



Newsletter - Issue 2

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Dates for your Diary

7th November: Y3 Visit to Butterfly House
9th November: Class 5SW to visit the library at Oakwood High School
9th November: Class 6NE to visit TRC for Remembrance Day
12th November: Odd Socks Day – Anti-Bullying Week
12th November: Anti-Bullying Award presentation at New York Stadium
12th November: Travelling Book Fair
13th November: Oakwood Hockey Festival Y3/4 and Y5/6
12:30pm - 2:30pm
14th November: Y6 World War One Engage Day
15th November: Y3/4/5 Flu Vaccinations
16th November: Children in Need – Non-Uniform Day
20th November: Y6 Arithmetic Parent Workshop: 3:45pm-4:45pm
22nd November: PTA Movie Night 3:30pm - 5:30pm
23rd November: Y6 Arithmetic Parent Workshop: 9am-10am
27th November: Oakwood Sports Hall Athletics Festival Y5/6
12:30pm - 2:30pm
29th November: Christmas Fair
30th November: Number Bonds and Times Tables Parent Workshop: 9am-10am
3rd December: Y6 SATs Practice Week
4th December: Oakwood Basketball Festival 12:30pm - 2:30pm
5th December: Rotherham Hockey Finals @ Aurora Y5/6 10am - 3pm
6th December: Y5 Express Event - Renewable Energy Conference 2pm
7th December: Y3 children to watch KS1 Christmas Performance
13th December: Christmas Concert Dress Rehearsals
14th December: Y5/Y6 Christmas Concert 10am
14th December: Y3/Y4 Christmas Concert 2pm
17th December: Y3/Y4 Christmas Concert 10am
17th December: Y5/Y6 Christmas Concert 2pm
18th December: Y3 Party
19th December: Y4 Party
20th December: Y5/Y6 Disco
21st December: INSET Day
7th January: Back to school

Maths Workshops for Parents

This half-term Mr Berkshire will be running two different maths parent workshops, offering practical ways to support your child's learning at home which are in line with teaching approaches used in school. Dates and times of all workshops are displayed on posters in reception.

Workshop 1: Teaching Number Bonds & Times Tables for Understanding

Aimed at parents looking for ways to support their child with learning the all-important foundations of maths. Sharing teaching approaches, resources and recommended websites.

Workshop 2: Securing Success in Y6 Maths: Arithmetic

Aimed at Y6 parents looking for ways to support their child with arithmetic (four operations, fractions, decimals & percentages). Sharing teaching approaches, methods and resources used in school which support understanding.

Learning at Home

The time you spend with your child away from school is very important to you both. This is when you can be relaxed and enjoy 'time off' together. By making the most of this time, you can also support your child's learning. Any time you spend with your child enjoying yourselves will enhance their spiritual, moral, social and cultural development along with all of the Sitwell 7 Values:

Respect
Relationships
Responsibility
Resourcefulness
Risk Taking
Resilience
Reflection

By spending time helping your child to develop these values, you will provide him or her with a role model, showing that you appreciate learning and that learning is important for both children and adults alike. These times are much more important to children than we sometimes realise.

One way of getting involved with your child's learning is to work on a specific project or topic. Projects for each Year Group are published half termly or termly depending on the length of their current topic. Children will come home with a list of ideas for a Project from their class teacher for you to help with, or you can come up with an idea of your own linked to the topic.

These projects are designed for you to produce alongside your child, learning together and supporting them with their ideas. We love looking at the range of projects that are produced by the children and in turn, they enjoy sharing them with the rest of their class.

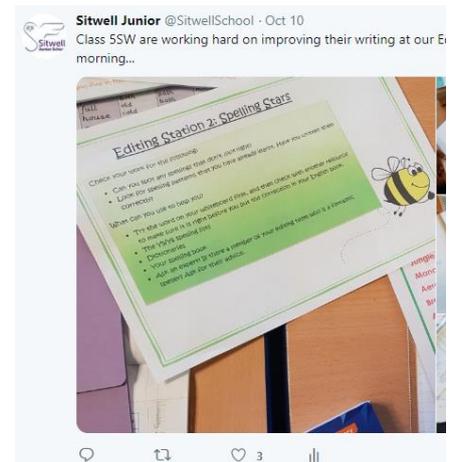
For more guidance, please see our new 'Learning at Home Policy'.

Don't forget to check out the school website, www.sitwelljuniorschool.co.uk for up to date information and to find out what your child has been learning about in school.

School Twitter

For up to date information and to find out what your child has been learning about in school, why not follow our twitter page [@SitwellSchool](https://twitter.com/SitwellSchool)

Here are some of our tweets from last term.



It would be really great if you could tweet [@SitwellSchool](https://twitter.com/SitwellSchool) to let us know about your child's learning at home too. For example, tweet some photos of when they are creating their projects at home or taking part in clubs outside of school.

Message from the Office Staff

Thank you to all of the parents who have registered with Parent Pay - it is a massive help and to the few that haven't, if you could spend a few minutes registering it would be greatly appreciated. As a number of children keep forgetting to order their school dinner in the morning at school, our cooks in the kitchen are trying to encourage children to order their school meals at home, either over the weekend or the evening before. This would also help with the ordering of food and cutting down on waste.

Please remember, it is important to let us know if you move house, change your email address or your phone number, so that contact details are up to date.

After School Clubs

All clubs will run from 3.30pm to 4.30pm. The cost of all clubs will be £2.50 per session. This covers the cost of staffing and resources. If a club has to be cancelled any week, we will endeavour to let you know as soon as possible or will reallocate your child to another club for that session.

Autumn 2

<u>Day</u>	<u>Extra-Curricular Club</u>
<u>Monday</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Young Voices – Mrs Stainrod & Mrs Cowburn• Football (girls) – Mr Berkshire• Football (boys) – Mr Cassell
<u>Tuesday</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Knitting & Sewing – Mrs Cowburn & Mrs Foster• Xcite Sports (the sport changes each half term)• Recorders – Miss Evans• Colouring/Sketching – Mrs Dawson
<u>Wednesday</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Y5/Y6 Maths Masterclass (For children who show a talent in maths and are interested in the subject) - Mr Epton• Fitness Boot Camp – Mr McQuillin
<u>Thursday</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Y5/Y6 Netball (girls only) – Mr Berkshire• Book Club – Mrs Doughty• Tabletop Gaming – Mr Hayward-Browne

In terms of payment, it will be necessary for parents/carers to pay for the clubs at the beginning of each half term. The deadline for clubs commencing this half term is Friday 9th November. Unfortunately, if payment is not received, your child will not be able to stay for the club and the parent/carer will receive a text stating that their child does not have a place. 'Parent Pay' must be used when making a payment. If you have any enquiries about 'Parent Pay', please do not hesitate to contact the Admin Team. Once payment has been received, a text message will be sent confirming your child's place. To accommodate for a club having to be cancelled due to adverse weather or a school trip returning to school after school hours, the school will deduct one week's payment from each half term, so the children will potentially receive one week free each half term.

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, as these will be unauthorised. 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 receive a certificate for the week, go in first for dinner on Friday and earn a smile each. During the last half term, we hit 97.8% across school – above target. Well done to the 10 classes who had attendance above target.

6JB: 99.3%	6G0: 99.2%	3GT: 99.1%	5HS: 98.5%	5SW: 98.4%	3HB: 97.9%
5RE: 97.5%	4WN: 97.4%	4EL: 97.1%	6NE: 97%	4ZN: 96.8%	3ND: 96.1%

Summer Reading Challenge 2018

Over 1,600 school pupils took part in this year's "Mischief Makers" Summer Reading Challenge which took place in Rotherham libraries over the summer holiday. Participation in this challenge does help to counter the tendency for reading skills to dip during the summer and the aim of the project is to encourage children to develop a love of reading that will expand their imagination and their knowledge and underpin their continuing learning at school. Thank you to all of the children who were involved in the reading challenge.



Parking Reminders

PLEASE read the reminders below about parking around Sitwell before and after school to ensure that everyone is safe and there is the least amount of disruption possible to parents and our neighbours.

PLEASE do not park across local resident's driveways on Grange Road, Osbert Road or Acres View. Where this does occur, the residents have been advised to contact the police by both the school and the local council. PLEASE do not park or obstruct the entrance to the staff car park and PLEASE drop off and collect your children as safely and quickly as possible.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION IN THIS AREA



Anti-Bullying Week 2018: Choose Respect

The theme for Anti-Bullying Week 2018 is: 'Choose Respect' and Anti-Bullying Week runs from 12th - 16th November. We will hold Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying Week again on the first day of Anti-Bullying Week.



What is it?

Most importantly, Odd Socks Day is designed to be fun! It's an opportunity for children to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique!

All the children have to do to take part is wear odd socks to school, it couldn't be simpler! Odd Socks day will take place on the first day of Anti Bullying Week, **Monday 12th November** to help raise awareness around anti-bullying.

Children in Need

On **Friday 16th November**, we will be holding a 'spotacular' dressing up day. All we ask is that the children bring a donation of £1 to raise money for Children in Need. If your child doesn't own any 'spotacular' clothing, non-uniform clothing will be acceptable.

