



Sandhurst Primary School

Newsletter
Autumn Term
23rd October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well another week and yet more changes are upon us. As you are all aware we have been moved into Tier Two, that means very little change for us here at school but it does mean that you can't, sadly any longer, have play dates. At school we continue with our bubbles, social distancing where possible and good hand hygiene. I think I can honestly say I have never needed the half term holiday quite as much as this year. I hope you all manage to enjoy the holiday, even with all the restrictions.

I know the teachers have all really enjoyed talking to some of you this week, and they are looking forward to talking to the rest of you after half term.

This week Nursery have been doing lots of learning based around the story of Handa's surprise, including retelling the story in the small world and with story hats, observational pastel drawings of the fruits and making yummy fruit salad kebabs. Reception have been looking at and making shape posters and listening to Miss Clarke's grandparents talk about their experiences as part of the Windrush Generation. Year 1 have been learning about Bold Women in Black History and watched a video by one of our parents about her career as an MP and her journey into that role. Year 2 have worked really hard on maths this week, partitioning numbers into tens and ones. In science they have been investigating if you get faster as you grow older. Meanwhile year 3 have been making Stone Age models and in English they have been writing fact files about Ruby Bridges. In Maths, they have been learning to subtract and solving word problems. In Year 4, children have been learning about the journey of the first black Roman Emperor, Septimius Severus. They have made board games in Maths around Severus' journey. Children have also written descriptive 'metal menus' for the Iron Man in English. Year 5 have been learning about the life of the runner Mo Farah, reading timetables and squaring and cubing numbers. Year 6 have been writing persuasive letters and drama based on their book Kick to persuade the lead character not to steal the football boots from his employer. They have also been exploring cubed numbers and looking at the history of the Benin.

Free School Meals

Well the local authority have just thrown us an utter curve ball. At lunchtime today they decided they wanted us to give every Free School Meal pupil £15 to help with food for over half-term. So in true Sandhurst style I have just raided the Catford Natwest Bank and every free school meal pupil will have an envelope in their bag. We have grouped some siblings together. **PLEASE LOOK OUT FOR THE MONEY AS SOON AS YOU COLLECT YOUR CHILD/CHILDREN. Thank you.**

Parking

I was really hoping to not have to mention parking again but sadly the driver of a black Mercedes jeep reg: LJ56 LGE who was across someone's driveway got cross and was aggressively banging on the residents car window when they were trying to leave their own drive way. This is just totally unacceptable.

Starting in Reception- September 2021

Children that are born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017 can apply for a Reception place in September 2021. Parents/carers can apply online at www.eadmissions.org.uk

The deadline date for all applications is the 15th January 2021. Please see the attached leaflet.

I am holding zoom meetings for prospective parents and carers on some Friday mornings, at the meeting you will be able to watch a virtual tour of the school and take part in a question and answer session with me. If you do want to join, please email the office.

Half-term Fitness

#ALPSgetactivehalfterm is a selection of meaningful activities that challenge: physical fitness and skill acquisition, Mental alertness and problem solving along with Social interaction.

#ALPSgetactivehalfterm engages young people and families with simple activities that can be performed in small areas with little or no equipment and enable the participants to challenge themselves and compete with others in the family.

1. [Step ups Challenge](#)
2. [Catch Clap Challenge](#)
3. [Speed bounce](#)
4. [Around the world](#)
5. [Climb the Mountain challenge](#)
6. [Figure of 8 Challenge](#)
7. [Socks in a box Challenge](#)

Attached are score sheets for each of the activities which can be done as a circuit each day or 1 challenge each day or any combination in between. To finish the week families can have a game of sportopoly.

Also have a go at multi-skills challenges to do at home and in gardens using everyday household items such as jam jars, rolled-up socks, tin cans, buckets and plant pots! We would love to see your photos! Click the link below.

<https://panathlon.com/panathlon-launches-at-home-sporting-challenges/>

SEND Yoga Course

A parent has shared this with me, a yoga course over Zoom for children with SEN. It is run by Lewisham Council and is currently undersubscribed so they may have to cancel it. We thought it might be of interest parents of SEND pupils at the school, it is only £5 for the full course.

<https://lewisham.gov.uk/cel/courses/wfj1p14as---zen-4-sen--parent-and-primary-school-age--online--72125>

Thank you to the Governors who helped deliver letters to neighbours along part of Minard and Ardgowan Road about the proposal to extend yellow markings along the school boundary and place bollards and water filled barriers to try to widen the pavements to help with getting children safely into and out of school.

Have a great holiday. See you all on Monday 2nd November.

Yours truly

Mrs R A Dove

