



Sandhurst Primary School

Newsletter
Spring Term
25th February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all ok following the half term. At least you only have to grapple with on line learning for 6 more days!! Plans are well under way for the full return of all children on 8th March. The only changes that are relevant to primary schools, which are different from September, only apply to the adults in school. They are that we, as staff, will all be testing twice a week and we will be wearing masks in all communal areas. There is still no requirement for children to wear masks. We will still be working in bubbles, therefore if we have a positive case we will still be required to shut the bubble and return to on line learning for that bubble for the duration of the isolation.

So the key points to note at the moment are:

All children back to school on Monday 8th March

All children in as near to full school uniform as possible (I do appreciate shops are still closed so we will be flexible until the end of this academic year)

All children to enter through their correct gate at the correct time (I will send gate times out next week to remind you)

All parents and carers to queue properly, maintaining social distancing

No gathering of parents / carers at the gate, please just move on straight away

Please ensure all your contact details are up to date and you have someone on standby to collect your child, at short notice, should we have to close a bubble. (You need a robust back up plan please)

If you have had any school technology, please keep it for the time being in case of any bubble closures

Please remember if you were to be positive your child must stay at home with you

If your child is unwell at all they must stay at home until either they are well or have had a test

Please let the office know immediately if your child shows symptoms of COVID

Thank you for your support. I am hopeful that if we can get through to the Easter Holidays safely, life after Easter will gradually improve.

World Book Day

We are going to bring World Book Day forward by one day. Next Wednesday will be our last day of live zoom sessions. We are going to go out with a bang with lots of activities to celebrate World Book Day. Please do not try to do full dressing up, we do not want you making unnecessary journeys or going to extra expense, but please get your child to bring one prop, or favourite book to their zoom session. The team are planning lots of fun online activities for everyone to have a go at. During the day you will get a text from me, the idea is that you drop everything you are all doing and read, it is called DEAR, drop everything and read. Please also take pictures of your children reading in unusual places around the house or in unusual positions. Our governors have recorded stories for the children to listen to, these will be available on line. We will send all the links and ideas before next Wednesday.

Show Racism the Red Card

Staff will be asking for any final entries to the Show Racism the Red Card competition by tomorrow. So if you have an entry please email it to your teacher as soon as possible. We need to send the final entries early next week. Thank you to Ms Vidal for coordinating this for us.

The Spring Chicks

Well it is that time of year when we have the chicks in school. They are slightly more lonely this year, but I decided to keep them company yesterday and spent the day working with them! I was able to video one of them hatching. Mrs Kemp has posted it on our website for me so if you follow the link below you will be able to see one of our chicks hatching. They are so gorgeous.

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Sofa Available

We have the offer of a sofa if any family would like it. They would need to collect it though. I have attached a picture. Please let me know ASAP if you would be interested.

Beckenham Place Park Competition

Below is a link for a competition being run by Beckenham Place Park, do take a look if you are interested.

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Lockdown In School Pupils

Thank you so much to those key worker families and parents / carers of vulnerable pupils that have responded to my form about the need for a school place next Thursday or Friday. Thank you to those of you that have managed to make arrangements. Of course, if you have no other option we will accommodate your children but if you possibly can help by keeping your children home we can fully focus on getting the school cleaned, set up and ready to go as safely as possible for our full return on Monday 8th March. If you have not responded to the questionnaire, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you.

Birthdays

Happy birthday to Elsa Maria who was 5 last Sunday, Ivan who was 11 on Monday, Ruby, 7 and Fraser, 9 on Tuesday. Many happy returns to Haajar who was 7 yesterday and to Charlie who is 6 today. Happy birthday all.

Mrs Bent

I am delighted to say Mrs Bent gave birth to a lovely baby girl last week. Mummy and baby Amelia are both doing well. I am sure you will all join me in sending huge congratulations.

Finally

Please remember even though we are taking huge steps forward and there is light at the end of the tunnel it is still vital we all still play our part in continuing to fight COVID, and to do all we can to stop the spread. So whilst we are delighted that school is returning to full opening, there is still a huge amount of anxiety out there, we as a school still have a number of positive cases, therefore we need to remember all the safety measures that are in place and still do everything in our power to stick to the rules and reduce the spread of this awful virus. I would just like to end by sending all our love to all those staff and pupils that are still poorly from the COVID outbreak we experienced just before and during halfterm, get well soon.

I will write again next week with a reminder of gates and times.

Yours truly

Mrs R A Dove