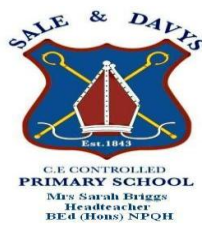


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Newsletter

30th April 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,



Repton Chess Tournament

Some of our Year 4, 5 and 6 children recently had the opportunity to attend a chess tournament at Repton, where they competed against other local schools. We are grateful to Repton for the kind invitation as the event provided a chance for pupils to challenge themselves and take part in some friendly competition.

Dart Trip – Sudbury Hall

As part of their history topic on The Victorians, Dart Class visited Sudbury Hall this week. The children enjoyed seeing a wide range of toys from the past in the Childhood Museum. They also took part in a Victorian classroom experience, where they discovered what school life was like back then.

Save the Date – Sports Day

We know that many parents have been asking for details of Sports Day and we can now confirm that this will take place in the afternoon on Friday 12th July.

Safeguarding – Breakfast Club Drop-Off

For the safety and wellbeing of our youngest pupils, all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 must be escorted by a parent/carer to Breakfast Club each morning and handed over to a member of staff. Children of this age must not be dropped off from a car and expected to make their own way into school independently. During Breakfast Club drop-off times, staff are also arriving and moving through the car park, which can make the area potentially hazardous.

Fidget Toys in School

Please do not send children into school with fidget toys, particularly those containing liquids or other unknown substances, as these can create safety risks if broken. We understand some children may benefit from the comfort of sensory items. If this is the case, please speak to your child's class teacher first so the item can be agreed before being brought into school.

Warm Weather

As the weather is warming up, please remember to send children to school with a sunhat and to apply sun cream before they arrive each morning. As the weather can still be unpredictable, children should also continue to bring a waterproof coat each day.

Frixion Pens and Refills

Frixion Pens and Refills are available to purchase on ParentPay and can be collected from the school office. Please ensure that you have made your payment on ParentPay before asking your child to collect it.

After School Club

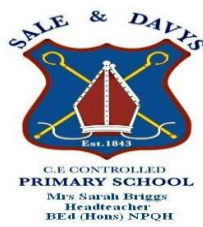
Please see the leaflet below with details of our After School Club including booking details.

Attendance

We know that being in school every day and on time gives children the best chance to succeed. We are proud that most of our pupils maintain excellent attendance, and we would like to thank parents for supporting this positive habit and helping to build resilience in their children. We also understand that children can become unwell from time to time.

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This is why our whole-school attendance target is set at 96%, allowing for those occasional, unavoidable absences. If your child's attendance falls below 90%, this is classified as persistent absence under government guidelines, and we are required to take appropriate action. Should this occur by the end of the term, we will contact you to discuss how we can work together to support you and your child in improving attendance. Our aim is always to ensure every pupil can fully access their learning and feel confident and settled in school.

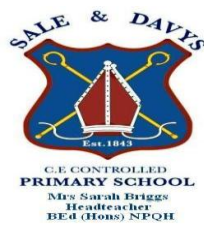
Reporting Absence and Lateness

Please call the school to report your child's absence before 9.20 on the day of the absence and each subsequent day of absence, and advise when they are expected to return. Children will be recorded as late if they are not in their classroom for 8:50am. If your child arrives after registration closes at 9.20am this will be marked as an unauthorised absence.

Sarah Briggs
Headteacher

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Sudbury Hall Visit



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Cheese and tomato sandwiches

Cream cheese and cucumber bagels,

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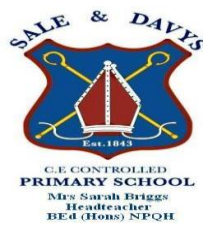
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3:15-6:00pm including food

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Weston on Trent Primary School

Thurs 18 June | 7.30-9 pm

EVERYONE WELCOME



This talk offers parents and carers clear, research-backed insights and practical strategies for managing children's mental health and tech use.

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Dr Laura Spells

After working as a GP for 5 years, and having three children during her training, Dr Laura Spells realised she had developed an interest in child and adolescent mental health. She therefore chose to step away from General Practice and instead now works as a Specialty Doctor in CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health).

Laura already had concerns as a parent about the challenges she faced with her own children and smartphone use in the future, however these concerns have been amplified by seeing children every day who are struggling in today's modern world with their own mental health. She has become a passionate leader in the Smartphone Free Childhood Campaign and is eager to help families navigate this complex world.

PAPAYA

Helping families to thrive in a digital age

Parenting in the **digital age** has never been more complex, with issues surrounding screen time, social media use, and gaming.

Many parents are concerned about their children's mental health, especially the impact of screens on it.

In this interactive talk, Dr Laura Spells unpacks some of the **complex issues** surrounding smartphone use and, in a **non-judgemental** manner, aims to help you find solutions that work for your family.

Topics

- The link between mental health and wellbeing and spending too much time online
- Strategies for delaying the smartphone
- Strategies for families to achieve a healthy balance with technology
- Question and discussion time

"The talk is so relevant, full of insight and eye-opening. You will walk away inspired to connect, reflect, and find out more. I highly recommend it."

— Claire Curtis, parent and SFC volunteer.