15th December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

**Newsletter**

As my time at Sidlesham comes to an end, I would like to thank everyone for their warm welcome and my experience of the ‘Sidlesham Magic’. It is a lovely little school to be part of and staff have been working hard to make it a special place. Like all schools, it’s not perfect and there is always improvement work to be done, but the staff have a plan and it is most reassuring to be handing ‘my baton’ onto another experienced interim headteacher in Mrs Norton, who has liaised with the staff team and I at length to ensure that she will hit the ground running in January. I am sure she will prove a great blessing to the school as well.

I wish the whole community every blessing as we break up and trust that you will thoroughly enjoy a well-earned Christmas break and a happy new year.

This is the last newsletter that you will receive via parentmail as we have changed over to Tucasi and your newsletter will arrive in your inbox from [*sidleshampri@scopay.com*](mailto:sidleshampri@scopay.com)*.* Please check your spam folder.

**Tigers Class Teacher**

We say goodbye to Miss Carter and wish her well in her new job. I am most frustrated to have to share that our plans for January with Mrs Caldow joining the EYFS team have been scuppered - as she has accepted a full time position too. Therefore, from January, Mr Blake-Lobb will be joining the team in Tigers instead. The silver lining is that he already knows the children well - teaching them every week to date in order to provide Mrs Dack with her PPA time. We are, however, changing the days of the week that the teachers will be in class: Mr Blake Lobb will be the class teacher on a Monday and Tuesday, while Mrs Dack will move to Wednesday, Thursday and Friday duties instead. Thankfully, there are no other changes to report!

**Guitar Concert**

Mr Roberts will have been in contact with the parents of those children learning guitar about a planned concert for Wednesday 10th January, if you can make it along we look forward to seeing you.

**Young Voices Spare Tickets**

We have three tickets available for parents/grandparents that may wish to attend the Young Voices concert on the 17th January, they are £25 per ticket. So, please contact the school office if you are interested.

We will communicate with you about after school clubs in the new term.

**Please remember to bring in your ice skating forms on the first day back to school.**

**Dates for your diary**

INSET Day Tuesday 2nd January

First day of term Wednesday 3rd January

Ice Skating Thursday 4th January

Guitar Concert Wednesday 10th January @ 2:15pm

Young Voices Parent Meeting Monday 15th January @ 4:10pm

Young Voices Concert Wednesday 17th January

Half term Monday 12th - Friday 16th February

Inset day Monday 19th February

World Book day Thursday 7th March