

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 learning 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 some amazing educational visits planned throughout school this term. 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. In assemblies, we have also been reading stories linked to our school values: **Kindness, Gentleness, Honesty, Respect, Communication & Perseverance**. We hope the children have been trying hard to follow these values at home, as they are doing in school.

I hope our wonderful attitudes to learning continues throughout our Spring term – we have so many exciting things planned! We hope you enjoy seeing what's happening each week with our Google Classroom updates. Please make sure to add some pictures or information from home as the children love to share this during our weekly Class News session!

Diary Dates

Wednesday 7th February – PTA Movie Night (fully booked)

Thursday 8th February – School closes for half term

Friday 9th February – INSET Day (School closed)

Wednesday 6th March – Year 1 Phonics Screening Check meeting

Friday 8th March – World Book Day

Monday 18th March – F2 Family Learning (Crafty Superheroes)

Tuesday 19th March – KS1 visit to Austerfield

Thursday 21st March – KS1 visit to Austerfield

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:

Eid Party – Monday 22nd April

Fundraising for Rush House (local charity)

Further information will be shared about what will be happening on each of these events nearer to the time.

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Meeting

A letter with information about our upcoming Year 1 Phonics Screening Check meeting was shared with parents of children in Year 1 last week. Please ensure you complete the slip and return to school to secure your place at the meeting. We are able to hold the meeting at 5pm for those parents that need to attend later in the day, but this will be subject to interest. We will confirm this nearer the time.

After School Provision

A letter with information about after school clubs for next half term has been sent out recently. There are spaces in some clubs at the moment. Please ensure you return the form as soon as you

can to secure your child a place if you have not done so already.
Thank you.

Parents Evening

Thank you to everyone who has booked their meeting with their child's class teacher for this term's Parents Evenings. We do expect all parents to attend. If you are unable to attend the slot you have booked, please make sure to rearrange this with your class teacher as soon as possible. We hope you find these meetings useful.

Lost Property

Our lost property box is overflowing at the moment! We would be grateful if you could check if your child's uniform has been left in the box before we close for half term on Thursday 8th February. We will put the box in the outdoor classroom each morning next week for parents to access more easily.

If items are left in the box after this time and there are no names on them, we will be donating items to our pre-loved uniform rail.

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. **This will form a 'We Love Reading' half term.** Each week, we will be holding special events to build children's reading skills and love for reading.

We will be celebrating **World Book Day on Friday 8th March.** Further information will be shared soon - watch this space!

PTA Events

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 7th February, straight after school**. Please note that all tickets for this event are now booked. If your child is attending, parents are welcome to attend also and help out if you can. Thank you.

The next event after this will be a Family Afternoon Tea. We have provisionally organised two dates for this as we anticipate it will be popular! Further information about this will be shared soon, including how to book tickets.

Educational Visits

As part of our creative curriculum, we always organise three educational visits over the course of each year. We plan these very carefully to give our children rich experiences to support their knowledge and understanding during their time with us. Thank you to those parents who have offered to help out during visits – we really appreciate your help!

Upcoming visits

Children in KS1 will be visiting Austerfield Outdoor Learning Centre in March – a letter with further information will be shared very soon.

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.