



WHERE INDIVIDUALS THRIVE

## Sopley Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

What an eventful couple of weeks! We hope that all our children made the most of the snow days last week and had huge amounts of frosty fun! We've heard some wonderful stories about your snowy adventures and have seen some great photographs of the children sledging, building snowmen and creating snow angels!



Now, enough of that ... roll on Spring and some sunshine!

Elizabeth Knowles and Andrea Hodgson  
Heads of School

Dear Parents

We are very fortunate to have supportive and friendly parents, carers and other adult visitors. Nurturing these relationships is a high priority - we expect our staff to be welcoming, helpful and reasonable and to work to our agreed school procedures. We are important role models for our children so we need all the adults who visit our schools to play their part in creating an open, responsible and respectful culture by:-

- Respecting the caring ethos of our school.
- Demonstrating that all members of the school community should be treated with respect and therefore set a good example in their own speech and behaviour.
- Approaching the school to help resolve any issues of concern. We cannot address issues if they are not referred to us in the appropriate ways; by speaking to the class teacher, the Head of School, Executive Headteacher etc. If you are unsure what to do then a good starting place is the school office. We want to deal with concerns fairly, appropriately and effectively - our complaints policy is available on the website or from the school office.



Thank you all for ensuring that all social networking correspondence which mentions the school, is in keeping with these principles. We look forward to working with you in partnership.

Fiona K Adams  
National Leader of Education

## Is your child entitled to 'Free School meals'?

They may be if you or your partner receive:-

- Income Support.
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income of £16,190 or less, as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs

There are so many benefits — not just a free meal

- Free after school clubs
- Free membership to the Children's University
- Free school sweater/cardigan annually
- Free P.E Kit Top
- Subsidised music tuition

If you think your child/ren maybe eligible, why don't you check by clicking on the following link:-

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

If you would like some help or to speak to someone about Free School Meal entitlement, please speak to the school office.

# Free School Meals



## Are you entitled?



### TERM DATES 2018

Easter Holidays Fri 30th Mar - Fri 13th Apr

May Half Term Mon 28th May - Fri 1st

Inset Day Mon 4th June

Inset Day Mon 23rd July

Summer Holiday starts Tues 24th July

### A School to be Proud of...

We were delighted with the comments made by a visitor during his recent visit to our school:



*"I was absolutely blown away at how good Sopley School looks, both inside and out. The playground / field is a great space with loads of fun equipment for the children to use (not least the new mud kitchen which looks brilliant!). Inside, the corridors and classrooms are really well decorated - colourful, fun, etc. It struck me that all of the children I saw looked really engaged and there was a general sense of calm around the school."*





## Easter Fair

Our ever wonderful FSS will be holding their annual Easter Fair on Wednesday 21st March.

Please come along, enjoy a cuppa and one of the delicious cakes on offer from 2.30pm. The children will be welcome to join in the fun when school ends at 3.15.

Other stalls will include a sale of books, a raffle and a cake sale. To these ends we need cakes, books and raffle prizes please. Kindly bring in from **Monday 12th March** onwards, and leave in the trolley under the bike shelter. Please bring cakes in on the day.

Also available to buy will be your child's Easter Craft which they will make at school on the Monday before the fair.

Finally, as always, any help you are able to offer on the day will be greatly appreciated. Please contact Helen Glover (Isabella, Thomas & Sophia's mum) or Helen Whalley (Louise & Connie's mum) if you are able to help.

## Sopley Staff News

I am delighted to report that, over the Easter break, Miss Pilkington will be getting married. She will return in the Summer Term as Mrs Price.

I know that you will wish to join with me in wishing Miss Pilkington and her future husband every happiness in the married life.



Introducing...

## The Sopley School Danceathon

in honour of Sport Relief!

When: Friday 23rd March  
Dress Code: Dance wear



A £1 donation for the cause would be greatly appreciated.