



Sandhurst Primary School

Newsletter
Summer Term
28th May 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't quite believe we are at half term. It feels very strange to think we have just one half term left of this academic year. What a year! Please don't forget that Monday 7th June is an INSET day and all children are due back on Tuesday 8th June. I hope you all have a lovely holiday and it looks like the weather is going to be nice too. Please don't forget, I will still need to Track and Trace for the first few days of the holiday. So if anyone tests positive for COVID up until the end of Monday please contact me on the school phone: 07803415583 or email me on rebeccaanddove@gmail.com. There are two documents from Lewisham attached, one on what to do if someone tests positive, and the second on travelling abroad. Thank you.

Please don't forget to send the children back with water bottles after the holiday, especially as it is getting warmer.

Learning this week....

In the Nursery they retold the story of Mr Gumpy's Outing using story props and then writing their own. They found out about different boats and used a large cardboard box to make a big sailboat. They have had lots of fun exploring ice and watching it melt and used ice paints to investigate colour mixing. They have also been looking through their Learning Journals and reflecting on everything that they have learnt so far - they have been very busy!

In Reception they have been designing super hero suppers, making fruit kebabs and following instructions.

Year 1 have been conferencing the children in maths and have been updating their maths passports. They have been counting in 2s, 4s and 10s and looking at real and alien words in phonics.

Year 2 have been writing booklets for other children to read and learn the importance of keeping healthy. In Maths, they have been practising arithmetic skills and in Science continuing to observe the growth of different plants in the classroom.

Lots happening in Year Three this week. They kicked the week off with a treasure hunt following clues in the playground. Then they hid some imaginary treasure and wrote instructions on how to find it. In maths they have been looking at time and converting seconds to minutes. Finally, in Science they have been thinking about healthy eating, and they have made our own "eat-well" plates and tried not to eat the chocolate biscuits before they photographed them. See attached.

Year 4 have been summarising fiction, non-fiction and poetry in English and ordering and comparing decimals.

In maths, Year 5 have used a carousel of different activities to recap their understanding of number. In English they have written a Trip Adviser review about their own imaginary planet. Other fun activities have included making constellations from marshmallows and cocktail sticks and baking space cup-cakes.

Year 6 have looked at longitude and latitude in geography, have been publishing their Just So stories and evaluating their festival lights against their brief in Design and Technology.

Staffing

I just wanted to let you know of a couple of staffing changes. Ms Clarke will be working from home from after half term as the guidance is still that people who are 28 weeks pregnant or more should work from home. We are really lucky that Ms Rawlinson and Mrs Akinkugbe will be teaching Sweet Potato class in Ms Clarkes absence. We are delighted to say that Mrs Pratten (a teacher I have worked with for many years) is going to job share with Mrs Partleton, teaching Peach class on a Wednesday and a Friday until the end of the academic year. I am sure you will all join me in welcoming Mrs Pratten to Sandhurst. I am also delighted to say Ms Bibana Bessala, who has also worked with us before, will be covering for a few sessions each week in Apple class and Pomegranate Class.

Outstanding Dinner Money

Some families are starting to accumulate a lunch bill. If you have outstanding money owing to us, please pay it as soon as possible. We simply do not have the funds to cover this debt. If you feel you are eligible for Free School Meals please apply via the Lewisham Council website, it really is very simple and they let us know very quickly if you are eligible.

A note from your new parent governors.

We wanted to send a note of thanks to all those who voted in the recent parent governor elections. We were both delighted when we received the call from Mrs Dove to confirm our appointment!

We have already attended our first governor meeting and we have induction training planned for next month.

We will be giving some thought as to how we can communicate with parents, so that we can be an effective gateway between you and the governing body, so look out for more info.

In the meantime, if you do spot either of us, or Paul Cooke, Debs Honeysett or Richard Johnston and have anything you want to feedback please don't hesitate to do so, we would love to hear from you.

Alana (Guava Year 1 mum) and Naomi (Cherry Year 2 and Sweet Potato Reception parent)

Lewisham Children and Family Centre Holiday Events

There are some lovely events planned for the half term by Lewisham Children and Family Centres, I have attached the poster. Please take a look. There is the opportunity for Circus skills or a healthy walk.

Abbotshall Healthy Lifestyle Centre

There is an open day at the Abbotshall Healthy Lifestyle Centre in Abbotshall Road on Thursday 3rd June. Again I have attached the flyer. They are hoping to set up some tutor led workshops.

Sandalls Summer of Play

I am absolutely delighted to say that our Own Clothes Day has raised an amazing £1,115. If our lovely parent, Ian, is successful with his match-funding bid that will double to an incredible £2,230 which will really boost the Sandalls Summer of Play fund. Thank you to everyone for a tremendous effort.

Sticking with fund raising....

📍 Did you know there are easy ways to raise money for the school when shopping online ??? 📍
Amazon smile (chose **Parents Association Of Sandhurst School**) for 0.5% of the net purchase given back to the school,
my nametags (use the school ID is **70113**) for 24p given back to the school for every £1 spent,

easyfundraising - (chose **Sandalls**) - the rates for donation back to the school range between 0.5%-10%!

Scholastic books - (chose **Sandhurst primary school** as your school of choice) and 20p is given back for every £1 spent! 💰 📖 💰

For details on to find us with the respective retailers, please see the following details:

AMAZON SMILE:

*Want to help make a difference while you shop in the Amazon app, at no extra cost to you? Simply follow the instructions below to select **Parents Association Of Sandhurst School** as your charity and activate AmazonSmile in the app. Amazon will donate a portion of your eligible mobile app purchases to the PTA.*

How it works:

- 1. Open the Amazon app on your phone*
- 2. Select the main menu (=) & tap on "AmazonSmile" within Programmes & Features*
- 3. Select Parents Association Of Sandhurst School as your charity*
- 4. Follow the on-screen instructions to activate AmazonSmile in the mobile app*

MY NAMETAGS:

The school ID for Sandhurst is 70113

*There is a simple way to raise money for the school, both are very easy and require little time. For every £1 spent, they give us 24p back as long as the school id is entered. Go to the website www.MyNametags.com when ordering labels for your child's clothing and use **the school ID 70113**.*

**Please note that if a parent uses the schools name instead of the ID number when ordering online, the website will not recognise your school and it will not be credited.*

SCHOLASTIC:

When you shop with Scholastic to buy books, please choose **Sandhurst Primary School, Minard Road, Catford** and the school will receive 20p for every £1 that you spend.

www.shop.scholastic.co.uk

EASYFUNDRAISING:

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/sandalls

Easyfundraising are the UK's BIGGEST charity fundraising site.

- ✓ Trusted by 1.9 MILLION fundraisers
- ✓ Over £32 MILLION raised and counting
- ✓ Over 4,300 retailers
- ✓ Rated EXCELLENT on Trustpilot

You can turn your everyday online shopping into FREE donations for your favourite cause- **SANDALLS**. Sandalls has received £2609.26 to date!!

They are trusted by over 150,000 good causes across the UK, including community groups, schools, PTAs, sports teams, animal rescue, big charities, small charities, university students raising much-needed funds, and even individuals taking on challenges around the world!

4,300 online retailers (inc Just Eat, Amazon Smile, Ebay, M & S, John Lewis and more) will donate to our good cause, so no matter what you're shopping for you can earn free funds for the PTA. The Donation Reminder helps you discover where donations are available by alerting you whenever you visit an online retailer that donates. When an alert appears, you can activate the donation in one click without having to leave the site you're on. It also highlights shops and sites where donations are available in search engine results
Fundraising has never been easier!

Have a wonderful holiday and I will see you (without a boot, I am hoping) on Tuesday 8th June.

There are 6 attachments this week!

Please take care.

Yours truly

Mrs R A Dove