



Sandhurst Primary School

Newsletter
Autumn Term
2nd October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well a very busy week here at Sandhurst again. It was so good to see Reception, Yr 6 and Yr 4 parents and carers at the Meet the Teacher meetings this week. Reception have been looking at the book 'Shark in the Park' and focusing on rhyming words as well as investigating the outside world. Y1 have been learning about partitioning numbers, 'part, part, whole'. They have also been learning lots of rhymes along with how to take turns and share. Yr 2 have done an amazing job with their learning from home this week. We can't wait to see you all back next Wednesday. Year 6 have been using their imaginations to fly over Jakarta in their setting description writing, and they have been exploring and getting to know their book corners. Plantain Class have been creating tie-dye reusable bags. Year 5 have been looking at the Egyptians, the hierarchy and many facts. Year 4 have been writing eyewitness accounts of The Iron Man's dramatic fall from the cliff. They have been investigating sound waves by listening to different instruments. Yr 3 have found out that the 'crocodile' eats the biggest number! In the Stone Age, people made tools from flint and painted using natural colours made from soil and plants.

Our final pupils joined us in Nursery this week, so that was exciting. Reception have settled really well and so we are adapting their morning gate to get them all in a little quicker. We are going to do the same as Yr 1 and 2, so the gate will be open for 10 minutes, all three classes will come in, line up with their teachers, get their hands sanitised and then go in. So from Monday the Reception gate will be open from 8:50 to 9:00am. Mrs Akinkugbe has written a message to you all that I will send to all Reception parents and carers.

I did want to say a huge thank you to all the parents that have communicated so well with us, letting us know if their children are ill, if they have symptoms of COVID, booking tests if necessary and then letting us know the results. We have been really impressed with how supportive, responsive and sensible families have been. I do feel we are in this situation for a good while yet so your prompt communication is so helpful. If you do get a test for your child, please let us know the results so we can make an informed decision as to when your child or children can safely return to school.

I really do need your help with one thing please. We are currently buying a massive amount of soap and hand sanitiser, which we are happy to do, of course. But it is expensive and I am often spending my weekends sourcing enough and different deals. Unfortunately, children in Yr 3 and 6 are just being really silly in the toilets and just emptying the whole containers out as soon as they are filled. I am sure this is just a very small number of pupils but we are really struggling to find out who. We used 10 litres of liquid soap in one day. Please talk to your children over the weekend about sensible use of soap and hand sanitiser. Thank you.

Governors

The Governors of Sandhurst have written a letter to all parents to say hello and to touch base about our school. I am going to send it in a separate email as I know some parents have trouble opening attachments from scholar pack.

Black History Month

Here at Sandhurst we work very hard and continue to adapt our curriculum to reflect the backgrounds of all our children, throughout the whole year but we also celebrate Black History Month. Our Black History Month learning and celebrations this month will be based on the theme of journeys. Different year groups will be exploring personal, family and more well-documented journeys in a way that is age appropriate and relevant to the children. We would like to invite parents or carers who have a story to share about a journey in their life to contact their child's class teacher. We would also like to draw your attention to the re-opening of the Migration Museum in Lewisham Shopping Centre. It might be a good place to visit during half-term. It is open on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from 23rd October.

Half-term home learning will involve the children documenting a journey in pictures, words, music or any other media. We hope to create a gallery to share their learning in school and at home. Further details will follow closer to half term.

The Catford Cookbook

Catford is getting its very own cookbook, published by the House of Catford on 25th September. It's 100 recipes from local people with tips on where to get ingredients from local shops - all illustrated by local artist, Nancy Ellis. Profits will be going to charities, Sickle Cell Society and the Catford Fridge Station Community Fridge. The book can be bought from the House of Catford website at a price of £20.

<https://houseofcatford.com/the-catford-cookbook>

Training Opportunity

Newham College have a new project that may be of interest to parents who may be looking for employment, called Get into Health Care www.getintohealthcare.co.uk

It has been designed to provide unemployed people with the skills, awareness and knowledge to help them find work within a wide range of career areas in the health and care sector, whether in direct care related roles such as patient care, caring for the elderly or in associated job areas such as customer service, reception, administration, finance, hospitality, cleaning, portering, patient transport and so on.

The courses are aimed at people from all levels of learning who are looking for jobs within the health and care sector and will provide learners with a tailored route into their chosen career area, and involve online and face to face learning, job search support and employer engagement throughout. We are working closely with a range of employers, including Barts NHS in offering real employment opportunities for those taking part.

To be eligible for the free courses, learners need to be unemployed, aged 19+ and live within one of the following boroughs: Barking & Dagenham, Bexley, Bromley, Enfield, Greenwich, Havering, Newham, Redbridge, Waltham Forest, Barnet, Hackney, Haringey, Lewisham, Southwark, Tower Hamlets. Contact details are: Andy Marriott on 02085225734 or at andrew.marriott@newham.ac.uk

Hello Yellow

To continue to care for our young people's mental wellbeing following what has been a really tough year for many, we are working to support the charity Young Minds for their 'Hello Yellow' charity day on Friday 9th October 2020 to raise awareness about the importance of positive mental health and wellbeing amongst young people and children. We are asking on this day for your child to wear something yellow (it could be anything, but no costumes please!) and to offer a donation at the gate in the buckets (which will be sanitised) or on the donations page. As well as this classes will be having discussions about mental health and wellbeing - how they can improve this and how to feel better. Normally we would have a whole school assembly and be doing activities throughout the school like previous years, however, this year they will be limited to their class bubbles.

We look forward to seeing the children in the sunshine yellow clothes next Friday 9th October

Donations online can be made here: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/SandhurstPrimary>

Janine is Collecting for a Charity

A message from Janine "I am doing a drop this Sunday to an organised collection point in Lee, for the Moria Camp Refugees affected by the fire. If anyone has any spare nappies or any of the below toiletries, they are welcome to drop them round to my house and I will collect it all together and do one drop. They only need items from this list - nothing else.

Nappies, shower gel, shampoo, bars of soaps, roll on deodorant, toothpaste

If you can provide any of the above - my address is 63 Muirkirk Road.

SEND Information

I am attaching the SEND information again this week. I know one parent didn't get it so here it is, attached again.

Have a lovely weekend. I am off to enjoy the rest of my birthday with my family. See you all next week.

Yours truly

Mrs R A Dove