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Sitwell Infant School



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Message from Mrs Peart

Here we are at the end of another busy but wonderful half term.

I can't believe that we are half way through the year already!

Time really does fly when you are having fun! Despite the challenges we have faced over the past few weeks, we believe it has still been a very enjoyable and learning packed half term. The progress that the children are making is amazing and we are very proud of them. Our learning about 'Growth Mindset' and not giving up in the face of a challenge is really helping everyone to keep trying and move their learning on.

We are very excited about next half term – we have lots of exciting enrichment activities planned for our children! We will be kicking off with World Book Day during the first week back and this will launch the Month of Reading at Sitwell Infants. Our Book at Bedtime competition will begin – more information to follow. We will then have lots of 'Reading for Pleasure' activities planned throughout the month of March. Watch this space!

As part of the Rotherham Year of Reading project being led by Rotherham School Improvement Service, Sitwell Infant School were invited to take part in a special video that they are creating to share some of our children and young people's favourite books. I was so proud to take Esias from Class 2 to be recorded this week – he was absolutely amazing!! The video will be made available in time for World Book Day and will be shared with our school community as soon as it is available. Well done Esias!

We hope you enjoy a fun filled half term with your families and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday 28th February.

Diary Dates

Monday 28th February – School reopens at the usual time

Monday 28th February – All after school clubs begin

Thursday 3rd March – World Book Day

Tuesday 15th & Thursday 17th March – Parents Evenings

Friday 18th March – Red Nose Day (Comic Relief)

Monday 21st March – World Down's Syndrome Day

Half term fun!

We have been sent information from Grimm & Co about some exciting creative activities that are happening in Rotherham over the holidays. We thought you might want to join in the fun with your children! Please follow the link [here](#) to have a look through the events on offer. You just need to sign up to any that you want to attend.

Class teachers have all put a half term message on their class page on Google Classroom – sharing an overview of things we have been learning and giving ideas for some learning activities children can practise over the week. Please try to read to and listen to your child read over the holidays. Have a great time!

After School Provision

Thank you so much for returning your forms for our after school clubs. Monday after school clubs will run from Monday 28th February until Monday 28th March. All those who have secured a club have been notified and payment needs to be made as soon as possible via your School Money account.

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. We have a few spaces remaining so please get in touch via email if you want to sign up for a place for your child.

Parents Evenings

Our next parent evenings will be held on Tuesday 15th & Thursday 17th March. Due to the easing of restrictions and a decrease in cases in school we have made the decision to welcome parents into school for this. We will also offer parents the option of a telephone appointment as feedback was very positive about offering both.

We love Reading!

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!

Thank you so much to Emma, Maryam and Sasha who have all donated Birthday Books over the last few weeks. Their classes were very excited to read their new stories! I am sure we will have many more over the coming months.

All you have to do is hand the book in to your child's class teacher 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!

Red Nose Day & World Downs Syndrome Day

We are very excited to be celebrating Red Nose Day and World Downs Syndrome Day in March. Red Nose Day will be held on Friday 18th March and children will be able to come dressed down on this day. The theme this year is 'Superheroes'. Red Noses will be available to buy during the weeks before Red Nose Day and are £1.50 each.

We will also be celebrating World Downs Syndrome Day on Monday 21st March. We will be wearing odd socks for the day to celebrate difference!

Google Classroom

Thank you to those of you who have already logged into Google Classroom and are accessing our Home Learning activities each week. Make sure to share things you get up to during the holidays! 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

Alf has made his eagerly awaited start in school over the last two weeks and he has loved being in school and getting to know how things work. He has spent time in his safe place (Mrs Peart's office!) and has walked around school at different parts of the day saying hello to the children. I have been very proud of the how sensible the children have been when they have seen him.

Over the past few weeks, we have been assessing the children's understanding of how to behave around dogs and their understanding of how to keep themselves safe in different situations. We shared an assembly that we have delivered to the children all about dog safety. We would be grateful if you could reinforce these important messages at home. You can find all the information on the noticeboard on the website/app.

Parental Questionnaire

The full results from our Parental Questionnaire can be found [here](#). Please have a read through. We were very pleased with the positive responses that we received.

Our Communications Governor, Umera Majid, has been working with Mrs Peart to look at the main areas that parents felt needed to be improved. Full information about new actions to make improvements will be shared after half term.