



# Sandhurst Primary School

Newsletter  
Summer Term  
21<sup>st</sup> May 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Just when is the weather going to improve? I thought we were going to get blown away today. It has been lovely to be back in school this week; albeit fairly restricted to my office!!

## **Recent Media Speculation About Safety of Children**

Following recent media coverage of incidents involving children, on their way home from school, Lewisham Police have asked us to share the attached letter with all parents and carers. Please read. Thank you.

## **COVID**

I am sure you have all seen the slight rise in COVID cases, especially around the Indian Variant. This dreadful illness is still out there and it is vital we all stay vigilant. We do not want to fall at this final hurdle. Please ensure you are all still keeping distance between you, please continue to wear your face coverings and please remind your children about good hand hygiene. I know we are all able to mix more, go shopping, to the pub etc, but in school, we still have to maintain strict bubbles, enhanced cleaning and abide by all the strict guidance. We really don't want to be back to closing bubbles. Just to remind you, if you or your children show symptoms you must isolate and get a test. If you have to travel abroad as an emergency, you must then follow government guidelines depending on the list the country you are returning from is on. Please help us all to stay safe.

## **Hither Half**

A huge thank you to all the parents and staff that took part in the Hither Half. It was such a lovely morning with a real community feel. Runners reported so many families out on the streets supporting. Thank you to everyone involved, runners, marshals, spectators and, of course, Rob for his excellent organization.

## **Parent Consultation Appointments**

There are just a handful of parents who have not made contact with their class teacher for Parents Consultations, I will be contacting you next week.

## **Sweets**

We are increasingly concerned about the number of children who are either, arriving at school having bought sweets, or who are going directly to the shop after school for sweets and/or to the ice-cream van. The level of sugar and additives is having a really detrimental effect on some children's behaviour. Please remind your children they do not need to go to the shop. If they have had a decent breakfast, there should be no need to go to the shop before school and they can have a snack as soon as they get home. A large percentage of my week has been spent on issues arising outside of school time, this is an area that is your responsibility as parents.

## **Learning This Week**

In Nursery they have been learning how to weigh our toys using the balancing scales and unifix cubes, using mark making to record how heavy they are. They have also been busy making boats out of recycling and yummy Elmer the elephant pizzas. In the outdoor classroom they have continued to create potions, using bicarbonate of soda and vinegar to make them bubble and fizz.

Reception have had a fabulous week dressing up as Super heroes and inventing different magical potions in Literacy. In Art, the children enjoyed making their very own Supertato models and in maths, they have been learning to use everyday vocabulary involved in capacity.

This week year one have been very busy writing their own stories all about a very mixed up chameleon. They have come up with some amazing ideas and beautiful illustrations! In maths they have been learning to find a quarter of an amount by sharing. Year one have also created some lovely animal dances from around the world in PE.

In Year 2, the children have been busy preparing information about keeping healthy for a booklet that they are going to be making next week. In maths, the children have continued learning about fractions and have been finding a third of a shape, a number and solved fraction word problems. The children have also been discussing the importance of making good choices and how a wrong choice can not only affect themselves but others too.

In year 3 this week they have been writing a character description and creating riddles. In maths, they have been learning to tell the time using the 24-hour clock. They have learnt about their skeleton in science and created a giant skeleton and labelled it.

In Year 4 they completed digital collages using a mountain scene and even cropped a picture of themselves to include in the picture! They have also been creating leaflets in English on how to save water and have been hard at work practising maths passports.

In maths, Year 5 have been identifying regular and irregular polygons, looking at the properties of quadrilaterals and revisiting parallel and perpendicular lines. They have planned and designed an imaginary planet in the style of the artist Andy Martin. The children have also thought about who might inhabit their planet.

This week Year 6 have been creating books for their 'Just So' stories. They have also been holding auditions for their end of year production 'Big Brother's School Days' and they had a lovely afternoon at Abbotshall on Thursday!

## **Baby News**

We are delighted to tell you that Ms McCue has given birth to a baby girl called Daisy. Both are doing well. I am sure you will join me in sending congratulations.

## **Own Clothes Day**

As the closing day for our fund raising event by Sandalls, The Summer of Play, we will be having an own clothes day next Friday. Children can come to school in their own clothes in exchange for a monetary contribution on the gate. Please dig deep into you pockets because one of our parents can get match funding for however much we take on the day.

A poster is attached.

## **Cricket Holiday Camp**

One of our ex-parents who is also a governor is very involved in trying to get more young people into cricket. He and his club are running a holiday camp in half term and again in the summer. If you are interested, please see the attached poster.

## **Charity participation**

There are a couple of people taking part in different charities. Daisy is doing the same as Bea. She is cutting her hair for the Little Princess Trust. Please see the link below.

[https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Caroline-Turner29?utm\\_campaign=lc\\_frp\\_share\\_transaction\\_fundraiser\\_page\\_donation\\_received\\_-\\_nth\\_donation&utm\\_content=bffd94c2-b491-481f-b38f-d4567024a0fb&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=postoffice&utm\\_term=1621356770015](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Caroline-Turner29?utm_campaign=lc_frp_share_transaction_fundraiser_page_donation_received_-_nth_donation&utm_content=bffd94c2-b491-481f-b38f-d4567024a0fb&utm_medium=email&utm_source=postoffice&utm_term=1621356770015)

To raise funds for Alzheimers Society, one mother who took part in the Hither Half Half this Sunday, Lauren, Azalea and Clara-May's Mum, will trek 100k across the Peak District this summer, climbing up to 4,500ft and covering over a marathons distance for two consecutive days. **For Dementia Action week this week (17th-23rd May)** she asks for your support. Over the last 18 months, dementia victims and their carers have suffered an absolutely devastating breakdown of a care system that was already incredibly stretched.

[https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/laurenbakerbullard?fbclid=IwAR0w4rd7FTQ1hFc4HFsUSoosQAk32Eav2KExlHntZYGMa3\\_GXR8OstjQHjU](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/laurenbakerbullard?fbclid=IwAR0w4rd7FTQ1hFc4HFsUSoosQAk32Eav2KExlHntZYGMa3_GXR8OstjQHjU)

Gosh, a long newsletter from me this week. Don't forget Own Clothes Day next Friday. There are three attachments this week.

1. Letter from Lewisham Police
2. Own Clothes Poster
3. Holiday Cricket Club Poster.

Have a lovely weekend. One week to go until half term. Remember Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June is an INSET day, so children return to school, after the half term on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June.

Yours truly

Mrs R A Dove