



**Selside**  
ENDOWED C of E  
Primary School

'We lift our eyes to the hills'

## January Newsletter 2024

This half term we have been thinking about our school value of respect; how we show respect to our friends, adults and the environment. We have taken the opportunity to review our behaviour policy and traffic light system. Under the new system, every child starts each morning in green and the expectation is to aim for Gold.



### Selside School's Traffic Light System

#### Aim for Gold

**Showing friendship-** Being a happy and positive member of the class. Doing something kind/thoughtful for someone when you're not even asked.

**Showing respect-** Always listens to whoever is speaking, is safe and responsible. Is a good role model to others! Representing our school/class to a high standard. Respect is allowing yourself and others to be their best

**Showing courage-** Being focused on your work and manage your distractions. Being an independent learner and challenge yourself. You inspire/help others to get there too!

**Showing thankfulness-** Remembers your manners, share resources and take turns. You model this for others in school.

Children may transition down the traffic lights if there are moments of behaviour that could be improved, but the focus is on helping them return to Gold. Our staff actively **engage** with the children, providing **explanations** for the deviation from Gold and outlining the **expectations** of how to get there.

We hope that by collaborating and working alongside individual pupils, our new system will have a greater impact and lead to improved outcomes. The staff team will consistently 'check in, check up, and check out' with pupils who need support to be their best, actively supporting and encouraging positive behaviour.

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## PlayMaker Award and Lunchtime Clubs

The Discoverers had a great day working towards their PlayMakers Award with Mrs Jones. The PlayMaker Award aims to give learners the skills and knowledge to be able to assist in leading their own games and activities. The children developed their leadership skills such as organisation, communication and teamwork, as well as helping to build confidence and self-esteem as they take responsibility of assisting in leading their peers. Plus it's great fun! We are already seeing them putting these skills to use at playtime!



Mrs Steven's has been busy updating the Mud Kitchen and making a new Dinosaur Garden with the children. We are still wanting to develop our playtime. Please click the link to see if you can help us develop our provision further- [playtime wishlist.docx - Google Docs](#)

## After School Clubs

A group of children, from the Explorers and Discoverer, have been enjoying **cooking club** on a Tuesday evenings. I know this has been a clash for some families. Next half term, cooking club will be running on a Wednesday evening 3.30 to 4.30.

Also after half-term, **Sports club** will be starting, for the Explorers and Discoverers, with coaches from Sportivos on Wednesday 3.30 to 4.30. There will be a link coming out shortly.



## Mental Health Week

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This week is Children's Mental Health Week. The theme this year is 'My Voice Matters'.

**My Voice Matters** is about empowering children and young people by providing them with the tools they need to express themselves. When we feel empowered, there's a positive impact on our wellbeing. Children who feel that their voices are heard and can make a difference have a greater sense of community and self-esteem. Staff will be making more opportunities for children to share their voice.

As parents you play an important role in your child's mental health. There are lots of lovely free resources for families on this website. [Families - Children's Mental Health Week \(childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk\)](https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk)

### Internet safety Day



Safeguarding and child protection is at the heart of everything we do at Selside School. The Designated Safeguarding Lead in our school is June Lowther and the Deputy

Safeguarding Lead is Laura Corbett. Our door is always open if you want to have a chat or if you have any concerns. The internet has now become a part of our everyday lives, from phones to computers and gaming, and at younger ages as this technology develops it is very important that if we allow our children to use the internet we also take measures to keep them safe whilst doing so. It's quite scary how easy and quickly it can go wrong!

[Parental controls - UK Safer Internet Centre](https://www.saferinternet.org.uk)

### Parent Survey

In our continuous efforts to enhance the school experience, we highly value and appreciate the opinions of our parents. Your feedback has been instrumental in shaping positive changes to our provisions. In response to our Summer 2023 parent survey, we have actively listened and implemented adjustments based on your insights --[Selside School Questionnaire Summer 2023](https://www.selside-school.co.uk/questionnaire)

We have been expanding **cultural opportunities** for students. So far this year we have had Andrea Aldridge into school to share traditions and celebrations of the Jewish faith, introduced pen pals with our link school in Manchester and even writing in French to our pen pals in Quebec! Excitingly, the Discoverers and Adventurers are off to Manchester this week to visit the Ancient Egyptian

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exhibits at the History Museum and meet their new pen pals at Ravensbury school. Work has taken place on developing our outdoor 'Wild Shed' to further enhance our Woodland and DT curriculum opportunities. This year we have introduced a new and improved science curriculum across school to further develop knowledge and progression. For the summer term, we are in the midst of planning for our Year 6 students to explore London and the houses of parliament in addition to taking all classes to visit the Buddhist temple in Ulverston.

Your perspectives matter, and to further tailor our initiatives, we invite you to participate in a new survey to inform our priorities for the future. Please could you complete the survey by Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February. This link will be sent out on a separate letter.

### Selside School Association

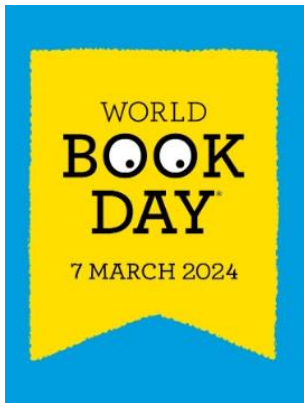
The SSA met on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January. The plans are underway for the Potter the Fell event in the summer- 1<sup>st</sup> June!

**Next meeting-** Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March

15<sup>th</sup> March Film Night

1<sup>st</sup> June- Potter the Fell

### Reading and World Book Day



We are holding **World Book Day** this year on Thursday the 7<sup>th</sup> March. On World Book Day, the children can come to school dressed as their favourite books character. Miss Lace, will run an Usborne book fair in school. Further details to follow.

Reading is always a big priority in school. We ask that parents read with their child **3 times a week** and log it in your child's reading record with a signature but also that you **strive for 5 times a week**. Children can put pebbles in the jar for reading at home.

We are looking for parents or family friends in the community to come into school on a Monday afternoon from 2-3pm to help read with our children in school. If you are able to help, please contact the school office on [admin@selside.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:admin@selside.cumbria.sch.uk)

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## Red Nose Day

Our **school council** has been organising events for Red Nose Day- 15<sup>th</sup> March. The children have chosen the theme 'dress to impress' for a donation of £2 and a Ball Race down the beck. The first ball to navigate it's way to the bottom flood gate will win a prize. Balls will be available to buy after half term.

## School uniform and Outdoor Kit

Children need to wear a royal blue sweatshirt/jumper, grey/black trousers or skirt, white/grey shirt/blouse, with flat black school shoes/boots (not training shoes).

**P.E. clothes** are needed and should include gym shoes or trainers, (black or white), white T-shirt, black shorts, P.E hoodie with logo and a P.E. bag in which to keep them. All articles should be clearly marked with child's name.

Please ensure that your child's **outdoor kit** includes warm outdoor clothing, hat, gloves and thick socks for their wellies.

Our **Swap Shop** was a success and will now feature termly. Our next swap shop will be held after half term. Starting on the second Monday back- 26<sup>th</sup> February. Please send any spare uniform that is ready to be swapped.

School uniform with the logo can also be bought from the one identity website - is <https://www.oneidentity.co.uk/selside/> This requires a login and password. Please contact the school office.

## Tepee Tots

We are excited that Tepee Tots will restart on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February from 9.30-11.30am for a price of £2.00 per child, including refreshments. If you have any friends who you feel may enjoy the group, please spread the word or let Helen in the office know their contact details.

Thank you for your on going support.

Best wishes for half term break.

*June Lowther*

## Dates for the diary

-8<sup>th</sup> February- Manchester Trip for Explorers and Discoverer

-19<sup>th</sup> February- start back after half term.

-7<sup>th</sup> March- World Book Day- Dress up as your favourite book character and Book Fair from 3.00pm

-8<sup>th</sup> March -Mothers Day Service at St Thomas' Church @2pm

11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> March-Science Week in school

15<sup>th</sup> March -Red Nose Day/ Pupil Parliament

20<sup>th</sup> March- Brewery Dance Performance

27<sup>th</sup> March-Easter Egg decorating competition and hunt

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March- School closes for the Easter holiday at 1.30pm.