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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 visitors 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. We have then moved onto learning about how we keep ourselves healthy and safe. In assemblies, we have been looking at how the adults in school keep us safe, and we have some wonderful road safety assemblies planned for the children next week.

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

Tuesday 11th & Thursday 13th February – Parents Evening sessions

Thursday 13th February – School closes for half term

Friday 14th February – INSET Day (School closed)

Friday 7th March – World Book Day

Monday 17th March – F2 Family Learning (Dangerous Dinosaurs)

Wednesday 19th March – Year 1 Phonics Screening Check meeting

Wraparound Care & After School Clubs

A letter with information about after school clubs for next half term has been sent out recently. Please ensure you return the form as soon as you can to secure your child a place if you have not done so already.

We are really pleased to be able to begin offering a full wraparound offer for those parents that need this childcare. There was a separate letter with information for parents to sign up to our new wraparound care, which will include a Tea Club after February half term. Please make sure to return this to the main reception as soon as possible as children will not be able to attend Breakfast Club or Tea Club without booking and paying for this service at least a week in advance. If you wish to pay for each half term in advance please let us know.

Once families have signed up to the wraparound care services, we will send home a contract for you to sign, which all parents have to adhere to. Please make sure you return your signed contract before we break up for half term,

Nursery Provision

The consultation period for our nursery completed on 20th December and the proposals have been taken back to the leadership team at the council. We will be formally notified on Monday 10th February if this provision is able to go ahead. Once we have had this information, we will share this with the whole school community. We know lots of you have shown interest in this. If we are able to provide this service, there will be lots more information shared in the coming weeks.

Daffodil Class - specialist enhanced provision

We have been lucky enough to secure funding from the Local Authority to be able to open our own Specialist Enhanced Provision (SEP) within school. We have been working with the Local Authority's complex needs team to further develop this provision, and we want to create a new classroom for a small group of children to allow them to flourish in our school and make good progress. Following a successful bid for funding to fully renovate the room and develop an outdoor playing area, we are now able to put this vision into practice.

From 24th February 2025, we will be launching our new (SEP) classroom within our school, and this will become Daffodil Class. We are using the Sunshine Room for this classroom. Staff in this class will be fully trained by the complex needs team and will be able to provide a bespoke and fully inclusive classroom experience for those children in this class, which will allow them to make progress against their EHCP targets. The new outdoor area outside the Sunshine Room will be an outdoor learning space for this class. We are very excited to be able to offer this provision for our children in school.

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.

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Meeting

A letter with information about our upcoming Year 1 Phonics Screening Check meeting will be shared with parents of children in Year 1 next week. This session will give parents information about the check that all children in Year 1 have to take each year in June.

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.

Lost Property

We have recently cleared our lost property box, which is held in the main reception. There were so many cardigans, jumpers and even coats that had not been claimed and that did not have a child's name in. Please ensure you write your child's name on their property so we can make sure we can get it back to them if it is misplaced.

We offer a service with Stikins – you can find out more information [here](https://www.stikins.com/). If you use our code 18064, you are able to order these online and they are linked to our school, which helps us to raise funds for school supplies.

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!

You said, we did

Thank you to everyone who gave their views in the autumn term about provision at Sitwell Infant School. We were blown away by the amount of positive comments you shared. Thank you so much.

We were also pleased that you were able to share ideas about ways in which we can continue to improve. We have shared our 'You said, we did' document, which shows our plans for continued improvements linked to the things that you raised. You can access the document on our website [here](#).

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 and the more recent teddy bears picnic were both a great success!

We are currently planning our next events and information about these will be shared as soon as possible. Thank you for supporting these events as the money raised from these comes directly into school to make improvements for the children. This year we are using the moneys raised to improve our outdoor area.

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.