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Sitwell Infant School



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Message from Mrs Peart

We have had a wonderful first few weeks in school, and we are so proud of how the children have all come back smiling and ready to begin their new learning journey this year! Staff have loved getting to know their new class group and some very fun activities have been organised to help the children settle into their new class environment.

We know that at the beginning of the school year, there is lots to learn and remember. I hope that our communications with you help to keep you up to date with what is going in school.

Throughout the year, we will welcome parents into school for meetings and workshops. We are in the process of planning workshops and meetings to ensure parents are kept informed about their child's learning and expectations for the year ahead. If you have any questions or would like to suggest a topic for us to cover in a session, please just send us an email. We have also planned in dates for a monthly coffee mornings in our Sunshine Room – watch out for these on the calendar on our app!

We are very much looking forward to what we believe is going to be a wonderful year ahead. We are eager to work together with you over the coming months to ensure all children reach their full potential and are happy and engaged in their learning.

Thank you for your continued support.

Term Dates & INSET Days

Our term dates and INSET days for this academic year are set and these can be viewed on the app or on our website [here](#). We have worked with the Junior School to ensure the days that both schools are closed are the same to make things easier for our families. INSET Days are when school closes for staff training; children **do not** attend on these days.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

We are very much looking forward to our first Macmillan Coffee Morning on **Friday 29th September**. We would be grateful for donations of cakes and buns, which can be dropped off into school from Wednesday 27th. Parents will be able to drop into the classrooms until 9.20am.

Parents are then welcome to meet in the staff room after the coffee morning, as we will be discussing our PTA plans for the year ahead. Please come along with ideas about new events we could hold for the children throughout the year. We are always eager to welcome new helpers into our PTA group. Mrs Peart will also be available to answer any questions that you have.

School Lunches - Parent Pay

Thank you so much for your support with getting up and running again with our lunchtime ordering system. We have had a few teething problems but hopefully we are now back to normal!

If you have not yet done so, please login to your account so that it is activated. We are currently working with Sitwell Junior School to plan special theme days through the year, which we will share with you shortly. Even if your child has packed lunches most of the time, please still login so that you are able to access the special theme days if you want to in the future.

Healthy School Lunches

We want to ensure all parents know that we are a **nut free school**; therefore, children are not able to bring any items containing nuts into school with their packed lunch. We have children in school that have severe nut allergies so we need to adhere to this policy in order to keep everyone safe.

Please also ensure that your child's packed lunch is healthy with not too many sweet treats in. We will share the healthy lunch leaflet on the school app to help you ensure their lunch box has food that gives them the nutrition they need each day.

School Money

School Money is the online system that we use in school for parents to pay for uniform, after school clubs, breakfast clubs and educational visits. All parents need to make payments online for these things, as we are now a cashless school. All new parents have now been sent a link to activate this account. Please contact the school reception team if you encounter any issues with this.

Uniform

We have had lots of the uniform held in school purchased over the last week, so unfortunately some sizes are now sold out. We have placed a further order and this should be with us very soon. You can check stock levels of the uniform items in the 'Shop' section of your School Money account. Once items are back in stock we will update the system and you can then just purchase online. We will receive notification of this and will then send the uniform home with your child.

It is very important that you label your child's clothes so that we know who they belong to. Obviously, items of clothing get put down throughout the school day and it is very difficult for staff to find the owner if there is no name in them! We would be

grateful if you could check your child's uniform is labelled ready for a new week next week. Please also ensure that your child has their full PE kit in their school PE bag ready for full PE lessons to begin next week.

PE Sessions

Each week, children will take part in PE lessons as part of the wider curriculum that we offer. Children in KS1 need to spend 2 hours per week in PE, and children in EYFS spend one hour per week in PE and the rest of their physical development provision is delivered through the outdoor area. Please find below a reminder of the days which each class will be taking part in PE:

Rose Class (Mrs Razaq) - Tuesday & Friday

Tulip Class (Mrs Smith) - Monday & Friday

Bluebell Class (Miss Wadsworth) – Wednesday & Thursday

Poppy Class (Mrs Lilley/Mrs Green) - Tuesday & Friday

Snowdrop Class (Miss Griffiths) - Tuesday & Thursday

Sunflower Class (Miss Todd) - Wednesday

Buttercup Class (Mrs Hague) - Wednesday

Daisy Class (Miss Hainsworth) – Thursday

As part of the EYFS curriculum, to support their physical development, children are expected to learn how to dress and undress by themselves. We have found that many of our new children are finding this tricky to do during our first two PE sessions. Please ensure you are not dressing and undressing your child every day – please support them to develop these key skills themselves as they have to do this in school each week.

Jewellery

As shared in a communication last week, children are only permitted to wear small stud earrings if they have their ears pierced and we expect these to be removed each day that your child has PE. If this is not done, their earrings will be taped up as a safety measure. Please get into the habit of removing these in

the mornings your child's class has PE. Children should not be having their ears pierced during the school term due to the length of time it takes for them to heal. Please wait until the summer holidays.

After School Provision

We have now started the range of after school provision that is on offer for children this half term. Please note that the after school clubs are only available for children in Rose, Tulip, Bluebell, Poppy and Snowdrop classes this half term. We want to give our new children time to settle into the school routine before we extend the school day any further. When we return to school in November, clubs will be opened up to all children in school. A letter with information about clubs on offer will be sent out shortly for you to sign up for.

Google Classroom

All children have now been added to their new Google Classroom page, where regular updates about their learning, classroom activities and exciting enrichment activities will be shared each week. Class teachers will update the page once each week, with photographs so that you have a good understanding of their learning journey through the year. We love to hear about the children's learning and adventures at home – please login and share these with the class. The children have a set Google Class News session each week where they look through everyone's photographs. This is a lovely way for the children to get to know their new friends and the things they get up to outside of school. We can't wait to read about your news!

The School App

We use a special app to communicate with all parents, which you can download from the App store or Google Play. We ask that all parents have this installed as this is the main way we will send out key messages to you. The app has all the information from

our website – at your fingertips! If you are having difficulty getting onto the app, please call to reception and we will make sure you get logged on.

Contacting the staff team

Each of our classes has a designated email address that you can use to contact the class teacher if you have any concerns or questions. The email addresses are listed below:

roseclass@sitwellinfantschool.co.uk

tulipclass@sitwellinfantschool.co.uk

bluebellclass@sitwellinfantschool.co.uk

poppyclass@sitwellinfantschool.co.uk

snowdropclass@sitwellinfantschool.co.uk

sunflowerclass@sitwellinfantschool.co.uk

buttercupclass@sitwellinfantschool.co.uk

daisyclass@sitwellinfantschool.co.uk

These email accounts are not checked every day; teachers pick up the emails every few days and will respond to your email as soon as they can.

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Road Safety

Sadly, we have had several reports of dangerous driving around the roads outside of school, which have resulted in members of our school community being hurt or verbally abused. Please make sure

you are driving carefully around school and are not parking or mounting the kerb. After the visit to Cleethorpes last week, the coach could not get down Osbert Road due to illegal parking on the corner of the street. Cars **SHOULD NOT** be parked here as they are a risk to our children and families safety.

If you see any dangerous driving or parking, please report this to the Local Authority and involve the local Police Officers.

Reading Routines

At Sitwell Infant School, we love reading and we want all of our children to develop a love of reading too! We have given all children a new reading diary and they have been able to choose a 'Reading for Pleasure' book from the corridor that we would love you to share with them at home. Each week, children will be able to change their reading for pleasure book as often as they like. When we begin our Phonics & Reading lessons fully this week, they will also be given a book from Read, Write Inc, which is the Phonics & reading scheme that we use. **Book bags must be brought every day!**

Children in foundation classes will be learning new sounds each week and as they build up their phonic knowledge and blending skills, they will then be given a book to take home. The sounds they are learning are in the front of the reading diary – use this to support them to practice the sounds. We will also share videos on the Google Class pages so you can see how this is taught in the classroom and you can reinforce this at home.

We will be holding an information meeting about Read, Write Inc in the next few weeks where we will give an overview of the programme and answer any questions you may have.