



# Sandhurst Primary School

Newsletter  
Autumn Term  
3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Oh my goodness, it has been so lovely to see all the children back, looking so smart and so happy. The new lunches have gone down a treat with barely any waste at all.

I know outside the gate was very busy this morning but I am confident it will settle. Once the children understand their route into school and are settled they will be able to leave you at the gate and make their way straight into school, so parents can clear the area quickly between 8:45 and 8:55. The little ones may need a little support from parents at first, and that is fine. All staff will be on hand again on Monday and then the children will be in a routine.

## **Painting the Dining Hall**

Thank you so much to those who have offered to help paint the dining hall this weekend. I am going later to buy all the supplies. The fun will begin at 10:00 on Saturday (tomorrow). It would be amazing, even if you can only offer an hour or so, to have lots of help. Painting is really not my strong point!! Depending on how we progress tomorrow we may well still be painting on Sunday. I will send a text to let you all know. Please, please come, it will be so nice to see the dining hall all clean and fresh.

## **Reception Starters**

We are really looking forward to welcoming our new Reception children from Tuesday. On their first day (please look at your individual start date) they will begin at 9:20am so we can settle the rest of the school and focus just on the new starters at 9:20, collection is at 3:15. After their first day they will come in to school for 8:55 every day and be collected at 3:15.

## **Year 1**

I have realized that for Yr 1 you have only ever known school under COVID restrictions and don't really know what "normal" school looks like. I am going to hold two zoom meetings next week to explain the general routines of the day and answer any of your queries. I will hold one at 4:00pm on Monday and one at 10:00am on Tuesday. You are

very welcome to join at a time that suits you best if you feel it would be helpful. I will send the link on Monday.

### **Meet the Teacher Meetings**

All year groups will hold a Meet the Teacher meeting over the next couple of weeks. This is an opportunity to hear about the routines, learning and expectations of each year and an opportunity to meet the staff. We are still, while cases are so high, going to hold this via zoom. We want to still minimise the number of large groups of parents within the building. I hope you understand. Your teachers will send the links. All meetings will be at 4:30pm.

Reception	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> September
Yr1	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> September
Yr 2	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September
Yr 3	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> September
Yr 4	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> September
Yr 5	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> September
Yr 6	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> September

### **Secondary Transfer Meeting**

The Secondary transfer meeting for Yr 6 will happen on the same meeting as the Yr 6 Meet the Teacher meeting. The teachers will talk about Yr 6 and then I will take over and talk about the process of applying for Secondary School.

### **Sandhurst Food Bank**

I wanted to say the biggest thank you to Rob Harvey and his team. They have run our food bank for well over a year and it has just been amazing. It has just warmed my heart that so many people have been so generous with their time, donations and good will. I know I speak for all our families who have received food parcels when I say thank you, it has really been a support. I would also like to extend our thanks to Father Lindsay and St Andrew's for the use of their hall. I am happy to say the need for parcels has diminished, but I am sad to say we are now closing the food bank. But just what an amazing achievement. Thank you everyone.

I hope you have a lovely weekend, especially those of you coming to paint!!

See you all next week.

Yours truly

Mrs R A Dove