



Welcome to the 2022-23 academic year. School newsletters and dates will be emailed on a fortnightly basis throughout the year. Current and previous newsletters are also available on the school website. Our newsletters often contain a lot of information so please read them carefully. Please do not hesitate to ask if you have any questions.

ALLERGY AWARE

Due to a number of children in school with severe nut allergies we ask that:

- You do not send nuts, peanut butter or foods containing nuts to be eaten in packed lunches or as snacks (labels – ‘may contain traces’ is fine).
- Celebrations – only Haribo style sweets may be brought in to school for celebrations such as birthdays etc.

Thank you for your support in helping us to keep all of our children safe.

PARKING

Due to limited space, the school car park is only for use by disabled badge holders, school staff and those hiring the Betteridge Room (i.e. playgroup). We realise that the village can get very busy, especially at collection time but we do ask that parents avoid parking on the single yellow lines and the zig zag lines outside school. These are there for the safety of all and to allow emergency vehicle and bus access. We ask you to park carefully and responsibly even if that means a longer walk to the school gate. We form part of a wider community in the village of Sedgeberrow and it is important that we continue to have good relationships with everyone. The community policing team will be closely monitoring the village during these peak hours. Please drive and park safely and considerately. Thank you for your support.

LITTLE BIG LEARNERS – AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Our after-school care provider, Little Big Learners is based in The Betteridge Room, next to the school. They will pick up directly from the classrooms at 3.15pm and walk the children to the Betteridge Room. All details, including how to book, are available on their website www.littlebiglearners.co.uk

GUITAR LESSONS

Rob Clements will be attending our school again weekly starting Thursday 15th September to continue private guitar lessons, including music theory, improvisation and graded exams. If you are interested please contact him directly on 07748230045.

PE KIT DAYS

A reminder that children should come to school on PE lesson days in their full PE kit.

Year R – Thursdays (from 29/9)

Year 1 – Thursdays (from 15/9)

Year 2 – Tuesdays (from 13/9)

Year 3 – Wednesdays (from 14/9)

Year 4 – Mondays (from 12/9)

Year 5 – Mondays (from 19/9 for swimming) and Fridays

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS & TRANSFERS

Information for **Middle School Applications** September 2023 will be distributed to Year 5 via book bags. Please note that it is online applications only and that the deadline is 15th January 2023. If you need any help, please email or telephone the school office.

If you have a child due to start **First School** in Sept 2023, the application process is again online via www.worcestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions with the same closing date of 15th January 2023.

SCHOOL LUNCHES and FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Our school lunches are provided by Class Catering and brought to us each day from their kitchen at The De Montfort School. Menus are available through ParentPay. Please book (and pay if applicable) by Wednesday 9.30am for the following week. Cancellations for illness etc can be done through ParentPay up to 9.30am on the day your child is absent. All Reception, Year One and Year Two children are entitled to a free school meal paid through the Government's Universal Free School Meal Scheme. You will still need to order your child's lunch via ParentPay.

Free School Meals can also be awarded if you or your partner are claiming either;

- Universal Credit provided they have an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400 (616.67 per month)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190, as assessed by HMRC
- Working Tax Credit run-on-paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax

If you think you may be eligible, please complete a form online even if you already receive a meal as part of the Universal FSM Scheme, as the school will receive extra money paid for each child who is eligible for free school meals, which is used to support your child's education.

http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20062/schools/684/applying_for_free_school_meals

HEALTHY SNACK/MILK

KS1 will be provided with a healthy snack at break time through the 'Fruit for Schools' scheme. KS2 children should bring a healthy snack or can purchase a pack of raisins from the school office for 10p. Please cut grapes and cherry tomatoes in half to reduce the risk of choking. Children under the age of five are entitled to free milk and those over the age of five can pay a subsidised rate of around £14 per term. If you would like your child to receive milk, you will need to register online at www.coolmilk.com or you can pick up a leaflet from the school office.

MORNING CLUB

Morning Club is our early drop off facility that supervises children from 8.15-8.45am and costs 50p per day. If you have not already signed up for morning club and wish to use it during this term, please speak to the school office for details. We will continue to require parents to sign up and pay for morning club half-termly in advance, with all payments completed via ParentPay. The hall doors will open at 8.15am and 8.30am only – this is to enable the staff to effectively supervise all of the children in their care. Please wait with your child until they are under the supervision of our staff.

NEW BUILDING

Our builders are still working hard to complete our new KS2 classrooms which are due to be ready in December 2022/January 2023. It is so exciting to see the progress and we expect to see the roof completed and windows installed in the next month.

KS2 WELLIES

As a result of the building work, our hard standing play areas are smaller than normal and so we ask that all KS2 children have a pair of wellies (named and in a bag) to keep in school so that we can continue using the field through the Autumn and Winter. Thank you.

FRIENDS OF SEDGEBERROW SCHOOL AGM

**Thursday 15th September, Sedgeberrow
School @ 7:30pm**

All parents and carers welcome to attend if you are interested in finding out more about what FOSS have achieved over the past year.

If you are interested in joining FOSS it is essential that you attend the meeting so that new members/roles can be elected.

PARENTS' EVENINGS

On Wednesday 12th October there will be an opportunity for parents to come into school and look at your children's books prior to the parents evening.

We are offering a **video call** parents' evening appointment for each pupil on the 19th October with 10 minute appointments available between 3.30pm and 8pm. Sign up will be from Monday 26th September via our School Cloud System. More information about how to sign up and log on will be available nearer the time. This is an opportunity for an individual chat with your child's teacher/s to discuss how they have settled in to their new class and to share any relevant information.

There will be a further parents' evening in the Spring term to look at children's work again and have a more formal discussion about progress and targets.

THE SCHOOL OFFICE

The School Office manned by Mrs Davey and Mrs Lockie, is open Monday – Friday between 8.15-3.30pm during term term. If you need to contact us and it cannot be done via email or telephone, please do come and see us.

Email: office@sedgeberrow.worcs.sch.uk
Telephone: 01386 881391

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Our new school photographer, Time Lock Photography, will be in school on Tuesday 20th September to take individual and sibling photos. All children should bring a school sweatshirt or cardigan on this day regardless of the weather. 'In school' siblings will have a photo taken during the course of the school day; however, there is an opportunity to have a sibling photo taken with pre-school children. If you would like to take advantage of this service, please arrive at school for 8.30am and meet at the hall door. Class photos will take place later in the year.

Upcoming Diary Dates

- **FOSS Coffee Afternoon & Pre-loved Uniform Sale for Reception Parents 1.30-3.00pm** – Friday 9th September and Friday 16th September.
- **Y5 Swimming at Evesham Leisure Centre** – 5 sessions taking place on Mondays from 19th September.
- **Y2 Almonry Trip** – Wednesday 21st September (details to follow.)
- **Y3 Sandfield Farm**– Thursday 22nd September (details to follow.)
- **Y5 Tudors Alive @ Mary Arden's Farm** – Thursday 6th October (details to follow.)

MEET THE TEACHER SESSIONS

Year 1	Wednesday 14 th September 2:45-3:10
Year 2	Wednesday 14 th September 2:45-3:10
Year 3	Tuesday 13 th September 2:45-3:10
Year 4	Friday 16 th September 2:45-3:10
Year 5	Thursday 15 th September 2:45-3:10