



Newsletter - Term 2

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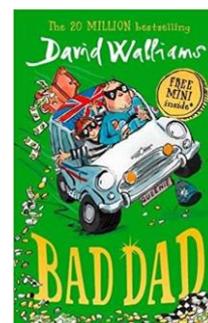
Dates for your Diary

9th January: Y4 Jorvik Visit
10th January: Y3 Scrumdiddlyumptious Engage Day
10th January: Lower School Maths Rock Stars Assembly
10th and 11th January: Y5 Gainsborough Old Hall Visit
11th January: Y6 Holocaust Centre
12th January: Y4 Swimming
12th January: Upper School Maths Rock Stars Assembly
16th January: NSPCC Assembly
18th January: Y5 NSPCC Workshops
19th January: Y4 Swimming
22nd January: Family Learning Event - Bringing Books to Life
9.15am-11.15am
22nd January: 3SW at Broom
23rd January: Y5/Y6 Sports hall Athletics Comp at Oakwood 12pm - 3pm
26th January: Y4 Swimming
29th January: Family Learning Event - Bringing Books to Life
29th January: 3RE at Broom
30th January: Y4 Traders and Raiders Library Talk
2nd February: Y4 Swimming
5th February: 3NO at Broom
6th February: NSPCC Thank You Assembly
7th February: VE Day Express Event
9th February: INSET Day

Book of the Term

As part of our continuous drive to develop the children's love of reading, we will be continuing with 'Book of the Term'. It is hoped that this will continue to engage and enthuse the children as they will be able to read for pleasure and discuss what they have read with friends. Additionally, children can complete activities (which can be found under the Home Learning section on the school website) that are linked to the book, further developing their comprehension and language skills as they are also linked to the National Curriculum objectives for reading. One of the activities that children will be able to complete is a book review for each book, which will then be displayed around school, thus giving children a real sense of writing for purpose. Once they have completed any of the activities, they can be given to Mrs Elliott.

Our next book will be 'Bad Dad?' by David Walliams. As with other David Walliams' books, this story is a laugh-out-loud and heart-warming story of a boy and his father, who take on the villainous Mr B and win. 'Bad Dad is a fast and furious, heart-warming story of a father and son on an adventure - and a thrilling mission to break an innocent man into prison!' – Waterstones. Should you wish to purchase the book, it can be bought from a number of recognised book shops, including online shopping websites. Happy reading!



Let's Celebrate

Attendance

Good attendance at school is vital to enable children to make as much progress as possible during the school year. We urge you not to take holidays during term time unless it is absolutely unavoidable. We look to achieve at least 97% attendance across school each week and always recognise the good attendance of individual children throughout the year. Each week we also look at class attendances and our best attending classes take the certificate for the week, go in first for dinner on Friday and earn a smile each. During the last half term we hit 97.1% across school – just above target. Well done to the 8 classes who had attendance above target.

3NO: 98.3%	4GT: 98.1%
5RE: 98.1%	5ND: 97.9%
6NE: 97.7%	3RE: 97.6%
3SW: 97.4%	6JB: 97.1%
4GO: 96.8%	5HS: 96.2%
6EL: 95.6%	4JF: 94.5%

Pupils of the Term

Well done to the following children who were nominated by their teachers as Pupil of the Term. They all received their certificate and book prize in assembly on the last day of term: Sophie Dunford, Sasha Kermani, Oliver Baines, Leon Abraham, AngelMary Saju, Harry White, Daryl Mbera, Imani Asal, Loredana Zelenco, Philip Koshy, Sana Ilyas, Yusuf Shah, Jack Davison, Adam Salem, Nada-Yasamin El Sebai, Zaki Asif, Molly Booth, Sai Yarlagidda, Charlie Hetherington, Harry Ellis, Ntando Nyoni, Raviha Imran, Maxine Mulunda and Grace Dearing.

Bronze Awards

Well done to the following children who have reached 50 smiles and attained their Bronze certificates and prizes: Saif Ahmed, Harry White, Anabel Gravil, Joel Bagnall, Oliver Baines, Zeke Holmes, Sena Bekir, Sasha Kermani, Isabella Widdup, Jem Tompkin, Alfie Windle, Grace Ditcher, Aleeza Haider, Hannah Marshall, Khalisa Majid, Leo Gardiner, Laaibah Hussain, Sana Ilyas, Orla Thornton, Sara Hussain, Charlotte Kendall, Zach Dear, Aima Khan, Safia Razaq, Zahra Shah, Jack Davison, Samuel Parton, Azka Ali, Beatrice Cheetham, Libby Cotterhill, Katy Fletcher, Caitlin McManus, Amira Parvez, Sai Yarlagidda, Hashir Rehman, Isabelle Copley, Nada-Yasamin El Sebai, Emily Fossey, Harsimran Kang, Hiba Mahmood, Iqrah Qayum, Harper Tompkin, Grace Dearing, Areeba Haider, Kiki Holmes, Safa Hussain, Molly Last, Maxine Mulunda, Teja Ward, Annie Watson, Taha Abdelbagi, Noah Bagnall, Harry Ellis, Ntando Nyoni, Finn Routledge, Amelia Headleand, Natasha Jackson, Isobel Marriott, Rose-Ann Molloy-Parton, Freya Mounsher, Imaan Rashid, Jaime Sawyer, Edith Sheldon, Pearl Williams, Olivia Abraham and Raviha Imran.

Polite Reminders

Please may I ask for your continued support to help us to ensure the safeguarding of all of our children in the following ways:-

- Children should not be arriving at school before 8.30am unless they are attending Breakfast Club. We are seeing an increasing number of children on the playground as early as 8.15am. In future, any child seen on the playground at this time will be sent to Breakfast Club and a charge of £3 will be made for that session.
- For health and safety reasons children, including those of a pre-junior age, are not permitted to play on the equipment. This includes the trim trail and ball court out of normal supervised lessons and at the beginning and end of the school day. We are not insured for unsupervised use of the equipment and would not be liable for any accidents occurring at those times.
- The staff car park should not be used to drop off children in a morning and/or collect them after school.

Thank you for your help and understanding regarding these matters.

School Dinners Reminder

As we have now been a cashless school for over a year, school dinners must be paid for using the electronic service provided by Live Kitchen. We will no longer accept cash for your child's school dinner. If you need any support with this, please visit reception for more details.

Uniform Reminder

Please note that our uniform policy states very clearly that black shoes should be worn for school. This is in line with most other schools. Trainers should not be worn for school. If your child is seen wearing trainers then a reminder letter will be issued to you.

Parent and Co-opted Governors

Sitwell Junior School has vacancies for Parent Governors and Co-opted Governors. If you would like to volunteer please complete an expression of interest form and return it to the school by Friday 19 January 2018. Further information is available on our Vacancies section of our School Website or you can see more by visiting our Governance Area on Oakwood School's Website at:

<https://www.oakwood.ac/General-Information/Governance-of-our-Trust.aspx>

Welcome Back

The first week back is set to be a very active one across school. Most year groups will launch their new topics with some exciting 'Engage Days' and also introduce their new class texts. These provide an opportunity to develop a real love of reading a wide range of authors and the comprehension skills needed.

Home Learning

Today, your child will have received some home learning for their new topic. Don't forget that children are always learning - at home as well as at school. Experiences outside of school can be just as educational as at school. At the end of our Learning at Home Policy (which is available on the school's website or from the school office) you will find lots of ideas, and links to websites, that you can access to compliment your child's learning at school. Please remember that the school website is regularly updated to show what children are currently learning.

NSPCC

The NSPCC, the UK's leading children's charity, will soon be visiting our school to deliver an assembly from the 'Speak out. Stay safe' programme with the help of their friendly mascot, Buddy. This is a nationwide programme to make sure children have the knowledge and understanding they need to stay safe from abuse. The children will receive information on how to keep themselves safe from harm and how to get help if they have any worries. In addition, children in Y5 and Y6 will receive further workshops to support their learning. If you would like any more information about the NSPCC 'Speak out. Stay safe.' programme, you can find it on the NSPCC website nspcc.org.uk/schools.



Sitwell Seven

The 'Value of the term' is Respect.

Children will learn that everyone is unique and how to show respect to others. In school, children will focus on their achievements, how to show respect to their friends and adults, and why it is important to respect their property and the environment.

At home, you can discuss ways that your child can respect their own belongings and why it is important. Encourage your child to keep their toys tidy, put away their clothes and help with tasks around the house.



Y4 Swimming

Swimming will start again on Friday 12th January.



Administering Medicines in School

If a child is taking a prescribed medicine, it is the parent/carer's responsibility to come to school and administer the medicine. However, if for example antibiotic medicine has to be taken four times a day, a First Aider will administer prescribed medicine providing that a 'Parental Agreement' form has been completed and signed. The relevant forms are kept in the school office.

All prescribed medicines that are due to be administered must be kept in the school office and it is the child's responsibility to come to the school office for the medicine to be given - the school does not accept responsibility if the child forgets. Records will be kept of all prescribed medicines administered. Non prescribed medicines are not allowed in school.

Asthma Treatment and Inhalers

Asthma sufferers are permitted to bring their own treatments (inhalers etc) to school provided a form has been completed by the parent/carer. Forms are available from the school office. The form includes the prescribed dosage to be completed by parents. A list of asthma sufferers is kept within School. Asthma treatments for pupils (inhalers etc) are kept in the school office in a labelled box with the child's name and class.

Asthma treatments are to be administered by the pupil. After a treatment has been administered, the school office records the date and time. Asthma treatments are also taken on Educational Visits and 'off site' sporting activities. Parents are responsible for checking that the treatments are still within their 'Use by dates' and for replenishing them.