

SEDGEBERROW C OF E FIRST SCHOOL



NEWLETTER 1 2023

Headteacher's Welcome

Welcome to the 2023-2024 academic year. I hope that everyone has had a restful and fun-filled summer.

School newsletters will be emailed on a fortnightly basis throughout the year and include a dates list. Current and previous newsletters are also available on the school website. Our newsletters often contain a lot of information (especially the first one!) so please read them carefully and be aware that the dates lists are subject to change.

May I extend a warm welcome to all of our new parents. We want you and your child to settle into our school family as quickly as possible and if there is anything you believe we can help with, please don't hesitate to ask.

All the best for the year ahead.

PRE SCHOOL

We have been delighted with the opening of our new Preschool and how brilliantly the children have settled in. We have had lots of fun so far and we have lots of lovely things planned over the next few months. If you are interested in a place for your child please call on **01386 339 159** Kerry, Sarah or Carly are more than happy to help with any questions.

LITTLE BIG LEARNERS

Our after-school care provider, Little Big Learners is based in the School Hall.

They will pick up directly from the classrooms at 3.15pm and walk the children to the School Hall.

All details, including how to book, are available on their website

www.littlebiglearners.co.uk

ALLERGIES 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.

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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. Sedgeberrow Preschool). 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 especially 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.

P.E. DAYS

A reminder that children come to school on PE Lessons in their full PE Kits

YEAR R - Friday
from 29/9/2023

YEAR 1 - Thursday

YEAR 2 - Tuesday

YEAR 3 - Wednesday

YEAR 4 - Wednesday

YEAR 5 - Friday

WELLIES

Can all KS2 children have a pair of wellies (named in a bag) to keep in school so that they can continue using the school field during the autumn and winter

SCHOOL ADMISSION & TRANSFERS

Information for Middle School Applications September 2024 has been distributed to Year 5 via book bags.

Please note that it is online applications only and that the deadline is 15th January 2024.

If you need any help, please email or telephone the school office. If you have a child due to start **First School** in Sept 2024, the application process is again online via www.worcestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions with the same closing date of 15th January 2024.

NEW STAFF

We would like to Welcome our new staff members, Sarah Jenkins, Carly Radburn, Kerry Bullas to Preschool. Lizzie Virgo (Office) and Jenny Mathews (YR2)

GARDENING

As you may already know, we have a beautiful allotment garden in the school grounds. The children enjoy tending to the flowers and vegetable beds immensely. We are lucky to have two wonderful adult volunteers who work with the children and also keep things going during the holidays but they could really do with some extra help. If you think you could spare some time to be part of this wonderful initiative, please contact the school office

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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 SNACKS/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. 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 **8.00-8.45am and costs £20 per half term**. 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 **8.00am, 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.

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PARENTS EVENING

We are offering a video call parents' evening appointment for each pupil on the **8th November**

2023 with 10 minute appointments available between 3.30pm and 8pm.

Sign up will be from **Monday 23rd October** 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.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Timelock Photography, will be in school on Wednesday 4th October 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.

FRIENDS OF SEDGEBERROW SCHOOL

Thursday 28th September,
Sedgeberrow School @ 7.30pm

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

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

THE SCHOOL OFFICE

The School Office manned by Mrs Lockie, Mrs Keen and Mrs Virgo
Monday – Friday
between 8.30-4pm 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 881 391

HEAD LICE

ONCE A WEEK TAKE A PEAK
<https://onceaweektakeapeek.com/>

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WHOLE SCHOOL EVENTS



Thursday 21st September -Year 3 Sandfield Farm

Wednesday 27th September -Year R – Parents Meeting – 4.30 pm in school

Friday 29th September -McMillan Coffee Morning

Friday 29th September Year R – First Day of PE to come to school in PE kit

Monday 2nd October -Year 5 Cadbury World Trip

Wednesday 4th October -Individual and Sibling Photos

Tuesday 10th October -Flu Nasal Spray all Year Groups

It is really important that they receive a consent form back for every child, even if you do NOT wish for your child to receive the immunisation, there is an option to decline. Failure to complete a consent form, may result in our call centre making contact with you to obtain it verbally. Please complete the below link to state whether you wish to consent or decline.

<https://midlands.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2023/worcestershire>

Tuesday 10th October -Mental Health Day –
Children to wear something yellow – bring a £1 to school

Wednesday 18th October -Harvest Festival- 2pm

Wednesday 18th October -Year 3, 4, 5 – Football Evesham United (2 Teams)

Friday 27th October =TED Day for Sedgeberrow School and Preschool

HALF TERM WEEK – MONDAY 30TH OCTOBER – FRIDAY 3RD NOVEMBER

Monday 6th November

Term Begins for Sedgeberrow School and Preschool

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