

SIS News

Sitwell Infant School



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Message from Mrs Peart

Can you believe we are only a couple of weeks away from the Easter holidays! This half term has gone by so quickly – but there is still so much for us to fit in before we finish on the 28th March!!

We are really enjoying our Reading half term – we had such a fantastic day in school on Friday celebrating World Book Day! We were amazed with how many fantastic outfits there were! Thank you for supporting this wonderful event. We have now moved onto our Sitwell Reading Challenge – where each child has three challenges to complete. Make sure to send in your completed form to be in with a chance to win a brilliant prize!

We will end our brilliant half term with an amazing visit from Liz Million – a fantastic author and illustrator! She visited us last year and it was so much fun! This year, she is bringing along her friend, Paul Cookson, who is a poet! I can't wait! This visit will be on the final day – Thursday 28th March. There may be the opportunity to send in money to purchase one of their books – I will send out further information about this closer to the visit.

Keep reading everyone!

Diary Dates

Friday 15th March – Comic Relief (wear red)

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

Tuesday 19th March – Bluebell, Poppy & Snowdrop Classes visit to Austerfield

Thursday 21st March – Rose & Tulip Classes visit to Austerfield

Thursday 28th March – Liz Million (author/illustrator) & Paul Cookson (poet) visiting school

Thursday 28th March – School closes for Easter holiday

Monday 15th April – school reopens for summer term

Staffing update

I am very sad to inform you that Mrs Lilley, one of our wonderful Teachers, is leaving us after a fantastic 23 years with us. She has been a wonderful colleague and friend to all staff in school and we will miss her dearly. She is moving to another school to be able to work full time and her final day with us will be Wednesday 27th March as she begins her new role after Easter.

I am sure you will all wish her well in her new endeavour. We are currently advertising for another teacher to take up this position alongside Mrs Green. We will keep you informed as we go through the recruitment process.

New F2 Admissions

After the Easter holidays, we will receive the list of our new cohort of children who are going to be joining us in F2 in September. Please make sure you have applied for a place if your child is four or turns four before the end of August. The deadline for applications was 15th January, but if this has not already been done, please apply as soon as possible to guarantee a place!

There is a dedicated page on our website with information about starting school, which you can access here:

<https://www.sitwellinfantschool.co.uk/foundation-2-admissions-2024/>

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)

There will be a poster shared soon about the fundraising for Rush House. Watch out for that coming out.

Y1 Family Learning - The Living Planet

A letter with information about our next Year 1 Family Learning Event will be sent home after the holidays. This will be all about the Living Planet and will be held on Monday 13th May. There are only 15 spaces available at this event so please return your form as soon as possible if you are interested! It sounds like it will be a fantastic, fun event!

After School Provision

A letter with information about after school clubs for next half term has been sent out recently. There are a few remaining 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.

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 move night and our recent Afternoon Tea event were fantastic!

We had originally planned to hold an Easter Fair this half term; however, we have decided to focus on the planned Multi-Cultural Festival, which will be held on Thursday 23rd May from 2pm. We

do hope lots of you will be able to support this and get involved!
More information will be shared after the holidays.

Jewellery

As shared before, children are only permitted to wear small stud earrings if they have their ears pierced and we expect these to be removed each day that your child has PE. If this is not done, their earrings will be taped up as a safety measure. Please get into the habit of removing these in the mornings your child's class has PE. Children should not be having their ears pierced during the school term due to the length of time it takes for them to heal. Please wait until the summer holidays.

Keyrings on book bags

Please ensure that you have now removed any key rings your child has on their book bag, as these are not permitted. If we do see any, we will remove them and pop them inside the book bag so that they can be kept safe at home.

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.