



Sandhurst Primary School

Newsletter
Autumn Term
13/11/20

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a good week. On Wednesday each class held a minute's silence for Remembrance day. Today has been 'Children In Need' and the children have all been taking part in different activities, we decided not to do a collection in school as we have asked you for something different every Friday, as well as thinking about limiting the handling of money due to current restrictions, so if you do want to donate to Children in Need please do so through the official charity channels.

Learning this week...

The Nursery have been learning about Diwali and have used sequins to make their own Mehndi patterns on salt dough hands. Reception have also been finding out about Diwali and thinking about celebrations their families have. They have enjoyed sharing Funny Bones stories and writing in speech bubbles. They have been measuring giant footprints as well as their own. Year 1 have also been celebrating Diwali and in maths they have been learning how to take away numbers using jottings. Year 2 have enjoyed exploring their new topic 'Time Travellers'. They have started with the Great Fire of London and have made some lovely fact books about the event. In maths they have been working on representing numbers in different ways. Year 3 have been finding out about the Bronze Age in English. They have written a fact page about the Bronze Age houses. In Maths they have been learning to multiply using the array method. In Year 4 they are continuing to write dragon stories; this week writing descriptions and planning out the main problem. In Maths they have been working really hard learning to subtract 4 digit numbers and reasoning when problem solving. Year 5 have been looking at factors and multiples in Maths. In English they have been researching how Tutankhamun's tomb was discovered. For Remembrance day they drew pictures Flanders's Field during the war then how it transformed into a field of poppies. Year 6 have been creating huge non-chronological reports on their own Greek Mythological creatures. They have also been looking at 'Decisions' in the Life Bus sessions and how our choices affect others.

Anti-Bullying Week

Next week is Anti-Bullying Week so the children will be taking part in a range of activities and the key message this year is 'Unite Against Bullying'. Whether it is verbal, physical, online or in-person, bullying has a significant impact on a child's life, well in to adulthood. By making small, simple changes, we can break this cycle and create a safe environment for everyone. The goal of this year's theme is to help us understand that by channelling our collective power, through shared efforts and shared ambitions, we can reduce bullying together. From parents and carers, to teachers and politicians, to children and young people, we all have a part to play in coming together to make a difference.

Street Trees

We are really delighted that some of our street trees have been planted, Two Magnolia trees appeared before half term. One on Minard Road by the main gate and also one on Ardgowan Road by the nursery gate. Thank you to everyone who contributed on the Just Giving page. But also a huge thank you to Steph, Jake's mum from Guava class for organising this brilliant initiative for us.

North Pole Delivery

A small company that specialise in personalised gifts for Christmas have been in touch. As I am sure you are all aware, we will sadly not be able to run our lovely Christmas fayre this year, and make some money for Sandalls. This company will donate 10% of any order made by our school community to us here at Sandhurst. I have been on to the website and am definitely going to order some things, they

look lovely and are reasonably priced. All you need to do is have completed your order by 15/12/20 and put in our school name when it asks you to 'Add a note to your order'. The flyer is attached.

Next Week

We have a couple of additional things happening next week. On Tuesday we have Health coming in to administer the Flu Nasal sprays. Please be assured your child will only receive the vaccine if you have sent the on line consent form. It is absolutely a parent / carer consent based programme. If you still want to include your child in this programme, please go on-line to get your child registered.

On Wednesday morning we have our Sandalls Annual General Meeting via zoom. It starts at 10:00am. If you want to support Sandalls in any way, please join.

On Friday I have my next meeting for prospective Reception parents with a virtual tour of the school and a question and answer session. If you will be joining Reception next September and you would like to join just email the office.

Christmas Activities

With the ever changing COVID situation and all the current restrictions in place we have made a plan for a COVID secure Christmas. All classes will be recording something festive to share with you at home. It might be poems, readings, singing, art, anything they can create. It will be filmed in school and uploaded to your secure year group page of Its Learning. These videos will not go onto any public platform so only each individual year group will be able to see their own video. If you do not want your child included in these video's, please let the office know by Friday 4th December.

On the 15th December Mrs Christie will be presenting a Carols by Candlelight via Zoom. Wednesday 16th December will be Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper / hat day. We have added hats as I really do not want to encourage you to go to the shops more than you need too, so please do not go out and buy jumpers, wear old ones, decorate a sweat shirt or make a creative hat.

Thursday 17th December will be Christmas Party Day. All the children will play party games in their year group bubbles. They can come dressed in their party clothes. Sadly, we cannot allow food to be brought into school so it will be a party without food. We will provide a drink and a treat.

Then we all break up on Friday 18th December. There will not be after school club on that last Friday so that all the staff can get tidied up, sorted out and finish at a reasonable time. Thank you.

Year 1 are recording a performance of the Nativity which will be shared with the Yr 1 parents and carers. So there will still be tea towels on heads, forgotten lines and lots of sparkle.

Food Cycle Lewisham

On Saturday, between 2 and 3pm you can get a free hot meal and bags of surplus food to take away from the Lewisham Irish Community Centre, 2a Davenport Road, Catford, SE6 2AZ. So if you need a little extra help please go and visit.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours truly

Mrs R A Dove