



Sandhurst Primary School

Newsletter
Summer Term
23rd April 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely Easter holiday and managed to get out and about a little bit. It was lovely just to feel like life was returning to some kind of normality. The children have settled back so well from the holiday and it has been lovely to see them out enjoying the sunshine.

Learning This Week

In Reception this week the children have been finding out about Firefighters and have started making model emergency vehicles from junk. They enjoyed exploring number bonds within ten.

In Year 1 they have started their new topic 'Animal Kingdom.' They have been learning about animals that live in the jungle and safari and have created their own 'What am I?' riddles. In maths, they have been recapping counting in 2s, 5s and 10s by pairing socks, paint printing their hands and singing songs.

Year 2 have been busy exploring their new topic Healthy Me. The focus this week has been exercise and they have enjoyed lots of active lessons that involved teamwork. In art, they have produced some beautiful sketches of flowers.

In year 3 this week, they have been learning to add and subtract fractions. In English, they have been writing expanded nouns phrases about Max from the story 'The Hodgeheg'. Year 3 created a model of a human skeleton in Science.

Year 4 have been enjoying the start of their new Geography topic on Rivers by making a river collage in ICT, writing river poems in English and learning how rivers are formed by sketching the river course and making models.

Year 5 have started a new topic called 'Earth and Space'. They have been writing space poems using metaphors and personification and also started reading a new text called 'Cosmic'. In maths they have completed their unit of work on decimals and revised prime numbers. In art the children have used crunched up foil to print moonscapes.

Year 6 have begun exploring Google Earth in their computing lessons. On Stephen Lawrence day, they thought about what made Stephen special and have made a hand collage about what makes them special too. Because Stephen liked running, Year 6 decided to do a running challenge as well. Year 6 are also designing clay bowls and pots themed around their class name. It's been a great first week back!

Go Fund a Summer of Outdoor Play for Sandhurst!

The PTA hasn't been able to raise money through events over the last year due to Covid restrictions, but you and yours can still help us to raise much-needed funds for the school and contribute to a Sandhurst 'Summer of Play' Find out more at the link below and please share widely with family, friends and workmates. Do let us know if you have any ideas of sponsors/ businesses we could approach too.

<https://gofund.me/b626a3a5>

Remember to join the Facebook group [<https://www.facebook.com/groups/517936918279544>] to keep up to date about the fundraiser, tag us on Twitter (@sandalls2) or Instagram (@sandhurstprimaryschoolpta) and use the hashtag #sandhurstsummerofplay.

**Funds raised by the team of parents, teachers and friends of Sandhurst running the Hither Half on the 16th May will also contribute to this fundraiser – so if you are supporting anyone to run the half marathon, you will be contributing to the playground fundraiser too.*

Sandalls Class Representatives

Below is a link for you to let us know if you are the Sandalls rep for your class. We are trying to build a comprehensive list of who the class reps are. If you are interested in becoming the Sandalls class rep please also fill in the form. Thank you.

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I have also attached the SANDALLS newsletter that went out earlier in the week, just in case you missed it.

Water bottles

Please can you make sure every child has a water bottle in school, especially now the sun is shining and it is getting warmer. Could you also please remind your child not to put their water bottle in their book bag as we are finding some of the books are getting damaged if their bottles leak.

Start Times and Gates

Please can I remind you to be at your gate at the correct time. We bring in year groups 10 minutes apart so that we are sure the previous year group has cleared before the next year group is brought in. I know this can feel like you're waiting a while but if you arrive at your gate at the specified time you won't have to wait. Hopefully social distancing won't be with us for too much longer and then we can return to a previous starting arrangements but while the guidance is still in place please help us by just arriving to your allocated gate at the correct time. We have noticed a number of children are consistently late to school. Please try to ensure the children are punctual because the learning starts as soon as they go into the building.

Open evening: week beginning 4th June

Ordinarily, pre COVID, we would have had open evening back in February but due to the lockdown this didn't happen. So all teachers will be contacting you to make an appointment to chat with you either via the zoom or by telephone. The meetings will take place from Tuesday 4th of May and continue over that week and the next. This will be an opportunity for you to have a 1 to 1 chat with the teacher about how your child has settled back since lock down and areas of learning where they are doing particularly well or where they may need a little support. Each teacher will make their own arrangements with their individual class so please look out for the email.

Loaned Devices

We are now going to start collecting back all the devices that were loaned out during the last lockdown. Please could you make sure the devices come back with any chargers that were loaned and any cases that they came in, also could you please make sure you put a label with the child's name and class with the device so that we can match up the devices to our records. Thank you.

Baby clothes

We have been donated a number of bags of baby clothes suitable for a boy aged 0 to 9 months. If these would be of use to you please let me know.

Inset Day

Due to the disruptions this year and the lockdown school our inset days have got rather muddled. We used one inset day just before Christmas to finish one day early so that we could finish track and tracing by Christmas Eve. But we then went on to miss an inset day due to lockdown two. So therefore, the inset day planned for Monday 7th June will still go ahead. Please make sure you put in your diary that school will be closed on that day. We will return from the May half term holiday on Tuesday 8th of June.

Parking and Idling

Myself and other parents have noticed that the vast majority of parents and carers are really supporting us with not driving down Minard and Ardgowan Road and not leaving their cars idling. But sadly a few parents and carers are still being really reckless and selfish. We have seen a couple of cars pulling up in the middle of the road and just letting their children out. One car has been seen on both roads and even leaving a child in the car, with the car idling while they collect another child. This was a **Black Audi Q5** Reg: **WP16 RFZ**. Please do not do this. Thank you for your support with this.

Trips

We are starting to look at what trips we can do for the remainder of this term. We are able to take children on local trips to local parks now. We are slightly hindered by toilet facilities, but we are really hoping to make use of all the local green space around us. TFL are not reinstating free trip travel for school pupils until 2022 so we are very limited with where we can go but just to get out of school to green spaces will be amazing. So watch this space!!

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours truly

Mrs R A Dove