## Newsletter w/e 15th September 2023

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Dear Parents and Carers

**Newsletter 1**

It was a pleasure to meet some of you for a quick cuppa on Wednesday morning. I really appreciate the feedback I received about the school then too. I hope to see a few more of you at next week’s Macmillan event, as advertised yesterday.

**Attendance**

We have been asked to share the following links with you to enable parents to make informed decisions about their child’s attendance at school when they appear to be ‘under the weather’:

https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/

**Filtering & Monitoring Systems**

The latest version of ‘Keeping Children Safe in Education’ explains that it can be helpful for parents to know the filtering and monitoring systems that schools use. Therefore, I am writing to tell you that Sidlesham already uses a filtering and monitoring provided by LGfL (The London Grid for Learning Trust). And we have been informed that their service meets all of the latest expectations of the latest Keeping Children Safe in Education expectations too.

Probably more useful to you, in terms of your children’s internet access and use of IT at home you may find the e-safety page of our website and its associated links helpful in planning and controlling their internet use with you too: <https://www.sidleshamprimaryschool.co.uk/e-safety-1>

**Baking Club**

This club will now be moving to a Thursday starting from 21st September, if your child would like a place then please contact the office.

**Calendar photo permissions**

If you haven’t yet given permission for your child to have their photo taken to appear in the PTA calendar for 2024 and would like them to, please do email the office. It would be very helpful if in that email you could mention your child’s month of birth too.

At the risk of making myself most unpopular, may I also nag about the following items too:

**Nut-free school**

May I also take this opportunity to remind you that we are a nut-free school. This does mean that we can’t have food items sent in with children that contain nuts - occasionally people forget that most common chocolate spreads contain nuts as well (as indicated by the popular trademark Nutella).

**Medications**

Please may I remind folk that if children do require lip salves, sun creams, bite creams or medications that these must be handed into the school office for safe keeping during the school day. They must be clearly named. The children can then go and ask to use them as necessary (preferably during their break times).

**Uniform**

Having relaxed our uniform rules in the very hot spell last week, I am aware of a few children not looking quite as smart and ready as I would hope for. Please do check that they are coming in wearing the correct uniform for the activities they are undertaking (academic lessons normal, PE kit on PE days and Forest School kit if it’s their turn on a Friday) as it really does help set the tone for their learning. Obviously, if they are attending a sports club we do understand the need for them to be dressed for that too.

Please do also remember that earrings should be removed or taped for PE or sports clubs. Shoulder length (or longer) hair should be tied back, and the children should not be wearing jewellery or nail varnish.

Our uniform policy can be found here:

<https://www.sidleshamprimaryschool.co.uk/school-uniform>

Depending on the size required, uniform can be purchased from ‘Game, Set and Match’ in Chichester. We are simply selling uniform here until our existing stock is finished. Then ‘Game, Set, Match’ will be our sole supplier.

Thank you so much for your support in all of these matters.

Enjoy the late summer while it lasts!

Mr Bird

**Dates for your diary**

Macmillan Coffee event Thursday 21st September

Games Day KS1/KS2 Monday 25th September - letter to follow

Harvest Assembly Thursday 12th October

Parents Evening  Tuesday 17th October @ 3:30 - 6:00pm

Wednesday 18th October @ 3:30 - 6pm

Inset Day Friday 20th October

Half Term Monday 23rd - Friday 27th October

Spooky Disco Friday 3rd November (PTA run - details to follow)

Children in Need Wear something spotty and competitions to be confirmed

Open Days for Year R 2024 Tuesday 31st October @ 2pm

Wednesday 1st November @ 10am

Flu Vaccinations Wednesday 11th October

Anti-Bullying Week Monday 13th - 17th November

School Photos (individual) Wednesday 15th November

Non-Uniform Day in support Thursday 23rd November

of the Christmas Fair

Christmas Fair Friday 1st December

Christmas Lunch Thursday 14th December

Christmas Jumper Day Thursday 7th December

Nativity Tuesday 12th December @ 2pm, Wednesday 13th December @ 10am and 5pm

Last day Friday 15th December