

# Simmondley Primary School

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Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February.

Dear Parents and Carers,

## *Welcome Back!*



I hope you had a lovely half term and have managed to enjoy some of the early signs of spring as the evenings become a little lighter. As always, you may wish to have a cup of tea and a biscuit as you read our newsletter if you are able to, as it is rather long. It's going to be another very busy half term in the run up to Easter.

## *Kinder Choir Concert*



Our KS2 choir will be performing in a concert with the Kinder Children's Choirs at the Pavilion Marquee, Pavilion Gardens, Buxton at 3pm on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March. This is an absolutely wonderful occasion and if you would like to purchase any tickets, please speak to Mrs Kimberley at the office. Thank you to Miss Adderley for working with the children and for supporting the event. Adult Tickets £8.00 Children £ 4.00

## *Sports Zone*



It has been lovely to see many of our children taking part in a variety of sporting events last half term. I hope you have enjoyed reading about them in our This Week Sports Zone section. A very big thank you to Mrs Bruce for organising and attending the events, and thank you to our parents, who have kindly given their time to support our school by accompanying or coaching the teams.

## *Holidays in Term Time Reminder*

The Governing Body have asked me to remind you that I can no longer authorise holidays/leave of absence in term time except in the most exceptional circumstances. Circumstances such as parent's work commitments, cheaper holidays or the chance for a "holiday of a life time" are not considered to be "exceptional" and I cannot authorise holidays in these circumstances.

If parents choose to take children out of school for a holiday without authorisation from the school then such absences have to be recorded as unauthorised. Unauthorised absences will be referred to Derbyshire County Council who will issue Penalty Notices in line with their policy.

Please follow the link below for Department for Education

legislation.<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/leave-of-absence-children-missing-school-during-term-time/holidays-during-term-time>

## *Rise and Shine and Sunset Club*



There are places available at our After School Club 'Sunset Club.' Please contact Mrs Brooks on 07842 094 890 for further information. Prices are as follows;

Sunrise: £5.00

Sunset: up to 4.30pm £4.00  
up to 5.15pm £6.00  
up to 6.00pm £7.50

The cost of tea will remain at £2.00 for the present.

**Please note that if you require emergency After School Care you will now be able to book for that day or week by ringing the School Office on 01457 852 721 and your child will be booked in.**

## *World Book Day*



To celebrate World Book Day we will be following the theme of a bedtime story. Children are being asked to dress up in their pyjamas and to bring their favourite bedtime story book in to school with them. (More details to follow) If any parents would like to come and read a story to the children throughout the day, please let your child's class teacher know and we can arrange a time for you.

## *School Website*

Please do make a regular visit to our website [www.simmondleyprimaryschool.com](http://www.simmondleyprimaryschool.com) as we are regularly adding and updating it with news and information. The website contains most of our key policies and information but if you could let us know if there is any key information you think we may be able to add to help parents we would be most grateful.

## *Open Morning*

We will be holding an Open Morning on **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March** from 9am until 12pm. Please do put the date in your diary and drop in during the morning for a tour of the school and to see us in action. We are very proud of our school and our children and look forward to showing you around.

## *School Uniform*



Please could I remind you that children should not wear nail varnish or wear logo/football/ wrist bands or elaborate headbands, but a watch with a name on if possible is allowed. Also sensible black school shoes should be worn and not trainers. Thank you for your support in helping our children continue to look smart in school and take pride in their Simmondley uniform. Here is the new link for our school uniform. New links for our school uniform

<<http://www.clothingattesco.com>><<http://www.facebook.com/Clothingattesco>>

<<http://twitter.com/ClothingatTesco>><<http://youtube.com/ClothingatTesco>><<http://pinterest.com/fandfclothing>>

## *Easter Tea*



The PA have kindly organised the Easter Tea on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March at 3.30-5pm. It will be non-uniform day in exchange for an Easter Egg for the Tombola. Please make a note of this date and join us for this lovely event. There is also usually an Easter hat competition along with a decorated egg competition so please look out for further correspondence from the PA.

## Concerns and Complaints

We have an open door policy at Simmondley Primary School and believe in working in partnership with you so that any difficulties which may arise are usually resolved by discussion in school. It is helpful if you contact us at an early stage with your cause for concern so that all parties can be prepared for when we meet and the situation does not escalate. Where there are concerns, the class teacher should first be consulted as this is usually the best way to resolve any concerns you may have. If you feel that the situation remains unresolved please make an appointment to see the Key Stage Leader. They are as follows;

Upper Key Stage Two Leader	Mrs Ellison	Year 6 and Year 5
Lower Key Stage Two Leader	Mrs Collyer	Year 4 and Year 3
Key Stage One Leaders	Mrs Daniels	Year 1 and Year 2
Foundation Stage	Mrs Horton	Reception

Where issues are not resolved at class or Key Stage Leader level or your class teacher is the Key Stage Leader, please contact school to speak to myself or Mrs Ellison. ***You are encouraged to talk to class teachers, Key Stage Leaders and myself about good things that are taking place too!***

We will endeavour to arrange for you to be seen or telephoned on the same day if possible, but in keeping with the smooth running of school, this may not always be the case and an appointment for the next convenient time will be offered to you. This can be either in school or a telephone appointment. All telephone appointments and meetings in school are logged so that there is a transparent process. Issues will be followed up immediately or as agreed, and you will be contacted promptly regarding your complaint. Procedures for making formal complaints to school are available on the school website [www.simmondleyprimaryschool.com](http://www.simmondleyprimaryschool.com) or at the school office on request.

Under circumstances where issues were not resolved formally in school, the Chair of Governors, Julian Gordon, should be contacted in writing, via the school. **Where complaints need to be taken beyond the school and the Governing Body are involved, the DfE/ LA recommended complaints procedure has been adopted by the Governing Body and will be followed.**

Thank you for your support in following these procedures.

## Homework Consultation



Please find attached a short survey regarding Homework . We would value your feedback as we really do find it a challenge to fulfil expectations of individual families which may well be at the opposite end of the spectrum. In considering your responses and our current Homework Policy we will inform you of the survey findings and any changes if required. Please return your responses via your child's class teacher by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March. Thank you for your help and support.

Kind regards

Debbie Greaves

