



# Sandhurst Primary School

Newsletter  
Autumn Term  
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Dear Parents and Carers,

I have been filming around school this week to create a video for prospective new Reception parents. I have to say I was so impressed with all the children and how they were working so hard in class, the whole school looked lovely. The finished video made me feel really proud.

This week in Reception the children have been reading Lullabyhullablloo and using the 2D shapes to make bats from the story. They have been exploring 2D shapes and finding out about the Caribbean Islands. They have shared home learning on their families and where they are from and have located where the Caribbean is in relation to the U.K and discussed how different they are. Yr 1 have been learning about all the jobs done in school and looking at the difference between school now and schools in the Victorian times. Year 3 have been learning about the journey that Ruby Bridges had. We talked about segregation and worked in groups to think about how Ruby might have felt when she went to school. The children wrote a brilliant description of Ruby's first day at school. Y4 children have made cup telephones to test out how far sound can travel. They have also written letters to the Iron Man in English and completed some amazing addition work in Maths. Yr 5 have been making Egyptian head-dresses and their home learning models of pyramids look absolutely amazing. This week Yr 6 have been exploring our text 'Kick' through drama and how to convey emotion through physical presence. They have also started the Black History topic of Benin where they have explored modern Africa as a continent.

## **Free School Meals**

In these really difficult times it is important to think about whether you are eligible for free school meals. If you think you might be eligible it is really easy to apply. You go onto the Lewisham website, search free school meals, put in your date of birth and National Insurance number. The main benefit that is eligible is Universal Credit, but there are others too. If you are on any form of working tax credit, sadly you will not be eligible. But if in doubt try!

## **Sand-tastic Wrap around care**

Our wrap around care is working really well. The children are really happy. The food is delicious, the staff are amazing and we are so happy with how it. We do still have spaces so if you need breakfast club, after school or both please contact the office.

## **Take a Look**

I wonder if you have seen the wildlife photograph of the year run by the Natural History Museum. It is lovely and reminded me about Lock Down School. The picture is of a tiger hugging a tree. During lock down when we couldn't hug we named a tree 'Bob' and if we got sad we could go and hug Bob the tree instead. Google the winner, it is beautiful.

### **Safer Streets**

Lewisham safer streets have been in touch. They are looking at the possibility of putting big water filled bollards along each side of the school to extend the width of the pavements. It is not practical at this time to completely close the streets and we think this would be a good alternative to keep everyone safe. We do just want to consult local residents too. We will keep you updated.

### **Sandalls**

Please don't forget to read the Sandalls newsletter I sent earlier in the week. They really do so much for us and add very much needed funds to our school. They need people to stand for the committee. I have attached the letter again in case you missed it.

### **Parent / Carer Consultations**

Please don't forget to book your consultation appointment with your teachers. They will be holding consultations either next week or the week after half term.

### **Half term**

A few parents have been asking when half term is. We break up next Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October and return to school on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

Thank you to everyone who wore red and donated to Show Racism the Red Card today. I am afraid we have not had chance to count up the donations today so we will let you know how much we made next week.

A short letter from me this week, no outside agency has sent me any news. Have a lovely weekend.

Yours truly

Mrs R A Dove