



SUDELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

FEBRUARY 2019



Reminder—Parents' Evening on 6th and 7th March.

Letter has been sent out with all information.

If you have any queries please contact Sudell Office on
01254 703440.

Thank you.

Safer parking at the school gates

We realise that there are some parents/carers who have no alternative but to drive their children to school, however many are driving short distances where walking is a real option.

Even those who have to drive to school can do their bit by parking away from the school entrance and walking for part of the journey.

What can you do to help keep everyone safe around the school gates?

- Please don't block the road - emergency vehicles and other traffic may need access
- Please don't park on yellow lines, zig-zags or block the school entrance
- Please don't park on the pavement, across dropped kerbs or residents' driveways
- Please don't stop in the middle of the road to drop your child off, even for a few seconds

Local Enforcement Officers make regular visits to our school and will fine people who are parked in the wrong place.

These changes make a real difference to the congestion around schools, making the school run less stressful and far safer for everyone. Not only that but they will help your child's education. Research has shown that children who walk or cycle to school are more receptive to learning at the start of the school day than those who travel to school by car.



SUDELL AWARDS

STARS OF THE WEEK FOR FEBRUARY

CLASS	01/02/2019	08/02/2019	15/02/2019
RECEPTION	Charlie, Kian, Riley.	Aiman, Cole, Deacun.	Evie, AJ, Charlie.
YEAR 1	Kyle, Amelia, Adam.	Tyler, Qasim, Nina-Jean.	Leo, Coby, Adam.
YEAR 2	Anthony, Milla, Braiden.	Milla, Maisie, Corey.	Lewis, Arrison, Kaci.
YEAR 3	Elijah, Ania, Laila MW.	Eirinn, Kaila, Kaleb.	Jaime, Ania, Simon.
YEAR 4	Connor, Catalina, Layla.	Anton, Tyler, Ammar.	Trevor, Ivy, Kai.
YEAR 5	Sameer, Ebony, Colum.	Sameer, Colum, Tyler.	Jade, Coral, Ebony.
YEAR 6	Sami, Kaiden, Sophie.	Tyler, Kian, Dawood.	Marcus, Seth, Sophie.

ATTENDANCE WINNERS

DATE	1ST	2ND	3RD	OVERALL
1st February 2019	Year 6 97.9%	Year 3 92.9%	Reception 92.1%	88.3%
8th February 2019	Reception 98.9%	Year 6 93.3%	Year 3 92.5%	90.5%
15th February 2019	Year 5 97.9%	Year 3 97.1%	Year 6 96.7%	93.7%



STAR DRAWS



Prizes of a lovely book or pencil set went to:

1st February—Aeman Y6, Krishma Rec, Sameer Y5, Noah Y5, Kian Rec.

8th February—Callum Y5, Colum Y5, Dakota Y5, Lucas Y1, Kianna Y6.

15th February—Maisie Y2, Seth Y6, Lilymae Y3, Billy Y2, Evie Rec.

ECO WARRIORS CUP

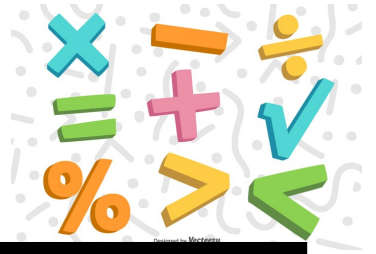
DATE	NAME
01/02/2019	Ebony - Year 5
08/02/2019	Dominic -Year 5
15/02/2019	Brooke, Jessica, Kianna Year 6

HOUSE POINTS

	01/02/2019	08/02/2019	15/02/2019
1st	Blue	Red	Blue
2nd	Green	Yellow	Red
3rd	Red	Green/Blue	Yellow
4th	Yellow		Green

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Recent Activities



World Number Day 2019

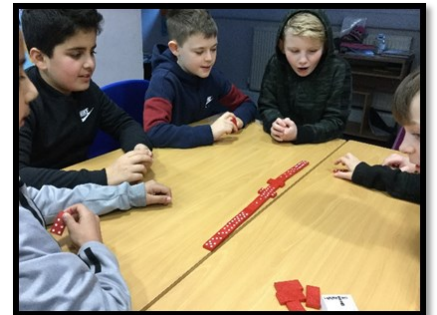
Year 2



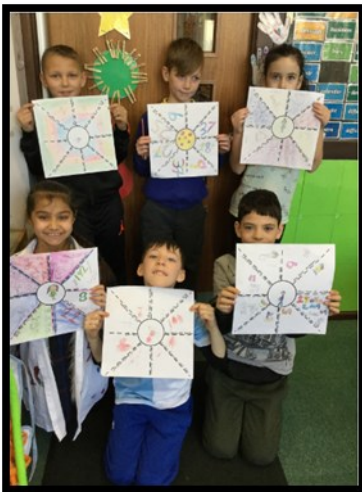
Year 1



Year 5



Year 3



Year 4



We raised £43.85 for the NSPCC and took part in lots of fun maths activities.



Parent Information

Appointments

Parents are **not allowed** to take children out of school early if it isn't their appointment. We would appreciate it if you arranged any appointments out of school hours, as it can affect your child's education. Please provide school with 48 hours notice, where possible, for appointments during school time. **Please be advised that no child will be allowed out of school without proof of an appointment.**

School Attendance

It is very important that your child attends school, if you take extended leave with your child during the school term you may lose your place at the school. Please ensure that holidays are taken out of school time and do not impact on your child's attendance or learning opportunities. You may also be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice. Holiday request forms are available from the office. **Please note NO term time holidays will be authorised.**

Pupil Medication

If your child is prescribed medication from the GP and needs to have it during school hours, please bring it to the school office and complete a medication form for it to be administered.

School Meals

Please ensure you let the office know at least 2 weeks before you change your child's lunch choice e.g. from packed lunch to school dinners. School dinners are £2.30 per day (£11.50 week). Money to be paid on a Monday and put in an envelope with your child's name, class and amount. Thank you.

Absence

Can you please let the school know before 9.00am on the morning of your child's absence. If you call the school on 01254 703440 you can leave a message, leaving the child's name, date, class and the reason for absence.

Late Arrival

School doors close at 9.00am. If you are late please report to the main office where you will be marked in and let into class. Please try to arrive on time as this can cause distress to your child. Thank you.

Money in School

Can any money being sent to school please be in an envelope clearly marked with the child's name, class and what the money is for and the amount. Money must be handed into the main office and not the class teacher. Thank you.

School Nurse

If you need any advice or support from the School Nurse please contact them on 01254 283490 or speak to a teacher or Mrs Lewis.

School Survey

The parent survey is also available in English, Polish, Somali, Urdu, Turkish, Punjabi, Spanish and Romanian translations. These are accessed via links within the survey.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/AldridgeParentsCarersSurvey>

We are again encouraging parents to **also** complete Ofsted ParentView

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/parent-view-results/survey/result/129678/current>.

IMPORTANT CHANGES TO DINNER MONEY

Due to rising costs by our catering supplier, as from September 2018, dinner money will now be **£2.30 per day—£11.50 per week**. If you wish to change your child from school dinners to packed lunches or visa versa, can you please inform the office at least a week in advance.



SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

Reminders that this is the policy:

- School sweatshirt with school logo or school cardigan with school logo
- Yellow polo shirt or shirt
- School book bag with or without school logo
- Grey trousers or grey skirt or grey pinafore
- Black shoes
- Blue and white dress in summer



IMPORTANT—KEEP US INFORMED

Can you please let the office know if you change any of your contact details or change your address. We need to keep our system up to date in case we need to contact you for any reason. *Thank you*



HEADLICE

May we request that all parents and carers check our children for head lice by using a small tooth comb (lice comb) to check sections of hair and remove any lice or eggs found.

By working together, we can keep head lice out of school.

Thank you for your support in this.



ROAD SAFETY

Please can we remind children about crossing roads safely, not running between parked cars or playing in the roads.

Thank you for your assistance in the above.



Is your child too ill for school?



Find below some advice from the NHS website regarding minor illnesses.

If your child has any of these symptoms they should be well enough to attend school and not miss any valuable learning.

Cold sores

There's no need to keep your child off school if they have a cold sore.

Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels.

Conjunctivitis

You don't need to keep your child away from school if they have conjunctivitis.

Do get advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child to not rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.

Coughs and colds

It's fine to send your child to school with a minor cough or cold.

Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues and to wash their hands regularly.

Hand, foot and mouth disease

If your child has hand, foot and mouth disease but seems well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off.

Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.

Head lice and nits

There's no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice.

Ringworm

If your child has ringworm, see your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see the GP.

It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment.

Slapped cheek syndrome (fifth disease)

You don't need to keep your child off school if they have slapped cheek syndrome because once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious.

If you suspect your child has slapped cheek syndrome, take them to the GP and let school know if they're diagnosed with it.

DIARY DATES



DATE	VENUE	DESCRIPTION
6th March 2019	Sudell Primary School	Parents' Evening 3.30pm—6.30pm
7th March 2019	Sudell Primary School	Parents' Evening 3.30pm—6.30pm
11th March 2019	Jodrell Bank	Year 5 Educational Visit
27th March 2019	King Georges Hall	KS2 Halle Orchestra Concert

**THE FRIENDS OF DARWEN LIBRARY
PRESENT**

Shakespeare Family Fun Day

**Saturday 16th March
10am-1pm
Darwen Library**



Join us for a fun filled day of activities & discover
Shakespeare this Shakespeare Week!
There will be a treasure trail, crafts, a quiz, calligraphy
& much more...
With a performance from the Darwen Library Larks

To be or not to be there, that is the question!

Lads Club at Blackburn Youth zone

Sunday 4-7pm

Ages 8+ (under 12s need to be accompanied
by an adult of the same gender)

Activities include:

Handball, Multi sports, Climbing, Music Skills,
Animation, Pool, Gym and Digital Design.

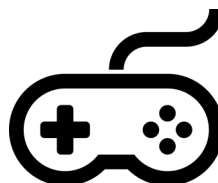
For more information call 01254 292000

PARENT REMINDER

Please ensure the video games your children
are playing are age appropriate .

For further advice and guidance please follow this link

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-games-helping-children-play-safe/>



It's important to note that new challenges are arising on the internet all the time. We have created to this guide to raise awareness of the issue and offer advice on helping parents to talk to their children about making safer decisions online. See also our '7 conversation starters' guide for more tips on better communication with your child.



Momo is a sinister 'challenge' that has been around for some time. It has recently resurfaced and once again has come to the attention of schools and children across the country. Dubbed the 'suicide killer game', Momo has been heavily linked with apps such as Facebook, WhatsApp, YouTube, and most recently (and most worryingly)... YouTube Kids. The scary doll-like figure reportedly sends graphic violent images, and asks users to partake in dangerous challenges like waking up at random hours and has even been associated with self-harm. It has been reported that the 'Momo' figure was originally created as a sculpture and featured in an art gallery in Tokyo and unrelated to the 'Momo' challenge we are hearing about in the media.

What parents need to know about **MOMO**

CHILDREN'S VIDEOS BEING 'HIJACKED'

There have been recent reports that some seemingly innocent videos on YouTube and YouTube Kids (such as 'surprise eggs', unboxing videos and Minecraft videos) have been edited by unknown sources to include violence provoking and/or other inappropriate content. Even though YouTube monitor and remove videos that include inappropriate content, clips can be uploaded and viewed thousands of times before they get reported and removed. As a parent, it's difficult to spot these videos as the harmful content doesn't appear until halfway through the video.

DISTRESSING FOR CHILDREN

Popular YouTubers and other accounts have been uploading reaction videos, showing their experience of the MOMO challenge. Some of the videos include a disclosure message warning that the content may be "inappropriate or offensive to some audiences" and that "viewer discretion is advised" but these videos are still easily accessed by clicking 'I understand and wish to proceed'. The image of the 'Momo' character can be deeply distressing to children and young people and it's important to note that it may slip through parental settings and filters.

SUGGESTED VIDEOS ON YOUTUBE

Video apps such as YouTube include an 'up next' feature which automatically starts playing another video based on the video just watched. Due to YouTube's algorithm, users are shown 'suggested videos' that they may be interested in. The thumbnails used on suggested videos are purposefully created in a way to encourage viewers to click them. During our research, we found that when watching one Momo related video, we were shown countless other Momo themed videos and other scary content which would be age-inappropriate for children under 18.



**National
Online
Safety**

Top Tips for Parents

TELL THEM IT'S NOT REAL

Just like any urban legend or horror story, the concept can be quite frightening and distressing for young people. Whilst this may seem obvious, it's important for you to reiterate to your child that Momo is not a real person and cannot directly harm them! Also, tell your child to not go openly searching for this content online as it may only cause more distress.

BE PRESENT

It's important for you, as a parent or carer, to be present while your children are online. This will give you a greater understanding of what they are doing on their devices, as well as providing you with the opportunity to discuss, support and stop certain activities that your child may be involved in. As the nature of each task become progressively worse it's also important to recognise any changes in your child's behaviour.

TALK REGULARLY WITH YOUR CHILD

As well as monitoring your child's activity, it's important for you to discuss it with them too. Not only will this give you an understanding of their online actions, but those honest and frequent conversations will encourage your child to feel confident to discuss issues and concerns they may have related to the online world.

DEVICE SETTINGS & PARENTAL CONTROLS

Ensure that you set up parental controls for your devices at home. This will help to restrict the types of content that your child can view, as well as help you to monitor their activity. In addition to this, it's vital that you are aware of your device and account settings to ensure your child's utmost safety. For example, on YouTube you can turn off 'suggested auto-play' on videos to stop your child from viewing content that they have not directly selected.

PEER PRESSURE

Trends and viral challenges can be tempting for children to take part in; no matter how dangerous or scary they seem. Make sure you talk to your child about how they shouldn't succumb to peer pressure and do anything they are not comfortable with, online or offline. If they are unsure, encourage them to talk to you or another trusted adult.

REAL OR HOAX?

As a parent it is natural to feel worried about certain things you see online that may be harmful to your child. However, not everything you see online is true. Check the validity of the source and be mindful of what you share as it may only cause more worry.

REPORT & BLOCK

You can't always rely on parental controls to block distressing or harmful material. People find ways around a platform's algorithm in order to share and promote this type of material. Due to this, we advise that you flag and report any material you deem to be inappropriate or harmful as soon as you come across it. You should also block the account/content to prevent your child from viewing it. Also encourage your child to record/screenshot any content they feel could be malicious to provide evidence in order to escalate the issue to the appropriate channels.

FURTHER SUPPORT

Speak to the safeguarding lead within your child's school should you have any concerns regarding your child's online activity or malicious content that could affect them.

If your child sees something distressing, it is important that they know where to go to seek help and who their trusted adults are. They could also contact Childline where a trained counsellor will listen to anything that's worrying them.

The Childline phone number is
0800 1111.



SOURCES:
<https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/world-news/sick-videos-youtube-youtube-kids-14052196>
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