

SIS News

Sitwell Infant School



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Message from Mrs Peart

What a fantastic start to the new year we have had within school. Children have come back to school as curious and engaged as ever and it has been lovely to see them enjoying their new topics so much. I can't believe we are nearly half way through the year already – time is certainly flying by!

We have begun our Stay & Play sessions again for this half term and we have got some amazing educational visits planned throughout school in the next few weeks. We hope the children are sharing some of the wonderful learning that we are completing at school with you at home; we are very proud of them.

In PSHE this half term, we have been focusing on 'Dreams & Goals' and thinking about the hopes and dreams we have for ourselves as we get older. We have read some lovely stories linked to this theme and also found out about famous people, such as Martin Luther King, who had a dream and was resilient when he faced challenges. This learning links to our Sitwell Superhero 'Determinator' and teaches our children how important it is to not give up when something is difficult. This is a really important value that we want children to understand the importance of.

I hope our wonderful attitudes to learning continues throughout our Spring term – we have so many exciting things planned! Hopefully, you have now seen the letter informing you that school will be open on Wednesday 1st February so all children will be expected at school as usual.

Diary Dates

Monday 30th January – Bring Books to Life (Family Learning)

Tuesday 31st January – Bluebell & Snowdrop Stay & Play

Wednesday 1st February – Sunflower & Buttercup Stay & Play

Friday 3rd February – Sunflower, Buttercup & Daisy classes visit
Emergency Services Museum

Thursday 9th February – School closes for half term

Friday 10th February – INSET Day (School closed)

Upcoming special events

We have planned some special events alongside the Junior School to support and enhance children's learning over the coming months.

Please see dates below for your diaries:

Comic Relief (Red Nose Day) – Friday 17th March

Eid Party – Friday 28th April

King's Coronation – Friday 5th May

Further information will be shared about what will be happening on each of these days nearer to the time. Red noses will be on sale prior to Friday 17th March.

After School Provision

A letter with information about after school clubs for next half term has been sent out this week. Please ensure you return the form as soon as you can to secure your child a place. Details about dates is included in the letter.

Parents Evening

Our spring term Parents' Evenings will be happening on Tuesday 14th and Thursday 16th March. An email with information about this will be sent out soon, including how you can book your slot online.

Children's Mental Health Week

From Monday 6th February, we will be celebrating World Mental Health week in school. On Monday 6th February, we will be holding our annual 'Dress to Express' Day where we want children (and staff!) to come to school dressed in whatever makes them feel most like themselves. This could be their day to day clothes or fancy dress – wear whatever you feel like on the day! Please note that **we are not asking for a donation for this event** – it is to raise awareness of children's mental health.

PTA Movie Night

Our PTA have been busy planning and organising some fabulous events for our children this year. I am sure you will agree that the disco in the autumn term was a great success! Our next event will be a Movie Night in the school hall on **Wednesday 22nd February, straight after school**. Information and details about how to book tickets will be shared later this week – please note that the tickets will be sold on a first come, first served basis.

Educational Visits

As part of our creative curriculum, we always organise three educational visits over the course of each year. These visits are planned carefully to give our children rich experiences to support their knowledge and understanding during their time with us. We cap each visit at a cost of £15 to try to ease the burden. We know that times are difficult for everyone at the moment, but we do have to stress that if parents do not support with the cost of the visits, we will be unable to continue to offer these special experiences. Parents are able to pay for a visit in smaller amounts if needed; please speak to our office staff if this is something you wish to do.

Upcoming visits

Our F2 classes are looking forward to their visit to the Emergency Services Museum on Friday 3rd February.

Children in KS1 will be visiting Magna in March – further information will be shared very soon.

Reading for Pleasure

As part of our continued work to support children's love of reading, we are going to be organising a range of special events in school. Next half term will be a special reading half term and we will kick this off with a special whole school performance of 'Alice in Wonderland' by the brilliant M & M Productions. The children will watch the performance on Monday 20th February. Each week after this, we will be holding one special event to continue to build their reading skills and love for reading. Watch this space!

Google Classroom

Thank you to those of you who have already logged into Google Classroom and are accessing our Home Learning activities each week. It is lovely to see some of the things you are getting up to at home as well! **We still have a small amount of families who have not yet logged on.** If you need support with this, please come and speak to us. We don't want your child to be missing out on important learning and information from their class.

Coffee Mornings

We held our first joint Coffee Morning with the Junior School in January. The School Nurse, Lydia Wooldridge, attended the session and was available to speak with parents about questions they may have and give information about the 0-19 Health Services on offer. Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 8th February at 9am in the Junior School hall. We will be sending out a short survey soon to gather ideas about key areas parents would like information and support with. Please make sure to complete this so that we can give you the information you need.