



Sedley's Church of England Primary School

Love to Learn – Learn to Love

Sedley's Christian Values
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October 2022

Here we are at the end of Term 1 already! Firstly, a huge thank you to everyone for your contributions to our Harvest – it was a lovely event that gave everyone a chance to reflect and give thanks for all that we have. It was great to have so many families join us in church and for Reverend Simeon to be part of it too. The donations have been added to the collection from St Nicholas' and will be given to a local foodbank to support families in need.

Staffing update

As many of you will already know, Mrs Lowe will be leaving Sedley's this term and Mrs Abel will be teaching Saplings from the start of Term 2. There has been a lot of opportunity for children in Saplings to get to know Mrs Abel as she has been in school for the past few weeks in order to ensure a smooth transition. We welcome Mrs Abel to our team, and we give thanks and love to Mrs Lowe for her hard work here at Sedley's. We shall continue to see Mrs Lowe as she is a parent and governor so will continue to see her in the future. We wish Mrs Lowe all the best!



Community Week

This week has been Community Week in school and the children have been busy learning a lot about a variety of communities, either local, national or global! Acorns have been exploring the church, Oaks are looking into the local community linked with World War I and II, families have been coming in to join children for lunch and Governors have been in for a cuppa and cake with the staff! All children have also experienced Bollywood dancing and learning more about Diwali. This week has brought about many learning opportunities for our children, and we shall continue to strengthen the community links eg visits to Withens nursing home, connections with Prepworld, events for parents to attend in school etc.

Festival of Light 25th November 6pm

Once again this year we shall be taking part in the Festival of Light, a community event that involves children making lanterns with a visiting artist, and then participating in a festival through Dartford town centre. It involves lots of local schools and the parade is a fun, inclusive, multicultural event! Last year we did not have as many families attending as we would have liked, so I am hoping that many of you will come along with your children and their lanterns to the event from 6pm on 25th November. There will be more details to follow.

Attendance and punctuality

Once again, a big thank you to parents for supporting children's learning by ensuring they are in school each day on time. Of course, there are occasions when children are unwell, however we still have some attendance concerns and shall be following these up. We appreciate parents contacting school to inform us of absence, but we are asking for parents to call and speak with the office rather than leaving a message or sending an email.

With regards to holidays please can I remind you that I am not able to authorise any holidays in term time unless there are very exceptional circumstances in line with our policy. Any such requests should be in writing to myself, and it may be necessary to ask for additional evidence to support the request. Please note that holidays are recorded as unauthorised absence and may lead to the involvement of the attendance service, or a penalty notice being issued.



Open day for prospective Year R

Do you know someone who has a child that will be due to start school in September 2023? If so, let them know about our open day on 10th November! There will be a tour at 9:15am and also at 1:45pm, followed by a talk about our school. Spread the word and let people know! They can call the office and put their name down for one of the sessions.



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PE curriculum

We have been very fortunate to secure the expertise of Miss Hunt this term, and all children have had a weekly dance lesson with her. She will be returning in Term 3 to deliver more lessons. The children have developed a wide range of skills and their dance has been linked to their topics in class.

Next term Mr Poppy, from St Georges Secondary School, will be coming to Sedley's on Fridays to teach PE alongside our staff to children in Acorns, Seedlings and Saplings. **Please look out for further information regarding changes to the after school football club arrangements and for PE days.**

Saplings class will be going swimming in Term 2. We shall be using the pool at Sutton at Hone CE Primary School. After Christmas we are hoping to have this in place for other Key Stage 2 year groups.

Some upcoming dates for your diary.....

Thursday 20 th Oct	Final day of Term 1
Tuesday 1 st Nov	Staff training day – no children to attend.
Wednesday 2 nd Nov	Children return for Term 2
Thursday 10 th Nov	Open day for prospective Year R
Friday 11 th Nov	Oaks class Collective Worship – parents invited 9am
Friday 11 th Nov	5pm – 7pm PFA disco at the village hall!
Saturday 12 th Nov	St Nicholas' craft fair at the village hall.
Monday 14 th Nov	Individual and sibling photographs
Friday 18 th Nov	Children in Need -non uniform £1 donation
Sunday 20 th Nov	Family service at St Nicholas' church
10 th Nov '22	9:15am & 1:45pm Open day for prospective Reception pupils – please contact office to book.
Monday 21 st Nov	Parent consultations 3:30pm – 6pm
Thursday 24 th Nov	Flu immunisations
Thursday 24 th Nov	Parent consultations 3:30pm – 6pm
Friday 25 th Nov	6pm Dartford Festival of Light!
Saturday 26 th Nov	Sedley's Christmas lights switch on.

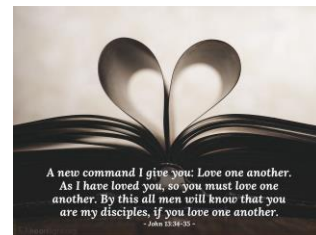
Uniform

The PFA have started their regular uniform sale today and will continue this each term. It is a great opportunity to purchase good quality uniform so please make use of it. If you have any uniform needs please get in touch as we are able to support with this. Please also remember to name everything! Many thanks for your support with this.



Choir

It is great to have a range of children coming to choir but we need more singers! If your child wants to be part of singing at Bluewater at Christmas or wants to take part in the Young Voices event at The O2 in January, then they have to come to choir now! If your child wants to come, then let me know!



Wishing everyone a lovely half term break and look forward to seeing you all back on Wednesday 2nd November!
Best wishes
Miss Field

SATURDAY, 12th NOVEMBER 2022

12:00pm – 3:00pm

At Southfleet Village Hall,
 Dale Road, Southfleet, DA13 9NX

Featuring local artists, including:

Knitted goods, wrapping paper, books, paintings and cards, personalised gifts, hand-knitted toys, cakes, cards, soaps, oils, candies, dog treats, bags and cushions, jam, raffle and refreshments.

Adult admission: 50p Children: Free

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