



Sandhurst Primary School

Newsletter
Autumn Term
4th December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all managing as we enter Tier 2 restrictions. It really feels like such a long time now; I wonder when we will ever be back to normal. I hope our Nursery pupils and staff are managing in isolation. Can I just remind you please, that if a child is sent home to isolate, that is what they need to do. I know it becomes really tricky if you need to bring them to school to drop off another child but where possible they do need to stay at home or remain very socially distanced from everyone except you as their parent or carer.

I had the pleasure of watching Yr 1 rehearse their Christmas play yesterday afternoon, I have to say, it really cheered me up. I know you are going to love the video.

So what have we been learning this week?

Nursery have been learning from home this week. I think it has involved dinosaurs, secret missions, space adventures and much more. This week in literacy the Reception children have been writing and following instructions for 'How to make a Christmas hat' and have been busy creating their own. In Maths they have been looking at time where they discussed the things they do in the morning, afternoon and evening. They also looked at clocks and days of the week. They have enjoyed using and mixing water colour paints to create beautiful art work. Year 1 have been learning about greater than and less than in Maths. They have been working so hard on their Nativity play and been learning about Hanukkah.

In Year 2 they have written some lovely diary entries as a child experiencing The Great Fire of London in 1666. They have also used their art skills to create London's burning silhouettes. Year 3 have been learning the grid method for multiplication. In English, they have been writing fact files about The Celts and became Celtic warriors using face paint! Year 4 have been reading 'Flanimals' by Ricky Gervais and have had great fun designing and describing our own Flanimal monster creations. They have also been working hard to learn their times tables including the 3x, 6x and 9x! An exciting week in Year 5. The children made Egyptian Canopic pots using Mod Rock and plastic cups and Kiwi class were busy cooking 'Mummy Pastries'. In maths, they have used the bus stop method for division and worked in groups to solve a division puzzle. In English, they have looked at features of a newspaper and prepared questions for a press conference. The children enjoyed dressing up as Howard Carter, Lord Carnarvon and Lady Evelyn at the press conference. In Yr 6 they have been creating their own Greek myths and working hard to keep the structure correct. They are also beginning to look at Ancient Greek pots, focusing on the shapes and designs before creating their own out of clay next week.

Trainers

We have been given two brand new pairs of Nike black boot trainers – size 3, and a very nearly new grey pair-size 2 ½. First come first serve, be quick Ms Bates is eyeing them up!!

Free School Meals for the Holiday

In the last week of term we will be sending home a payment to all our families that are in receipt of Free School Meals. This is for families that receive certain benefits from the government and the children get a free lunch at school. Sadly, it is not for all children in Reception, Yr 1 and 2 who receive what are called 'Universal Free School Meals'. It is not too late to claim if your circumstances have changed, or you feel you may be eligible. It is really simple, you apply through the Lewisham Council Website, you just need your national insurance number and your date of birth and they will check your eligibility for you. So, in the last week of term we will be sending £30 per child that is eligible. Some schools have opted for vouchers but we know our families shop in a wide range of shops and we did not want to limit where you could spend the money to support your children over the holiday.

Prospective Parents Reception Zoom

It has been so lovely meeting some prospective new parents for Reception 2021 via zoom. Not quite as nice as in reality though. I am holding one final session on Friday 8th January 2021, so if you know any prospective parents please ask them to book in via the office.

Presents for Staff

We have received a number of enquires in the office about whether you are able to send presents into the teachers. You are able to send in presents and the teachers will then leave them for 72 hours. But please DO NOT feel you need to send in presents. It has been a really tough year for so many families and you have been so generous supporting our food bank. So please do not feel any pressure at all to do so. Thank you.

Advent Windows

Please don't forget to take a walk around the local area to have a look at the local advent windows. Families have worked so hard. I need to take a walk as I haven't spotted one yet.

Corbett Community Library

A huge thank you to the library that have sent us some lovely books to give out with our food parcels. Thank you so much, I know the children will really appreciate them.

Christmas Dinner

Please don't forget to book your Christmas dinner with the office, if you normally have packed lunch. Christmas Dinner is being served on Wednesday 16th December, at a cost of £2.30 and we are combining it with Christmas Jumper / hat day too.

A National Christmas Event

A parent has highlighted a nationwide event to us. It is to take place at 6:00pm on Christmas Eve, it is called the Christmas Eve Jingle. The idea is everyone goes outside their homes and rings a bell. If you fancy joining I think you just step outside at 6 on 24/12/20.

Food Bank and Christmas Boxes

Our amazing parents have done a brilliant job at creating and delivering food parcels this year. We really do appreciate it, but it would not have been possible without all your generous donations. Please dig deep just a little further so we can provide some of our families with a lovely Christmas box to help them out over the festive season. Rob sent a letter out earlier this week with suggested donations. Thank you so much.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Yours truly

Mrs R A Dove

