



Mr Meadows' Welcome

A warm welcome to you all, but especially to our new Reception parents! For you, last week must have been a very difficult one, leaving your child at school for the first time! Please be rest assured that the staff in the EYFS unit take great pride in ensuring that the children's transition into school is an enjoyable one, and are always on hand to talk with you should you wish to find out about anything to do with your child's first year in the school.

For your information (and as a reminder to all parents!), the newsletter is sent out every Monday, and will hopefully keep you up-to-date to what is happening in the school. A number of the items are regular items on the newsletter:

- Dojo Superstar Winners - who did each teacher decide had shown a brilliant attitude and earned plenty of Dojos across the week?
- Attendance Information - what is the latest results from the previous week; are we on the right track to meeting the 96% target?
- Dates for your Diary - what events are taking place in the forthcoming weeks that you need to know about?
- Word Up! - a weekly challenge for you to complete with your child linked to words where children can earn Dojos for completing the challenge.
- Star of the Week - who earned this reward for impressing their teacher during the week?

Please spend just a few minutes having a read of the newsletter as it is very informative, and even worth keeping on your fridge...

Meanwhile, E-Safety is something we take very seriously at Sladefield. Unfortunately, during lessons held in Year 2 this week, we were shocked to hear that a number of children were not using devices appropriately at home.

A number of children indicated that they were watching or playing films or games that were definitely not suitable for their age! It was also often the case that these children were using these devices with older siblings or friends.

IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT OUR PARENTS ARE FULLY AWARE OF WHAT THEIR CHILD IS ACCESSING - GAMES AND FILMS SHOULD BE A 'U' OR 'PG' RATING ONLY!

Please also look at your settings on devices so that your child can't have access to anything inappropriate.

I watched 'Drag me to Hell'...there is a ghost behind and it grabs her. I watched it with my sister.

I have played Minecraft and Grand Theft Auto - they're both my own games.

I've watched Slenderman. I wasn't scaredwith my brothers.... I ain't afraid. If you talk nicely it won't attack you

I saw a scary movie on 'YouTube' with my cousin.

Dojo Superstars – who has been GREAT this week?

CLASS 1

Amel
with 42 Dojo points

CLASS 2

Jamaal
with 71 Dojo points

CLASS 3

Hisham
with 63 Dojo points

CLASS 4

Laaibah
with 48 Dojo points

CLASS 5

Sahir
with 61 Dojo points

CLASS 6

Anah
with 52 Dojo points

CLASS 7

Maryam
with 44 Dojo points

CLASS 8

Habeebah
with 43 Dojo points

Do you know any parents whose children will be starting school NEXT SEPTEMBER? If you do, please share with them the information that we will be holding Open Sessions at the following dates and times next month:

Monday 22nd October 4pm – 6pm

Wednesday 24th October 1pm – 3pm

Thursday 25th October 9.30am – 11.30am

This is a great chance for parents to come and see what a great school Sladefield is, such a valuable experience for any prospective parent!

Attendance



A much better week in terms of attendance, especially in Key Stage 1 where the target of 96% or above was met, reaching 96.1%. The majority of children who had 'Leave in Term Time' have now returned to school, and this has had a positive impact on attendance.

Congratulations in particular must go to Class 1, Class 4 & Class 5 whose attendance figures were really pleasing - let's keep it up!

The figures for Reception classes were low this week, but this is down to the fact that some children who were registered at Sladfield have not attended but remain on-roll. It will take a few weeks for this to be altered, but we should soon see an improvement in our Reception figures also.

May I remind all of our parents of the incentive that we have this Half Term... Any child who attends every day from now until the Half Term break could win a trip to the cinema to watch a film! 50 places are up for grabs! Cinema, snacks and a drink just for coming to school each day?! Please remember, all children who are successful will be rewarded with a prize!

Class 1	97.3%	Class 5	97.7%	Class 9	93%
Class 2	94.7%	Class 6	96.6%	Class 10	93.5%
Class 3	96.7%	Class 7	95%	Class 11	92.6%
Class 4	98%	Class 8	92.3%	Class 12	97.1%

Dates for your Diary

Things to remember during Autumn 1st

Monday 24th & Tuesday 25th September – Road Safety Workshops for Key Stage 1 classes
 Wednesday 26th September - Expectations in Reception Parent Workshops (9.00am OR 2.30pm)
 Friday 28th September – Macmillan Coffee Morning
 W/B Monday 8th October – Creative Week
 Monday 22nd, Wednesday 24th & Thursday 25th October – School Open Day sessions for prospective new Reception parents for September 2019 start.
 Friday 26th October – break up for HALF TERM holidays
 Monday 5th November – INSET DAY
 Tuesday 6th November – first day back at school for children after HALF TERM holidays

WORD UP!

This year, our weekly challenges will be based upon WORDS!
 Here is a 'Countdown' set of 9 letters, chosen by Mrs Connolly... How many words with 4 or more letters can you make from the letter given? REMEMBER - please do this WITH your child not FOR your child!
 5-9 words = 2 DOJOS 10-15 words = 5 DOJOS
 15+ words = 20 DOJOS!!!

A C M R T O E S P

Write your answers on a sheet of paper and hand it into your class teacher, winners will be announced next week! Good luck!!

Star of the Week



Class 1	Imaani - COMMITMENT - demonstrating her commitment to school by going to bed early.	Class 5	Matthew - TRUST - being relied upon to always do the right thing and make the right choices.
Class 2	Huzaiifa - ACHIEVEMENT - reading with concentration and enthusiasm.	Class 6	Yusaf - RESPONSIBILITY - very good behaviour on the walk to Ward End Park - great instruction-following!
Class 3	Nadia - ACHIEVEMENT - thinking of some amazing questions about Year 2's topic of Birmingham.	Class 7	Zahra - EXCELLENCE - contributing fantastic ideas towards her independent writing!
Class 4	Ibraheem - ACHIEVEMENT - working really hard.	Class 8	Murtaza - RESPECT - being respectful towards everyone in Class 8.

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEER PARENTS...

As mentioned on the newsletter last week, but trying for another week... So far, we have had 4 parents volunteer, but could really do with many more - and Dads as well as Moms!! We will be starting 2 projects that we would like our parents' help with this year...! Are you a keen gardener? Do you like to get your fingers green and spend some time outside in the garden?
 OR are you a keen reader and like nothing more than to spend time with your nose in a good book? And would you like to see this being instilled in the children of Sladfield? We are currently in the process of tidying up the Sunshine Garden in the playground, and would love for a group of volunteer parents to work together to keep the garden in a good condition so that it can be used regularly by the children.
 We are also wanting to develop the school library so that the children can use the system to borrow books, and again would really like volunteers to help make this happen.
 If you are interested in becoming a volunteer for the garden or the library, please come and speak to myself or Mrs Connolly, or leave your details with Mrs Sami or Mr Jones in the school Office and we will contact you in due course. We look forward to hearing from you soon!!

