Sandhurst Primary School

Newsletter
Autumn Term
17th December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

After saying I was not going to write a newsletter this week a few bits have come up that I wanted to share with you.

Firstly, a huge thank you for all the cards and gifts you have sent in. They have been really appreciated by everyone. You have all been very kind.

We have two 4ft trees (used for a couple of weeks) and a small tree in a pot if anyone would like them. You would need to collect them at the end of today if you would like them. Bring a big bed sheet to wrap each one in.

I am so sorry that the whole of Yr 6 have had to isolate this week but it was totally necessary to keep all pupils and staff in Yr 6 safe before Christmas. I loved joining your zoom quiz this morning.

The rest of the school looked absolutely amazing yesterday in their Christmas jumpers and hats, enjoying the delicious Christmas dinner the kitchen cooked for us all.

An absolutely huge apology from me. Our lovely, generous Sandalls wanted to buy every child in school a Christmas present as it has been such a tough year. We settled on a lovely new metal Sandhurst water bottle for everyone. That would have been amazing except for the fact, I actually forgot to order them! I am so very sorry, I sat bolt upright in bed in the early hours of Sunday morning and realised my mistake. I will get them as a nice welcome back present for 2021 instead. Sorry.

COVID-19 Reporting next week

Lewisham have written guidance about letting us know about any positive COVID-19 cases over the next week. I have adapted it for our school. I have attached it to this letter but I have also sent it home in paper form so you can attach it to your pin board or fridge at home should you need to contact me. You only need to contact me with a positive case, just so I can inform anyone who needs to self-isolate. This will run until the end of the day on 23rd December. But let's hope there aren't any and every one stays fit and well. On the 4th January Ms Bates, Mrs Legemah and myself will be available at school to answer any health questions prior to the children's return on 5th January. So if your child is unwell or anyone in your bubble is positive please let us know via the school phone on 4th January. Thank you.

Medication

We are still chasing quite a lot of medication that needs to be brought to school. The first lockdown caused quite a backlog and we now have a record number of expired medication at school that has not been replaced and this number is growing month by month. Mrs McDuell has sent out more reminders so if you have received a letter from her this week, please could you bring in your child's new medication at the beginning of term in January. All medication needs to be handed to a staff member at the gate as it will need to be logged in the office before being placed in classrooms.

Food Bank

Our food bank has just been amazing this year. That you so much to everyone that has organised it, delivered parcels or contributed. It has made such a difference to so many of our families. But I would also like to thank two other organisations that have helped us out this week with amazing donations. Laawol Kissal charity donated two cars full of pasta, tinned goods, oil etc on Tuesday and our lovely local Torridon Stores, supported by Morley's donated a wealth of biscuits, crisps, drinks, sweets, eggs, and tins to go in our Christmas packages. Thank you everyone. I have attached a couple of pictures, sadly they will not copy directly into scholarpack.

Christmas Message

I feel a little bit like to Queen, obviously been watching 'The Crown' too much, but I have recorded a quick message to everyone at the end of this very difficult year. Mrs Kemp will be uploading it to the website today.

We have received a long email about on-going gas works. I have copied it for you at the end of this email as it is rather long!

Finally, I hope you all manage to have a lovely holiday. Please look after yourselves and stay safe and keep following all the guidance to keep your loved ones safe too. If you do have a child that tests positive between now and the 23rd December please, please let me know, don't think it doesn't matter now school has broken up, it does. We really owe it to our whole community to do the responsible thing and let contacts know. Thank you.

Have a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. I will see you all on Tuesday 5th January 2021.

Yours truly

Mrs R A Dove
(Headteacher)

Good morning

I am writing to provide an update regarding our ongoing upgrades our gas network in the Rushey Green area of Catford. Our project involves the essential replacement of old metal gas mains with new plastic pipe.

We've agreed all our work following close consultation with London Borough of Lewisham and Transport for London. Our contractor Forefront Utilities are carrying out this work on our behalf.

Our engineers continue replacing the gas pipe in Sangley Road from the junction with the A205/ Plassy Road to outside No.22 Sangley Road. For everyone's safety we have closed the westbound lane from Sangley Road onto the A205/ Plassy Road. A signed diversion route is in place via Shorndean Street, Engleheart Road, Bowness Road and Brownhill Road. Motorists can continue to travel eastbound along Sangley Road as normal.

We will temporarily suspend work from 18 December to 4 January 2021, to avoid disrupting the area during the busy festive period. Our engineers will reinstate our work area and safely remove our equipment before leaving the site.

We will return on Monday 4 January, where we will continue upgrading our network in Sangley Road, working between the junction with the A205/ Plassy Road to outside No.156 Sangley Road. For

everyone's safety, we'll need to reinstall the original westbound closure and signed diversion for motorists, for approximately four weeks. Motorists can continue to travel eastbound along Sangley Road as normal.

Upon completion we will progress onto the one-way system working at the junction with Sangley Road and the A205, for approximately two weeks. Our work area will reduce along Sangley Road; however, the westbound lane will remain closed at this junction. Traffic flow will continue to be maintained around the A205 one-way system, however, to access the gas pipe safely we will need to reduce the lanes around our work area on the one-way system.
Our engineers will then progress along the A205 one-way system, working from Sangley Road around to Catford Broadway for approximately two weeks. For everyone's safety the A205 one-way system will remain reduced to one lane. We'll also need close the southbound bus lane and suspend the loading bays between the A21 Rushey Green and A21 Bromley Road. Buses will be diverted around the A205 one-way system.
For our final phase of our replacement project, we will be working at the junction with the A205 and A21 Bromley Road/ Rushey Green for approximately 8 weeks. For everyone's safety the A205 one-way system will remain reduced to one lane and the southbound bus lane between the A21 Rushey Green and A21 Bromley Road will remain closed. We will also need to reduce the A21 Bromley Road southbound lane at the junction with the A205 and implement a contraflow system to maintain traffic flow in both directions along the A21 Bromley Road .
To access our gas pipe safely we'll need to suspend some bus stops and parking bays around our work areas. Pedestrian access will be maintained throughout the project and Transport for London buses have been consulted on the upcoming project, for further information about buses please visit https://tfl.gov.uk/.

We're working closely with the UK Government and public health bodies to make sure we work in line with expert advice during the pandemic. We have extra safety precautions in place to protect our colleagues and our communities from catching or spreading the virus as we carry out our safety-critical project. There's more information about our coronavirus response on our website: sgn.co.uk/coronavirus.

We understand that people can get frustrated by roadworks. However, the new plastic pipe has a minimum lifespan of 80 years. This means that when the work is complete, residents will continue to enjoy the benefits of a safe and reliable gas supply for years to come.

Thank you for your continued support during this project and If you have any questions, do let me know.

Kind regards

Paige Roberts