

SIS News

Sitwell Infant School



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Message from Mrs Peart

We have made a wonderful start to our spring term and it has been lovely to see children return to school so happily after the Christmas holidays. I can't believe we are at the end of January already! Our first educational visit of the year took place last week, with children from Classes 6, 7 & 8 visiting the National Emergency Services Museum in Sheffield. It is a wonderful place with so many learning opportunities. We had an amazing time and I was very proud of their wonderful behaviour and attitudes to learning throughout the day. Thank you so much to those parents who were able to help out on the day!

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 Walt Disney, who had a dream and were resilient when they 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.

We are facing challenges in school at the moment due to the continuing prevalence of COVID-19 in regards to staff and pupil absence; however please be assured that staff across school are working tirelessly to ensure all children still receive a high quality experience every day, despite these challenges. Thank you for your continued support and understanding during these difficult times. As always, if you have any questions, please just get in touch.

Diary Dates

Thursday 17th February – School closes for half term

Monday 28th February – School reopens at the usual time

Monday 28th February – All after school clubs begin

Thursday 3rd March – World Book Day

Monday 28th March – Monday after school clubs end

Spring term learning

Each year group has now begun learning through a new overall theme:

Foundation 2 (Classes 6, 7 & 8) – Who's Who?

Following their learning about themselves and their families last half term, we are moving onto learning more about important people who help us in our school and local community. We will also learn through children's interests such as superheroes. Our visit to the National Emergency Services Museum last week was absolutely wonderful! We were so proud of the children's behaviour. We had a fabulous time!

Key Stage 1 (Classes 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5) – Enchanted Woodlands

During this theme, children in KS1 will learn all about nature and the wonderful world around us. We will be reading lots of stories that are set in forests. Children will learn about trees and plants and take part in a fabulous visit to Austerfield Study Centre in Doncaster to build dens and create outdoor art. This won't take place until March so further information will be shared nearer to the time.

After School Provision

We will be organising our after school provision for next half term soon. We will be delivering the same clubs as this half term so that children have the opportunity to take part in a club they may have missed out on this time. Monday after school clubs will run from Monday 28th February until Monday 28th March. A

letter with further information about the clubs being led by school staff will be sent home soon. Please note that Monday clubs will not run during the summer term.

Live & Learn clubs will also begin on Monday 28th February but these clubs will run until Monday 4th April. The club on Tuesday will be Golf and the club on Thursday will be Cricket. You can sign up for these clubs now by telephoning or emailing the office with your choice. Payment for this will then be added to your School Money account.

We love Reading!

Following on from the success of our 'Reading Advent' in December, we have decided that each month, Mrs Peart will deliver a new book to each of the classes for them to enjoy. There will be a range of stories and information books shared each month. The first book will be delivered tomorrow – 1st February!

As part of our work to develop a love of reading, we also encourage parents to donate a book to their class for their birthday – we call these 'Birthday Books' and they are on display in the classroom. All you have to do is let your class teacher know when you hand the book in and we will do the rest. The book will have a special sticker put inside which tells everyone that it was donated by your child on their birthday!

World Book Day

On Thursday 3rd March we will be coming to school dressed up as our favourite book character to celebrate World Book Day. Throughout the day, we will be sharing stories and taking part in a range of drama and storytelling activities. Children are welcome to bring in their favourite book with them to share with their class. We can't wait to see your wonderful outfits and book choices!

Donations

We would be grateful for any donations of socks, tights and pants for both boys and girls as our stock in school is running quite low.

Thank you.

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.

Sitwell Infant School Dog

As some of you may have noticed, Alf has not been able to visit school as planned. Sadly, because Mrs Peart tested positive for COVID-19 in the first week of January, we have to wait a few weeks as a safety precaution before Alf can visit. We are pleased to confirm that, all being well, Alf will begin visiting next Monday, 7th February. He is very excited to be coming in!

We would be grateful if you could send back your form if you have not yet done so; as we want to be fully aware of each child's feelings towards our new school dog and we can plan appropriate activities for the children to get to know him. If we do not receive a response from you for your child, we will assume you do not want them to have any contact with Alf.

Parental Questionnaire

Thank you to everyone that took the time to complete our parental questionnaire in December. We were so pleased with the very positive comments in the responses – thank you. Where issues were raised for improvement, these are being looked at by our Senior Leadership Team and any actions will be shared with you shortly.