



Mr Meadows' Welcome

Hello and welcome to another week at Sladefield!

A lot of our parents have been telling us that they would like to participate in some adult learning courses. Miss Spears is holding a Parents' Coffee Morning specifically to see what courses our parents are interested in participating in - so, if you are interested in adult learning, please come and join Miss Spears this Thursday from 9.00am until 11.00am.

During PHSE lessons in Year 2 again, we had a number of children indicating that they were watching pop videos on 'You Tube' unsupervised, and staff in Year 2 felt that the content of these videos was inappropriate for children who are only 6 or 7. It is really important that your Internet security filters are set to a suitable level for your child's age so that they cannot have access to materials that are unsuitable. If you are unsure as to how to do this, please speak to either Mrs Connolly or Mrs Hanif who will be able to help you. Also, watch this space for some forthcoming Parent Workshops around E-Safety at home.

We have recently received a report that has indicated that, over the past 3 years, 26.1% of Reception children have been measured as being overweight or obese. This is higher than the Birmingham Local Authority figure by over 2%. Pupil Health England have published information that links pupil's health and wellbeing to their educational attainment. Some key points include:

- Pupils with better health and wellbeing are likely to achieve better academically
- Children with better health and wellbeing have improved social and emotional resilience

At school, we ensure that every child has access to 2 lessons of PE per week, as well as playtimes and an active lunchtime. Our school Apprentice, Mr Parkes, also promotes vigorous exercise during breaks and lunchtimes. At break times, children have a healthy snack of fruit or vegetables, and our lunchtime menus are specifically focused on providing a balanced diet.

How might you be able to help at home to minimise the chance that your child will be overweight or obese? Maybe walk to the shops rather than travelling in the car? Or you could try swimming at the local swimming baths once or twice a week? Just that little bit each day could make all the difference to your child's health and education.

Finally, this week, you will be receiving a Flu Consent booklet that we are asking every parent to complete. Winter flu is a very unpleasant illness that can easily spread around families and friends if children are not immunised. Having this immunisation will help protect your child from catching such a nasty illness. Please take your time to complete the form and ensure that it is returned to your child's class teacher within the next 2 weeks. If you need any help in completing the form, please speak to a member of staff.



Dojo Superstars – who has been GREAT this week?

CLASS 1

Alisha
with 49 Dojo points

CLASS 2

Zahra
with 172 Dojo points

CLASS 3

Laaibah
with 57 Dojo points

CLASS 4

Omario
with 35 Dojo points

CLASS 5

Ayden
with 44 Dojo points

CLASS 6

Hasnain
with 87 Dojo points

CLASS 7

Muhammed
with 47 Dojo points

CLASS 8

Ayesha
with 46 Dojo points

Have you signed up to come and join us at the 'Coffee Morning'? Time slots are still available- choose from 9.00am, 10.15am or 11.30am and join your child to have a drink and a cake. 50p per person, with the money going towards Macmillan Cancer Support. Please complete the form and hand it into your child's class teacher by Wednesday – you'll get a letter to confirm that you have a slot later this week.

**WORLD'S
BIGGEST
COFFEE
MORNING**

28
SEPT

Attendance



A super week in terms of attendance this week! Congratulations to both Class 1 & Class 4 - 100% attendance is brilliant! It's also worth pointing out that both Class 3 and Class 8 would have 100% but for 1 child in each class having not returned to school after the Summer holidays. Unfortunately, these children cannot be removed off-roll until the end of next week, and so it does not truly reflect the attendance of these 2 classes. This is also the case in Class 11, which has, again, lowered their attendance to be below 95%.

Average attendances across each Year Group:

Reception - 95.7%
 Year 1 - 97.4%
 Year 2 - 98.8%
 Whole School - 97.3%

A great start to the year - let's keep it up, please!

Class 1	100%	Class 5	95.7%	Class 9	96.2%
Class 2	98.3%	Class 6	99.3%	Class 10	96.3%
Class 3	96.7%	Class 7	98%	Class 11	93.1%
Class 4	100%	Class 8	96.6%	Class 12	97.2%

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)
 Thursday 27th September – Parent Courses Meeting (9.00am-11.00am)
 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 week, I have given you below a word and its definition. Can you use the word in a sentence? Write your sentence on the lines below and then hand it in to your child's class teacher - 3 dojos for brilliant sentences!

WORD: murky; DEFINITION: dark and gloomy

Child's Name: _____ Class: _____

MY SENTENCE: _____



Star of the Week

Class 1	Owais - ACHIEVEMENT - for making the right choices.	Class 5	Daniel - CARING - being so caring towards others as well as excellent Maths work
Class 2	Eshan - ACHIEVEMENT - superb Maths, working hard to understand Place Value.	Class 6	Atikah - EXCELLENCE - super Science work about senses.
Class 3	Mahvish - COMMITMENT - always doing the right thing and thinking about others.	Class 7	Zain - COMMITMENT - settling in so well to Class 7
Class 4	Esaam - RESPONSIBILITY - being a role-model to the class.	Class 8	Aamir - ACHIEVEMENT - excellent writing of numbers up to 100 completely independently

CALLING ALL DONATIONS...

As with last year, we would really like to continue to support the local 'Food Bank' with donations to support those in the local area who are less fortunate than ourselves. The plastic bin will be placed in the Front Conservatory later this week to collect any donations that you would like to make.

The following items have been requested by 'Food Bank':

Tinned fruit	Milk (long-life or powdered)	Hand soap
Tinned vegetables	Pasta sauce (jar)	Toothpaste
Coffee	Tinned rice pudding	Toothbrushes
Fruit Juice (cartons) or squash	Tinned tomatoes	Toilet rolls
Tinned meat	Instant mashed potato	Tinned fish
Deodorant	Nappies	Chocolate

In the last 12 months, the Nechells Food Bank gave out 21,300 kilograms of emergency food, feeding 1933 adults and 1123 children.

Please support us at Sladfield in helping others – any donations will be gratefully received.

We would be grateful that parents/carers check that items donated have a good 'Used by'/'Best Before' date on them so that the staff at the 'Food Bank' don't have to spend unnecessary time checking the products.

