.23 3RE SHEFFIELD WILDLIFE TRUST OUTDOOR  
LEARNING WORKSHOP
- 23.10.23 - 27.10.23 HALF TERM BREAK**
- 30.10.23 FIRST DAY OF AUTUMN TERM 2
- 01.11.23 PARENT CONSULTATIONS
- 02.11.23 PARENT CONSULTATIONS
- 06.11.23 Y3 CHILDREN'S BOOK SHOW
- 07.11.23 Y6 NATIONAL HOLOCAUST CENTRE VISIT
- 09.11.23 Y5 VR EXPERIENCE
- 13.11.23 ANTI-BULLYING WEEK
- 13.11.23 - 17.11.23 BOOK FAIR IN SCHOOL
- 17.11.23 CHILDREN IN NEED DAY
- 19.11.23 ROAD SAFETY WEEK
- 24.11.23 PROFESSIONAL LEARNING DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED
- 27.11.23 FLU VACCINATIONS
- 01.12.23 TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS DAY

### UNIFORM

Thank you for ensuring our children have returned to school looking very smart and showing that they are proud to be a member of Sitwell Junior School. We do expect our children to be wearing correct uniform at all times, whether full uniform or PE kit. Please remember that should you require any more uniform, you may be able to find the size you need from our pre-loved collection and our fantastic admin team will be more than happy to assist.

As a reminder, the only permitted jewellery that may be worn is one pair of stud earrings and a smart/sensible wrist watch. For safety reasons, all jewellery must be removed during practical lessons, including for PE.

## Our School Vision

Over the last two years, we have worked hard to reflect on and agree our school vision, ensuring that it is becoming embedded in all aspects of school life. I am pleased to report that over the last academic year, we have focused primarily on our school community, making important links with our families through coffee mornings, parent workshops and a variety of family-led learning and celebration events. As we continue to promote our school vision, I felt it important to remind you of our vision statement so that you are able to understand the school's direction. I know that you will be fully supportive in helping us to reach our end goals, so that we can all work together to embed it through our school community.

**We will build a school community that encourages a love of learning in a safe and supportive environment where children are more than just educated. Children will be empowered to aim high and follow their dreams; anything is possible. With resilience and responsibility, they will be motivated to make a positive impact on each others' lives, the school community and beyond. Working together with our families, our school drivers will be at the forefront of our curriculum: community, possibilities and responsibility. Together, we will strive to remove the barriers to success and fear of failure. We will work hard to establish an inclusive environment that accepts, respects and embraces diversity and challenges stereotypes – everybody has a part to play at Sitwell Junior School. We will ensure that our children move onto their next venture with the skills, knowledge and values to set them on the path to success.**

## Term Dates & Professional Learning Days

In collaboration with the Infant School, our term dates and professional learning days for this academic year are set and can be viewed on our website [here](#). Professional learning days are when school is closed for staff training so children do not need to attend on those days.

## Parking around School

I know that when the new term starts many parents want to bring their children as close as possible to the school gates (especially with the weather we have had for most of the summer break) but this has a direct impact on our residents. Please can I ask that you are mindful of where you park and not block driveways or stop our residents' access to their properties. For the safety of our community, please make sure you are driving carefully around school and are not parking or mounting the kerb.

## Attendance

As a school, we believe that good attendance is essential if pupils are to take full advantage of the range of opportunities that school offers and gain the skills that will equip them for their next stage of education and for adult life. For further information regarding school expectations and procedures followed for dealing with attendance concerns, our Attendance, Punctuality and Expectations Policy can be viewed on our website [here](#).