



# Sandhurst Primary School

Newsletter  
Spring Term  
25<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well I can't quite believe the clocks change at the weekend and we break up for Easter next Wednesday. What a very strange time we have all had. So just to remind you all we break up on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March and return to school on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April.

Please don't forget I will need to track and trace you all until the end of Easter Sunday, so if your child was to test positive for COVID between us breaking up on Wednesday and the end of Easter Sunday you would need to email me on [rebeccaanddove@gmail.com](mailto:rebeccaanddove@gmail.com) so I can report to Public Health and make any necessary arrangements. Thank you.

## **Learning This Week**

Nursery have been busy making and writing their Easter cards, they have had lots of fun exploring the pump on their new water tray and have done lots of writing and drawing with the brushes and water in the outdoor classroom. In Reception this week the children have been digging, sowing and planting! Using the story of 'Jack and the Beanstalk', they have used their imagination to come up with fantastic ideas for their writing about what they would find if they had climbed to the top of the beanstalk. Huge dinosaurs and magical unicorns have been firm favourites! As well as measuring beanstalks, the children have making up addition stories. This week Year 1 have been reading 'Biscuit Bear.' They have been thinking about the qualities of a good friend and have created their own friendship recipes. In maths they have had so much fun using slime and jelly to learn about capacity. Year 1 have also been very excited to see their flowers and bean plants growing taller and taller. This week Year 2 have been learning all about the Rainforest and the animals that live there. They wrote their own Kenning poems and a diary entry. In Maths they have recapped how to collect and interpret data using tallies and pictograms. This week in English, Year 3 have been writing a Roman adventure story, created a story map, character description and they have just started to write their story. In Maths, they have been learning about equivalent fractions, they used a bar of chocolate to show different equivalent fractions. In Science, they looked at what seed dispersal is and during their PE lesson, they demonstrated the different ways that seeds are dispersed. In Year 4, they have been learning about Anglo Saxon place names in Geography and the history of Alfred the Great as well as the first Queen of England, Aethelflaed. They have also been creating their own carefully engraved and decorated Anglo-Saxon brooches out of metal. In maths they have been problem solving by finding fractions of a number. This week, in maths, Year 5 have been learning how to round decimal numbers. In English they have continued the story of Toki and presented their work as a comic strip. To end their topic on the Rainforest each class held a debate about deforestation. They considered all the arguments for and against. Year 6 have been continuing to learn about the damaging impact that plastic has on the environment, classifying living things. They also completed a team STEM project to build the biggest structure they can and have been focusing on their progress in reading.

### **Stranger Danger**

It is worth all our families reminding themselves about stranger danger. Please talk with your children about never talking to strangers or accepting anything off anyone you do not know. There is currently a really worrying trend of children being offered sweets that can look like Gummy Bears but actually contain Cannabis. A number of children have been hospitalised in Lewisham. Please be aware and if ever you did come across these sweets please tell the police immediately. The police did talk with me about them today and they did report they do tend to have a strong chemical smell, but please be vigilant.

### **The Village**

A parent has recently found out about this wonderful initiative, The Village, <https://www.thevillagelondon.co.uk/> who are providing support for families from the Archibald Corbett Community Library on Wednesdays. It looks really interesting, they have classes and events or they offer a sit and talk service, a walk and talk service plus lots more. They launch in the Corbett Community Centre in Catford on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> April.

### **Greenwich Theatre**

Greenwich Theatre have lots of exciting events happening over the Easter Holiday. Please take a look at their website.

<https://greenwichtheatre.org.uk/>

### **Birthdays**

11 birthdays to celebrate this week. I really hope you have either enjoyed or are about to enjoy your special day. One of my daughters is 12 on Sunday so I am celebrating her second lockdown birthday just like all of you.

Mon – Rufus 4

Tue - Kader 6 & Eli 8

Wed – Carter 9 & Amirah 10

Thu - Connor 6 & Lily 9

Fri - Justin 4 & Malak 11

Sat – Thomas 7 & Santiago 8

Finally have a lovely weekend. Please continue to stick to all the rules and keep yourselves safe. It would be amazing to get through to Easter without having to close any bubbles.

Yours truly

Mrs R A Dove