

SIS News

Sitwell Infant School



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Message from Mrs Peart

What a wonderful start to the new year we have had! It has been amazing to see how quickly the children have settled into school life in their new classes. We are very proud of the wonderful attitudes to learning we are seeing across school!

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

We are delighted that we can now invite parents into school for meetings and workshops, and it was lovely to see so many parents at our EYFS Curriculum meeting yesterday morning. It is pleasing to have so many parent's eager to support their children at home. We are in the process of planning further 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 morning 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.

Diary Dates

Monday 4th October – Individual photographs

Thursday 21st October @ 9am – Coffee Morning

Thursday 21st October – School closes for half term

Friday 22nd October – INSET Day - school closed

Monday 1st November – School reopens

Arriving at school

Since we have returned to school in September, we have had quite a high proportion of children arriving late at the beginning of the school day. Although we have a slightly staggered start to the beginning of the school day, we expect all children to arrive at the correct time and come into school with their class. Arriving late repeatedly can have a negative impact on a child's self-esteem.

If children arrive after their class have entered school, they will be given a late mark. Repeated late marks or late collections at the end of the school day will be discussed with parents and plans made for this to improve.

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.

Google Classroom

It is a government requirement that all schools have a remote learning package in place that is ready to use in the event that school closes or children have to isolate. This platform allows us to

share planning and activities for your child so that they can continue to learn from home and they will not lose any more learning due to the pandemic.

All children in Classes 1-5 should all be logged on and using Google Classroom to complete home learning activities each week. We will be setting up all children in Classes 6, 7 & 8 over the next few weeks and an information meeting will be held for our new parents about this. If you are having difficulties logging on or accessing the home learning, please just call to reception.

Reading Diaries

Class teachers have now assessed your child's reading and all children have been given a new reading diary. Their reading level and targets will be highlighted inside. In the reading diary you will also find support pages around phonics, handwriting and reading common exception words. We would be grateful if you could write in the book each time you read with your child.

The book they have read at school will be sent home each week for them to practice but they will also be able to choose a 'reading for pleasure' book from the corridor. **Every class will collect in the reading diaries on a Monday morning so please make sure your child has this in their book bag on this day to be checked.**

Please make sure you return their book so that this can be changed each week. If children read at least 3 times a week, every 6 weeks they will receive a special prize from Mrs Peart!
Keep reading!

PE Lessons

All children in school take part in regular PE sessions each week and they need to have their PE kit in school. This should consist of a t-shirt, black shorts and black pumps. We have changed our PE t-shirt colour to white to make it easier for parents to buy them. If your child has a red t-shirt currently, don't worry – you don't

need to change it until they need a new one. At the moment, we are completing PE lessons outside if the weather is fine. You may want to include jogging bottoms in PE kit bags. This year, we have purchased a hoody for each child to use so that they can learn outside as often as possible. **So that items do not go missing, please make sure names are written in the labels of all children's clothing.** This helps us to make sure that all items get back to the right owner!

Jewellery

Physical Education sessions are an important part of our curriculum and we want all children to take part each week. It is school policy that earrings **MUST** be removed for PE as a safety precaution. We ask that parents please remove their child's earrings at the start of the school day when they have PE.

Individual Photographs

Our new photographer, Lee Call, will be in school on Monday 4th October to take the children's individual photographs. Children will come home with a barcode which you can use to logon and look at your child's photographs. Siblings who are in the Infant School will be taken together.

We are looking into the possibility of organising a time for families to have a photograph taken should they want to. Information about this will be confirmed as soon as possible through the School App.

Car Parking

We have had several reports recently of dangerous driving and parking outside of school at the beginning and end of the school day. Whilst we understand that many of you need to use a car to drop off and collect, we do expect everyone to park and drive sensibly around school to ensure our children are kept safe. Any reports of unsafe driving or parking will be reported to the council to be dealt with.