



Sandhurst Primary School

Newsletter
Spring Term
10th March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been so fantastic to see all the children back at school this week. The general buzz around school has just been amazing. They have settled to their learning brilliantly and are really enthusiastic in all that they are doing. Especially well done to both Guava and Pineapple Classes as their teachers have both been off sick so they have not been with their regular teacher.

Attendance this week has been wonderful, 98%. A huge well done to everyone but especially Guinep and Kiwi Classes with 100%.

Unfortunately, I do have to moan though. The vast majority of parents and carers are being really supportive and careful at the different drop off gates and queueing really well. But I have had a couple of complaints where parents feel some people are being really inconsiderate and at times dangerous. Some people are walking back from their earlier drop off 2 abreast on the path and then not either noticing or bothering to move into single file when the next group are trying to get to their gate. A parent has witnessed children on a number of occasions being forced into the road. We are all united, I am sure, in wanting drop off and pick-up to be as safe as possible for our children. So once you have dropped your child please be mindful that the next year group of children will still be coming through. The safest thing to do is, once you have dropped your child, cross over and walk down the other side of the road. Please do not wait at the fence until your child has gone in, drop them off and move on, they will be fine without you waiting. Finally, you **MUST** join the queue, do not try and either drop or collect your children by just coming straight to the road or barrier. It is simply not fair on all those queuing patiently and it is not safe. Please please help us, we are busy trying to safely dismiss your children, we simply do not have the staff or the time to police you too.

I have emailed Lewisham council to see if they are going ahead with water filled barriers for us.

Unfortunately, within one day of us being back I had a complaint of a parent parking across a drive way and blocking a resident in. I have attached a picture of the car that was parked so inconsiderately.

I honestly hate moaning, I would really love it if every single member of our school community could just pull together, do the right thing and support us to keep everybody safe. Please don't let me have to moan again next week. Thank you.

Red Nose Day

Next Friday is Red Nose Day and we thought, as we are all back together, it would be fantastic to celebrate it as a whole school (all be it still in our strict bubbles). The theme this year is Super Heroes,

so we want every child to think about who their super hero is. They will be each making a mask in class and everyone will wear their masks on Friday, you can add a cloak if you want to. We are doing cloaks as they are easy to make with an old sheet or material. We really don't want you going out and buying anything, no unnecessary journeys or expense. I will be doing an assembly with each individual bubble.

We will have buckets on the gates and we are suggesting a pound donation to the charity. Mrs Glees has also set up a Just Giving page if that is easier for your donations.

www.justgiving.com/fundraising/sandhurst-primary-school

Sadly, we won't be selling noses as it leaves us open to too much cross contamination of bubbles buy selling them, handling them etc. But we will have a fun day in our masks.

Items to give away

I have been given a TV and two stereo units if anyone is interested. Please email the office and let them know if you would be interested. I have attached a picture.

Birthdays this week

Mon - Jake 6, Jeffrey 7, Kyrrah 10

Tue - Maya 6, Jah'marni 8

Wed - Maxwell 5

Thu - Daniella 5, Mercy 10

Fri - Baxter 8, Isak 11

Sat - Glenn 5, Myles 9

Mental Health and Well Being

Whilst the vast majority of our children have come back to school feeling really happy we know a few are still struggling. Please don't forget we are part of the Mental Health Support Team and they have lots of support they can offer. They run weekly coffee mornings from 10-11am and they have a Parent / Carer helpline. Parents and carers can contact them through the MHST inbox at LewishamMHST@slam.nhs.uk

Finally

I am very excited to be catching up, via zoom, with Sandalls PTA next Tuesday, they have some exciting plans and it will be lovely to get all their ideas up and running.

I have sent the newsletter tonight as I am on First Aid training tomorrow. I hope you all have a lovely weekend and please, let's work together to make drop off and pick up safe for all concerned. Thank you for your support with this.

Yours truly

Mrs R A Dove