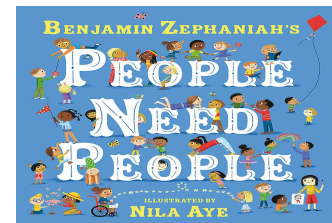


NEWSLETTER FOR SIDMOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

The recent change in weather has brought some winter cheer to our school grounds! It's been lovely to see the children bundled up in their warm coats, hats, and gloves, enjoying the wintry playground.

International Day of Tolerance

On Monday we celebrated International Day for Tolerance. Our school community came together to explore the importance of understanding, acceptance, and respect for all individuals. We read the book *People Need People* and through engaging activities, thought-provoking discussions, and creative projects, the children learned about the value of diversity and the power of kindness.



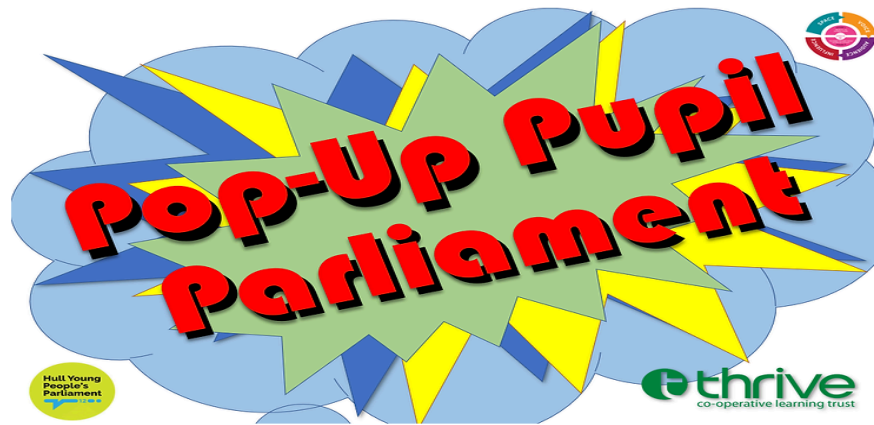
Please Drive and Park Safely

As the school year continues, we kindly remind all parents and caregivers to prioritise safety when dropping off and picking up your children.

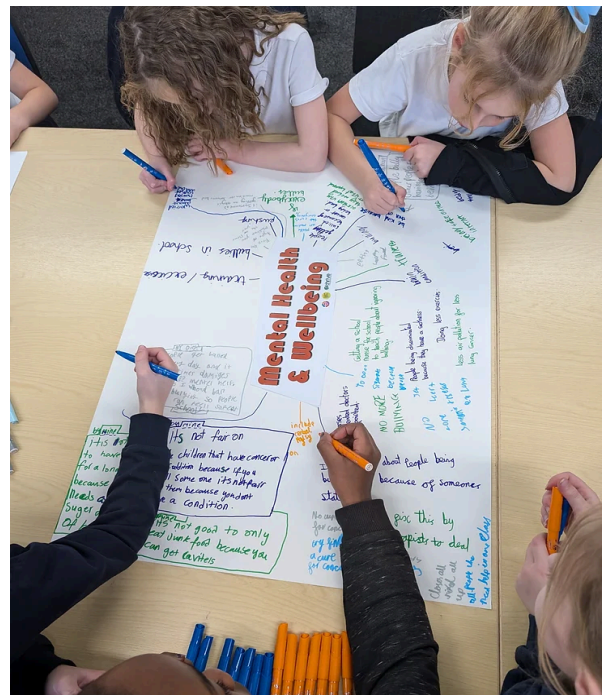
- **Drive Safely:** Please drive slowly and cautiously in the school zone, adhering to all traffic rules.
- **Avoid Illegal Parking:** Stopping on the yellow 'zigzag' road markings, even to quickly drop off or pick up your child, is illegal and dangerous.
- **Considerate Parking:** Please avoid parking on roads like Sidmouth Street and Tavistock Street, which are often congested. Consider parking further away and walking a short distance to the school. This will help reduce traffic congestion and make the school zone safer for everyone.

Let's work together to ensure a safe and orderly environment for all.

Pop-Up Parliament at Sidmouth Primary School



The Junior Leadership Team had their first 'Thrive Pop-Up Parliament' session with Mr Browning (Pupil Engagement Development Lead). Continuing the work of the Hull Young Mayor's Team (HYMT) and Hull Young People's Parliament (HYPP), the eighteen members of the Junior Leadership Team contributed their ideas to the three themes of 'Crime & Safety', 'Jobs & Opportunities' and 'Mental Health & Wellbeing'. These themes were chosen as the priority areas in Hull as part of the nationwide 'Make Your Mark' survey. The HYMT & HYPP are keen to reach out to hear the voices of many more of the city's young people so the Pop Up Parliaments are a wonderful way to do this. Our Junior Leadership Team are now going to ask more of their friends across the school for their views. This all links in to the Thrive Ethos of developing authentic student voice and influence.



PARENTS SURVEY

Your feedback is invaluable to us as we strive to continuously improve our school community. We kindly request that you take a few moments to complete our annual Parent Survey. Your responses will help us identify areas of strength, areas for improvement, and inform decisions that impact your child's education. The survey is completely anonymous and takes approximately 10 minutes to complete. Please look for the survey link in your email or on our school website. Thank you for your time and participation!

Free School Meals

We are very keen to make sure that every child and family that is eligible for Free School Meals and Pupil Premium funding is registered correctly. This funding is vital to be able to offer support to the individual children and across the school. You can check if you are eligible by completing the online form via the Hull City Council website:

<https://www.hull.gov.uk/education-and-schools/schools/free-school-meals>

We know that applying online can sometimes be difficult, so we have staff on hand at school to be able to assist if you would prefer. All conversations remain private and confidential, all we need to complete the application for you is:

- Parent and Child Full Name and Date of Birth
- Contact Details
- National Insurance Number or National Asylum Seekers Number

If you would like to take advantage of our team making the application for you, please let us know. Everyone can apply, even if your child is currently in receipt of the Universal Free Meals offered to EYFS and KS1 children - as pupil premium funding provides much more than just free meals at lunchtime.

If you are eligible to FSM, you would also be entitled to receive a voucher to be used at a Supermarket (choice of four) during school holidays, provided Hull City Council is continuing this funding.

This week's talking task:



Picture News



This Week's Story

In the news this week

A discovery of more than 6,000 ancient Maya structures, including a city of pyramids, has been named Valeriana. Hidden by jungle canopy in the Mexican state of Campeche, the city was discovered by chance. A student at Tulane University, in the US, found the city with the help of Lidar, a light detection technology, that uses lasers to map landscapes.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Share what your definition of 'discovery' is with someone at home. Ask what their definition is.
- > Can you think of any big discoveries in the world made during your lifetime? Ask others at home whether they can recall any. Talk about the impact each had.

TAKEHOME

Why is discovery important?



Reflection



Throughout history, many discoveries have been made that have helped shape the world. They have changed the way we perceive the world and how things are done in the future.



Mutual Respect and Tolerance

Learning about the people, who lived in the past and live across the world today, can help us understand and celebrate how different we all are!

Protected Characteristics



The culture of Maya people today has been shaped by the ancient Maya civilisation. Nobody should be treated unfairly because of their ethnic group (people with a shared history and culture) or nationality.



Whole School Attendance to Date:
95.0%

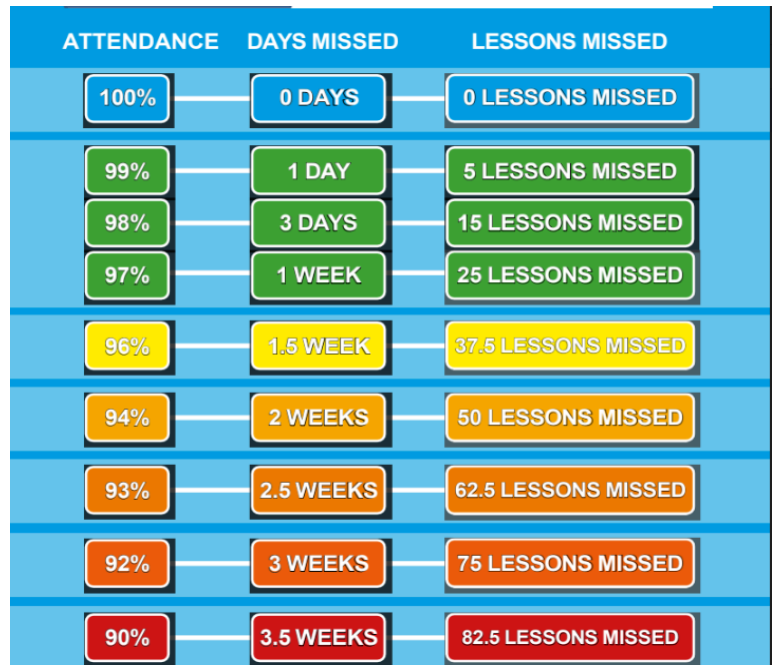
Attendance - Every Day Counts

	Class Name	Attendance Percentage
1	Wilson	100%
2	Browne	98.9%
3	Carle	98.8%
4	Blackman	98.5%
5	Pullman	98.2%
6	Fine	98.0%
7	Kerr	97.5%
8	Cowell	97.0%
9	Jeffers	96.1%
10	Dahl	95.7%
11	Child	95.0%
12	Rosen	94.6%
13	Hendra	94.4%
14	Rowling	94.1%
15	Donaldson	91.2%

The table opposite shows you the attendance for the week ending 22nd November 2024.

We are aiming for all children to have 97% attendance. Well done to all classes that have achieved this.

Remember, to maximise your potential, you have to be here everyday,





**Unity in
Community**

Energy Voucher Support

**call 01482 420836
Monday-Friday
9am-2pm
(if line is busy, please
keep trying)**

to qualify you must pay
for your energy through a
pre-payment meter and
not have received energy
vouchers from Unity in
the Community before

**Help
Available**

Gas and electric
vouchers between
£28 and £49
available .

Upcoming Diary Dates

Wc 25th Nov till	Bikeability Year 5
Mon 25th November	White Ribbon day
Thur 5th December	F2 Nativity - More info to follow
Fri 6th December	Sparkle Day - More info to follow
Tues 10th December	Year 5/6 Hull Uni Panto performance
Wed 11th December	Christmas fair 3.30pm onwards
Thur 12th December	Christmas Dinner day
Thur 12th December	School Choir Festival of carols - after school event
Tue 17th December	Yr 6 Visit to Hull truck Theatre - The Borrowers
Wed 18th December	Yr 2 Christmas performance and craft afternoon
Fri 20th December	Last day of Autumn Term - school closes at 2pm
Mon 23rd Dec to Fri 3rd Jan	Christmas Holidays - school closed
Mon 6th January	INSET Day - school closed to pupils
Mon 17th to Fri 21st February	Half term break - school closed
Mon 10th March	INSET Day - school closed to pupils
Fri 4th April	Last day of Spring Term - school closes at 2pm
Mon 7th to Fri 18th April	Easter Holidays - school closed
Mon 21st April	Bank Holiday - school closed
Tue 22nd April	INSET Day - school closed to pupils
Mon 5th May	Bank Holiday - school closed
Mon 26th to Fri 30th May	Half term break - school closed
Fri 18th July	Last Day of the Summer Term - school closes at 2pm