

SIDLESHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

19th April 2024

MESSAGE FROM MRS KOISTON



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has flown by and as I write this, I am on my fourth day here at Sidlesham Primary School. I have been made to feel ever so welcome and it really is a pleasure to be part of the Sidlesham family. Thank you to everyone who has said hello! If we haven't had the chance to meet yet, then please do come along to our coffee and chat afternoon from 2-3pm on Monday 22nd April. This will be an opportunity to meet me, along with other parents and members of our school community. If you can't make that, then you will find me on the door most mornings and afternoons.

We have been lucky enough to spend playtimes on the field this week. It has been wonderful to see all our children playing together and making use of our fantastic grounds. The school council have been busy this week and met with Mr Blake-Lobb to share the views of pupils across the school. They have already come up with requests for music at playtimes and a book box to be taken outside for children who prefer quieter playtime activities. No sooner had the requests been made, they were in place. Well done to these pupils in particular for making change happen! Pupil voice is very important, and so is the voice of our families and wider community. As such, I will be sharing a link with you soon to gather your views on the things you love about Sidlesham, along with any areas for improvement. As I said to pupils this week, there are always things we can do better!

If you have any questions or concerns, please do get in touch.

Kind regards,

Mrs Koiston

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Notices

Rounders Club

Rounders Club will take place on Mondays from 3.10 to 4.10. If you would like to book a place for your child, please contact the school office.

Singing Club

Singing Club will take place on Thursdays from 3.10 to 4.10. If you would like to book a place for your child, please contact the school office.

Parking

Please don't park in the staff spaces by the nursery, as access is needed at all times. Thank you!

Please also remember to park in a considerate way to our neighbours. We are part of the community and want everyone to be able to use the space safely.

Newsletter

Frequency

I understand that newsletters have been sent out weekly. From now on, I will be sending a newsletter every other week.

Summer Fayre

You will see from the dates list that we have set Saturday 6th July for our event. If you are able to help in the planning of this, please get in touch with the office. Without volunteers to help beforehand and on the day, we will be unable to put on the fantastic event that our pupils and families deserve.

INSET Days for 2024/25

Monday 2 September 2024

Monday 4 November 2024

Monday 24 February 2025

Monday 21 July 2025

Tuesday 22 July 2025

Wellbeing Workshop

Miss Harwood is planning a wellbeing workshop for parents to support their children. If you are interested in signing up, please get in touch with the office.

Library

We are lucky enough to be able to sign up for the school library service again and they are coming in to refresh our books this term. If you can spare some time to help sort through our existing books before we add to them, please get in touch with Mrs Connor.

What's new at Sidlesham?

School Council



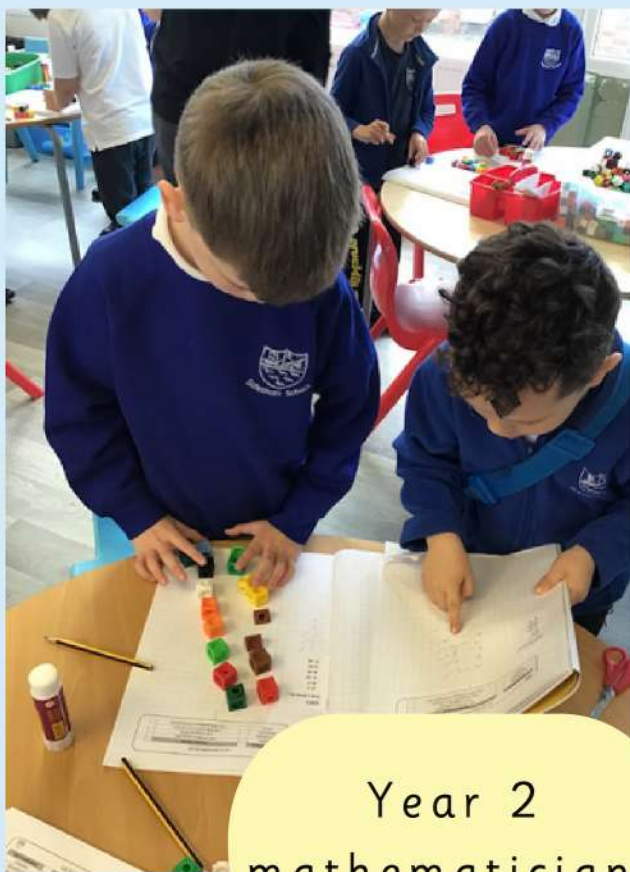
Penguin Poets

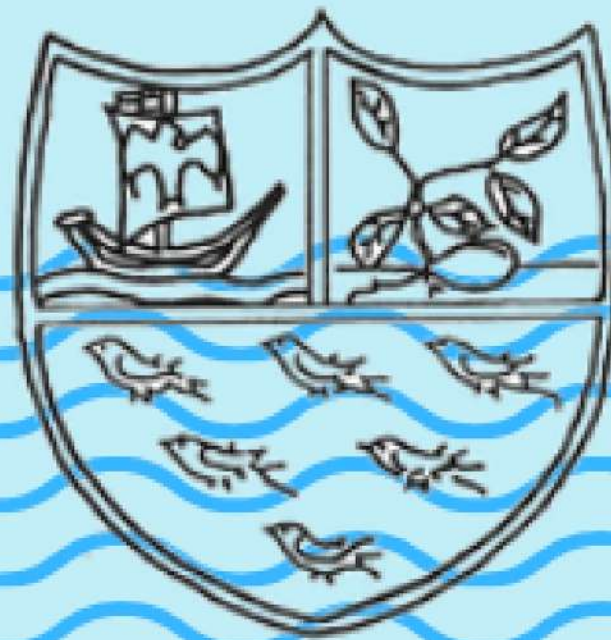


New car park



Year 2 mathematicians





COFFEE & CHAT

AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET THE
NEW HEADTEACHER AND CATCH
UP WITH OTHER PARENTS

22.4.24 • 2-3PM

Sidlesham Primary School Hall

PLEASE COME IN THROUGH THE SIDE HALL DOOR

Thank Lolly it's Friday – Indulge in Cool Treats!



Chill out with our icy delights.

Treat yourself to a refreshing cold drink, ice cream or ice lolly every Friday after school, on the field.



Celebrations

Has your child achieved a swimming badge? Maybe they earned a new badge at Brownies or Cubs? Have they achieved something that needs celebrating? Please encourage them to bring in their certificates or photos on Fridays to share in our celebration assembly.

Good Attendance means...

Being in school at least 97% of the time or 184 to 190 days

Remember

Education is important - don't miss out!

Did you know?

A two week holiday in term-time means that the highest attendance a child can achieve is

94.7%



Did you know?

When pupils attend school they:

- Can achieve their full potential
- Have better career prospects
- Learn how to look after themselves and be healthy
- Grow in confidence
- Keep up with work and homework
- Make new friends

There are
365 DAYS
in a calendar year

175 DAYS
are **NOT**
spent at school

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about WHATSAPP



WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service, with around two billion users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents, as well as making voice and video calls. Its end-to-end encryption means messages can only be viewed by the sender and any recipients: not even WhatsApp can read them. Updates to its privacy policy in 2021 (involving sharing data with parent company Facebook) caused millions to leave the app, but the new policy was widely misinterpreted – it only related to WhatsApp's business features, not to personal messages.



WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

SCAMS

Fraudsters occasionally send WhatsApp messages pretending to offer prizes – encouraging the user to click on a link to win. Other common scams involve warning someone that their WhatsApp subscription has run out (aiming to dupe them into disclosing payment details) or impersonating a friend or relative and asking for money to be transferred to help with an emergency.

DISAPPEARING MESSAGES

Users can set WhatsApp messages to disappear in 24 hours, 7 days or 90 days by default. Photos and videos can also be instructed to disappear after the recipient has viewed them. These files can't be saved or forwarded – so if your child was sent an inappropriate message, it would be difficult to prove any wrongdoing. However, the receiver can take a screenshot and save that as evidence.

ENABLING FAKE NEWS

WhatsApp has unfortunately been linked to accelerating the spread of dangerous rumours. In India in 2018, some outbreaks of mob violence appear to have been sparked by false allegations being shared on the app. WhatsApp itself took steps to prevent its users circulating hazardous theories and speculation in the early weeks of the Covid-19 pandemic.

POTENTIAL CYBERBULLYING

Group chat and video calls are great for connecting with multiple people in WhatsApp, but there is always the potential for someone's feelings to be hurt by an unkind comment or joke. The 'only admins' feature gives the admin(s) of a group control over who can send messages. They can, for example, block people from posting in a chat, which could make a child feel excluded and upset.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

To start a WhatsApp chat, you only need the mobile number of the person you want to message (the other person also needs to have the app). WhatsApp can access the address book on someone's device and recognise which of their contacts also use the app. So if your child has ever given their phone number to someone they don't know, that person could use it to contact them via WhatsApp.

LOCATION SHARING

The 'live location' feature lets users share their current whereabouts, allowing friends to see their movements. WhatsApp describes it as a 'simple and secure way to let people know where you are.' It is a useful method for a young person to let loved ones know they're safe – but if they used it in a chat with people they don't know, they would be exposing their location to them, too.

Advice for Parents & Carers

[CLICK HERE](#)

CREATE A SAFE PROFILE

Even though someone would need a child's phone number to add them as a contact, it's also worth altering a young person's profile settings to restrict who can see their photo and status. The options are 'everyone', 'my contacts' and 'nobody' – choosing one of the latter two ensures that your child's profile is better protected.



EXPLAIN ABOUT BLOCKING

If your child receives spam or offensive messages, calls or files from a contact, they should block them using 'settings' in the chat. Communication from a blocked contact won't show up on their device and stays undelivered. Blocking someone does not remove them from your child's contact list – so they also need to be deleted from the address book.



REPORT POTENTIAL SCAMS

Young people shouldn't engage with any message that looks suspicious or too good to be true. When your child receives a message from an unknown number for the first time, they'll be given the option to report it as spam. If the sender claims to be a friend or relative, call that person on their usual number to verify it really is them, or if it's someone trying to trick your child.



LEAVE A GROUP

If your child is in a group chat that is making them feel uncomfortable, or has been added to a group that they don't want to be part of, they can use WhatsApp's group settings to leave. If someone exits a group, the admin can add them back in once; if they leave a second time, it is permanent.



THINK ABOUT LOCATION

If your child needs to use the 'live location' function to show you or one of their friends where they are, advise them to share their location only for as long as they need to. WhatsApp gives a range of 'live location' options, and your child should manually stop sharing their position as soon as it is no longer needed.



DELETE ACCIDENTAL MESSAGES

If your child posts a message they want to delete, WhatsApp allows the user seven minutes to erase a message. Tap and hold on the message, choose 'delete' and then 'delete for everyone.' However, it's important to remember that recipients may have seen (and taken a screenshot of) a message before it was deleted.



CHECK THE FACTS

You can now fact-check WhatsApp messages that have been forwarded at least five times, by double-tapping the magnifying glass icon to the right of the message. From there, your child can launch a Google search and decide for themselves whether the message was true or not.



Meet Our Expert

Parven Kaur is a social media expert and digital media consultant who is passionate about improving digital literacy for parents and children. She has extensive experience in the social media arena and is the founder of Kids N Clicks: a web resource that helps parents and children thrive in a digital world.



National Online Safety®

#WakeUpWednesday



READY, RESPECTFUL AND SAFE AT
SIDLESHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

Be Ready to learn:



Be on time



Have all my equipment



Enter the classroom calmly

Be Respectful:



Show wonderful walking in the corridors

Look after all school property



Stop and listen when an adult raises their hand



Show pride in my learning and presentation



Be Safe:



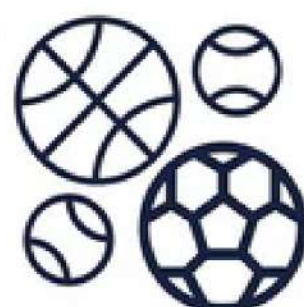
Be polite to all others



Follow school rules for health and safety



Play safely at break and lunch times



Key Dates at Sidlesham 2023-24

Event	Date
Class Photos	Tuesday 30th April @ 9am
KS2 SATs Week	13-16 May
Half term	27-31 May
INSET day - school closed to pupils	3rd June
School Tasking Final	17th June
Class Assemblies	18 June - Penguins 25 June - Kangaroos 2 July - Meerkats 9 July - Tigers
Year 4 Multiplication Check	WC 3rd and 10th June
Phonics Screening Check	WC 10th June
Year 6 Residential	11-14th June
Non-uniform for the Summer Fayre	20th June
New Reception Class Picnic	Wednesday 26th
Summer Fayre	Saturday 6th July
Transition Day	3rd July tbc once secondary dates released
Sports Day	Monday 8th July
Reserve Sports Day	Monday 15th July
Sidlesham's Got Talent	16th July
Water Fight	18th July
Leavers' Assembly	23rd July 2pm
Last day of school	23rd July (Tuesday)