



Sandhurst Primary School

Newsletter
Summer Term
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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a good week. I was so excited to see one of my sisters that I have not seen for well over a year last night, still not seen my sister in America but hey ho. I know we all have reached the end of our patience with restrictions, but can I please remind you to follow all the rules. We still have to be strict with bubbles in school and all events planned until the end of term are still going to be in bubbles. I am hearing of a number of schools having to close bubbles and we really want to get safely to the end of term, hopefully, without closing any bubbles. So please, really think carefully about any meet ups you are doing too, please ensure you are sticking to the latest COVID guidance. Thank you.

Learning This Week...

This week, Nursery have heard poems from the book 'Commotion in the Ocean' and they then wrote their own poems about sea-creatures. They have also made wibbly, wobbly jellyfish and created sea scenes using wax-resist. Children have also had great fun learning the song Yellow Submarine!

The Reception children have been enjoying making tin foil boats and testing out different objects, predicting if they will sink or float. They played with the real toy boats in the puddles outside! They also wrote a set of instructions explaining how to make a toy boat. In number, the children have been exploring subtraction; some by using a number line and some by using objects, to solve some problems which mysteriously arrived in the post!

This week Year 1 created their very own pirate characters. They used their imaginations to create some amazing character profiles using similes, they even met a real life pirate!

In maths they have been learning about tens and ones, they can identify how many tens there are in a 2-digit number. They have also been learning to compare numbers by looking at their tens and ones, they can say which number is biggest.

This week Year 2 have been learning about habitats. The children have enjoyed finding out about different habitats and the types of animals and plants that live there. Some wonderful pieces of writing have been produced and they especially enjoyed creating their own mixed up animal and writing about which type of habitat it would be suited to. In Maths, they have worked really hard to tell and write the time for o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to the hour. We have also been amazed by the fantastic animal patterns sketched during Art lessons this week.

This week Year 3 have been looking at 2D and 3D shapes in Maths. In English they have been reading the book *The invisible Boy* by Trudi Ludwig, and thinking about ideas around inclusivity and belonging. In Science they have investigated the effects of friction by measuring how toy cars roll on different surfaces.

In D.T. they have also been evaluating pencil case designs and thinking about how they could design our own.

Year 4 has been reading the Lion and the Unicorn, a story about an evacuee during World War II, working on reading comprehension skills and writing character descriptions. They have also been learning to tell the time in Maths as well as the function of our teeth as part of the digestive system in Science.

In maths, Year 5 enjoyed using a carousel of activities to compare metric and imperial measures. They then used this knowledge to solve word problems. All three classes created comic strips to show their understanding of the circulatory system. In science, the children identified the different stages of the human life cycle.

Year 6 have really been thinking about their time in Yr 6, they have been writing a Yr 6 survival guide to pass onto Yr 5. They have begun to think about their year book entries, I saw them all having their photographs taken today. They participated really well in the talk given to them by the police this week. The police officers were really impressed with how they listened and the discussions that followed. They are also doing lots of rehearsals in preparation for their end of year film.

Dangerous Actions

I got called out to Sandhurst Road at the end of the school day. A parent or carer had left a toddler in the car whilst they went to pick up a child. The toddler got very distressed, the alarm was going off causing a really dangerous situation. Angela, our crossing patrol officer and a parent were trying to make sure the toddler was ok whilst also trying to cross all the other children safely across the road. This is just absolutely unacceptable and if there is a repeat of this I would be left with no alternative but to call the police. The car was a blue Renault, reg: OV08 RTX. Please do not leave your toddler in the car again. As I have said so many times before, I would prefer you were a few minutes late but everybody be safe, rather than rushing and leaving a child in such an unsafe situation.

Year 5 Fun Week

We have a week full of activities planned for the Year 5 children who not going on school journey. Parents/Carers will have received an email and letter with the timetable for the week. The cost is £15 per child (or £10 if funded) - please pay ASAP via Parentmail. Thank you.

School Uniform

Mrs Hampden has spent a number of hours this week sorting out lost property and we were able to return some items to their owners. However, the majority is unclaimed as so much is unnamed. It is so much better to use labels for your child's clothing (Go to the website www.MyNametags.com and use *the school ID 70113* so we can earn commission). If you use pen on clothing, please try to use a permanent marker pen or please re-write after washing.

Year 6 Disco

Thank you to those parents who have made donations already to our Year 6 Disco Fund. If you would like to contribute and haven't yet done so, please do so via Parentmail. Thank you.

We are urgently in need of a few more Yr 6 parents to come forward to help us please. I have a very few offers of help but we really need more. Please let the office know ASAP if you can help. Thank you.

New Reception and Nursery (September In take) Stay and Plays

The link has now been sent out to book your Stay and Play session if your child is starting at our Nursery or Reception Class. Please choose one session and then, please, just one adult is to accompany the child. Thank you.

Parking

A reception parent in a white Renault SUV, reg HK18 ZLN parked across a drive almost opposite the gate, and then got out the car to join the queue blocking the resident's driveway. Please do be considerate to our neighbours.

ParentENGAGE Workshop

I am delighted to say I have 8 families who would like to do this workshop. I will contact the group delivering it and we will be back in touch as soon as possible with the details. I know the time is not convenient with a couple of people, so I am sorry. It is always so hard to get things at the right time, but on this occasion I have had to be guided by the group delivering the workshop. There is still plenty of space if anyone else would like to join.

Offer of a Bike

We have been offered a bike that is in excellent condition. It has 16 inch wheels with a basket on the front. A year 2 pupil has out grown it. I have attached a couple of pictures. If you would be interested, please let the office know.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend. Sorry the newsletter is a little later than normal.

Yours truly

Mrs R A Dove