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# Sitwell Infant School

## Message from Mrs Peart

What a fantastic first half term we have had in school! I can't believe how quickly these first few weeks have gone. We are so proud of how the children have settled into their new classes and routines and how positively they are approaching their learning. We hope this continues next half term!

We have lots of important learning and special events happening in the new half term, so please take a good look through the information below and the key dates!

Thank you for your support over these first few weeks. We hope you have a lovely restful holiday with your family.

# Upcoming diary dates

Thursday 7th December - EYFS Open Evening

Monday 11th November - Nursery consultation meeting for parents

Tuesday 12th November - Odd Socks Day (anti-bullying week)

Tuesday 12th November - Parents Evening (KS1 classes)

Thursday 14th November - Parents Evening (KS1 classes)

Friday 15th November - Children in Need (see info below)

Monday 18th November - Year 1 Family Learning session (further details will be sent after the holiday)

Monday 25th November - flu vaccinations

## Nursery Consultation meeting

We are very excited to be consulting with parents, staff and the wider community on the potential opening of a Nursery class within Sitwell Infant School. All parents are welcome to attend this meeting to find out more about this development within school and ask any questions you may have. The meeting should last no longer than an hour. Representatives from the Local Authority will also be in attendance to answer questions.

Please telephone or email to book a place at the meeting.

## Stay & Play dates

We have now shared the dates for our first stay and play sessions for this half term. We have reviewed these and taken on board your feedback. We have planned session that focus upon key subject areas, so that parents are able to learn about how we teach specific subjects or concepts, which will hopefully help you to be able to support your children at home.

## Parents Evenings

Following feedback from parents last year, we made the decision to hold our F2 parent's evenings a little earlier, as these children are new to school. We will be holding our KS1 parents evenings at the usual time in November, as this is after we will have completed our first assessments of the year for children in those classes. An email will be sent out when we return to school with information about booking a place. We do expect all parents to

#### PTA Disco

Our PTA are busy organising our first event of the year – a fancy dress disco! Tickets are currently on sale. Please see the poster on the news section of the website for more information. You can book by telephoning or emailing school. Please note that parents must stay with their children at this event and older siblings are not able to attend (younger siblings are).

## NHS Coffee Morning

We will be starting up our NHS Coffee Mornings again on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December. These were excellent sessions last year, where our School Nurses came along and supported parents with questions or particular concerns they may have about their child's health. It is also a good opportunity to mix with other parents and make friends. The meetings are held in the Junior School Hall from 9am. All are welcome! Watch out for more information nearer the time.

# School Lunches - Parent Pay

Thank you to everyone for getting set up on the Parent Pay system to order school lunches. We just wanted to remind you that a school lunch must be ordered before 8am each day. It is much better if you can order at least a week in advance as this allows our cook to order the right amount of food she needs each week. The new menu has now been added for after half term – you can order weeks in advance if you want to!

## Google Classroom

We expect all families to be signed into Google Classroom; however, we still have a small amount of children who are not yet logged on to their Google Classroom account and are therefore missing key messages from their class each week. Please get in touch if you have not yet done this so we can get you set up.

We love to hear about the children's learning and adventures at home – please share these with the class. The children have a set Google Class News session one morning each week where they look through everyone's photographs and news. 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!

## Poppy Appeal

We will be selling Remembrance merchandise in the school playground when we return to school, in preparation for Remembrance Sunday on 10<sup>th</sup> November. There is a range of items available for a donation.

## Children in Need

Our next fundraising event will happen on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November for Children in Need. Children are invited to come into school wearing their favourite pyjamas, spotty or yellow clothing in exchange for a suggested £1 donation. All money raised will be donated to Children in Need; a charity committed to providing help and support to those children who are most in need. If children do not wish to dress up in pyjamas, spotty or yellow clothing, they will need to come to school dressed in their school uniform.