**Newsletter w/e 8th September**

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Dear Parents and Carers

**Newsletter 1**

Thank you to so many of you for your warm welcome to the Sidlesham community this week. It has been lovely to be greeted so positively and a real pleasure beginning to get to know your children. I still have so many names to learn (and to that end, I have to confess, I still get my own son and my dog’s name muddled at times)! It has also been a privilege to see the team in action and their dedication to the school and the children in its care. They really do care.

**Celebration Assembly**

It was great to give out ‘Star of the Week’ awards in assembly this morning - though it was a real challenge for staff to choose who had shone when the vast majority of children were really refreshed and raring to go with their learning. You can see who was celebrated in this way on our X account.

If any of the children completed the Summer Reading Challenge please do get them to bring in their certificate on Friday next week and we will celebrate them in assembly, alongside those who have achieved new levels of success on TT Rockstars and/or Numbots.

**Follow us on social media**

In mentioning X, it does look like our school makes good use of X (formerly known as Twitter) to share some of the exciting goings on here in school with the wider world. To keep up to date, be sure to follow @SidleshamSchool and your child’s class @class\_tiger, @MeerkatsSPS, @ClassKangaroo, @PenguinsSPS or @HuskiesSPS.

**Fantasy Premier League**

The Sidlesham community has expanded into the world of Fantasy Premier League (FPL) as we now have our own Sidlesham FPL mini-league. If you play FPL and would like to join our league, use the code: cssqti.

**School Calendar for 2024**

The PTA would like to produce a calendar featuring photographs of our children to sell as a fundraiser (not to mention as a lovely thing to have) in the run up to Christmas.

They would like to feature a staged group photo of all of the children who have birthdays during a particular month as the artwork for that month. To this end we would like your explicit permissions for your child to feature in the photos used for this super creation.

So please do complete the reply slip at the end of this letter and return it to the school office, post haste or alternatively email the school office giving your permission instead.

**Clubs**

We are looking forward to getting started with our clubs next week and I am particularly delighted that Sidlesham is able to offer such a broad range of extra-curricular activities. Do make sure you register for the clubs your child(ren) are interested in so they can get started next week. You should have received all of the necessary information in the ParentMail earlier this week.

**Pick Up and Drop Off**

I hate to be moaning before the end of my first week! But, please can I remind everyone to park sensibly and not to block driveways of the houses nearby.  Unfortunately, we have had two phone calls already this week complaining about this.  Remember the rules of the drop off zone are to use it purely for dropping off - NOT PARKING as this causes traffic congestion.

**Macmillan Coffee Event**

On Thursday 21st, the PTA will be hosting a Macmillan Coffee event for parents, grandparents, etc, in the hall from 2:30pm prior to pick-up. Donations of cakes to help raise funds would be most welcome. These could be shop bought (and sealed in their original packaging) or homemade.  If you are happy to provide the homemade option  please do provide a **full** list of ingredients so that people can check these for any allergens that may affect them (and in line with Natasha’s law).  If you are not planning to attend you may still like to send your child in with money to buy a cake on their way home, as we will allow them this opportunity after school too.

**The coming week**

As you can see in the diary dates there is a chance this week for parents of our pupils in Years 1 to 6 to come in and meet with their class teachers at 2:45pm. Please come to the office and get signed in before the meeting with your child and their teacher in their classroom.

As previously mentioned, on Wednesday after drop-off, there will be the chance to have a cuppa in hall. Miss Harwood and I will be there too if you wish to say hello.

Have a great weekend

Mr Bird

**Dates for your diary**

Parent Meetings @ 2:45pm Mon 11th September - Meerkats

Tues 12th September - Kangaroos

Wed 13th September - Penguins

Fri  15th September - Huskies

A cuppa in the hall Wednesday 13th September after drop off

Macmillan Coffee event Thursday 21st September - details to follow

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

Harvest Assembly Thursday 12th October

Parents Evening  Tuesday 17th October @ 3:30 - 6:00pm and/or 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 (letters sent out via parentmail today)

Anti-bullying week Monday 13th - 17th November

School Photos (individual) Wednesday 15th November

Non-Uniform day in support of the Christmas Fair - Thursday 23rd November

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

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**Calendar Photo Permissions**

I give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_class to have their photo taken in a group to appear on a school calendar produced by the PTA.