



Sandhurst Primary School

Newsletter
Autumn Term
20th November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well I don't know about you but this second lock down feels really hard. Thank you so much for queueing, social distancing and wearing face coverings on the gate. Thank you too for keeping your children at home if they are unwell and for collecting them so promptly if they fall ill while at school. I have had a challenging week this week as my youngest daughter has had to isolate and her dad has to shield!

What have we been up to this week?

In Nursery this week they have based their learning around the story "So Much" and have been talking about our families and writing invitations to imaginary parties. In year one they have been retelling the story 'How to Catch a Star' and created their own story map. They have made their own rockets and have been thinking about how we would catch a star. In maths they have been learning how to subtract using a numberline. In English Year 2 have used drama to act out The Great Fire of London. They have also recited some poetry and written their very own. In Maths, they have compared numbers using greater than, less than and used strategies they know to solve addition word problems. Year 3 have been comparing Bronze Age and Stone Age houses. In Maths, they have been practising their 2x, 4x and 8x multiplication tables and solving some number problems. In Year 4 they have been busy measuring different lengths and finding out how far 1km really is in the playground! The children are well on their way with their dragon stories which are being written up and made into beautifully illustrated books. In maths Year 5 have practised written methods for multiplication using the grid and short, formal method. In English they have looked at features of a diary and continued their learning about Howard Carter and the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb. You may have noticed that Year 6 wore odd socks to school on Thursday as part of anti-bullying week. They have been celebrating our differences and reflecting on how important it is to care for one another and stand up for what we believe in. They've also been having lots of fun exploring the differences between Sparta and Athens.

Flu Nasal Sprays

The children who had their flu vaccinations were just amazing on Tuesday. They were all so sensible. The school nurse team complimented us on our fantastic pupils and their behaviour. If you missed the vaccines and you wanted your child vaccinated they will be running a catch up clinic I believe. Once we are aware of the details I will let you know.

Local NHS Test and Trace

Thank you so much to those of you that have written in about the Zoe tracking app for COVID-19. But we have been advised by Lewisham that we need to wait for the locally developed track and trace app that will be administered by Lewisham Health. So watch this space....Thank you.

Christmas Dinner

The menu for Christmas Dinner is attached. This will be served on Wednesday 16th December. If your child normally has packed lunch and they would like Christmas dinner on the 16th please let the office know and pay your £2.30 via parentmail. Thank you.

Show Racism the Red Card

A few weeks ago we all wore something red to school and collected money to support this charity. Ms Vidal entered us into a prize draw and I am delighted to say we came third. Thanks to Ms Vidal we won £1000 worth of sports Kit from Mitre, 50 diverse books from Knights (worth £500) & Free Show

Racism the Red Card Workshop. The charity sent us this message "It was a great day and we managed to raise a great deal of awareness and much needed funds to allow us to continue our vital anti-racism education programme. We could never say thank you enough." Well done Sandhurst and Ms Vidal.

Sandalls

I am delighted to say we had a really well attended Sandalls AGM on Wednesday. I would like to officially thank the exiting committee for their fantastic work over the last couple of years. They have successfully put on amazing events and raised lots of money for the school. Providing us with the new Kiln, the Life Bus Visit, theatre visits, trips, lovely resources and so much more. So a huge thank you to Sheonaidh Johnston, Cath Hill, Stephanie James and all the team for fantastic work. The new committee will be led by Candy Davison, Sarah Mushasha and Claire Walrond. I know they will have lots of exciting plans and ideas and will be writing to you all in the near future. In the mean- time we want to re-invigorate the Sandalls class reps. Over the next couple of weeks, the class reps will send a link via the class teacher to encourage you all to sign up to you class whatsapp group.

Lewisham Educational Phycologist Service

Attached is a flyer about EP Connect, they are running some sessions where you can call them by phone and they can offer you practical support around children's behaviour, learning or needs.

Lewisham Music Services

Attached to this newsletter are some different virtual music events you might want to take part in. Please take a look.

Christmas Cards

A few parents have asked if children will be able to bring in Christmas cards. The answer is yes they will. We will have year group bubble postboxes, the cards will all stay untouched and then given out on the last day of term. Please make sure they are clearly named and have the class clearly marked. Thank you.

Corbett Community Library

There are some lovely activities happening at the Corbett Community Library. They are doing lucky dip book bundles, a gift a book project and they are also running a craft event supporting local artists on the 5th, 6th and 12th December. Here is the link to their website. Please support this amazing local resource. <https://corbettcommunity.org.uk/>

I think that is all from me this week, I am bound to have forgotten something. Have a lovely weekend. See you all next week.

Finally lots of attachments this week:

- Christmas Dinner Menu
- EP connect
- Lewisham Music

Yours truly

Mrs R A Dove

