



Sandhurst Primary School

Newsletter
Autumn Term
26th November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well the weather has definitely taken a turn for the colder, please make sure your child has lots of warm clothes. They will still be outside whatever the weather. Please make sure everything is named though. They do tend to leave hats, gloves and coats all over the place.

We had a fire drill on Wednesday afternoon and the children were all so sensible.

We are still seeing a steady stream of positive COVID cases. We currently have 5 live cases (2 Yr 2 Staff, 2 children in Yr 5 and 1 in Reception) and 2 on going cases. Please do remember to let us know if you are isolating, waiting on a PCR or if your child is ill with something else. We are really having to track everything and it is vital we have up to date information from you. Unfortunately, we are remaining under the Outbreak Management plan for a further week. I do think, realistically, our current measures will need to remain in place until Christmas but LCRC will confirm this weekly. Thank you for your on-going support.

Mrs Davies (Star Class) is unfortunately still unwell. It is not Covid, but she has been signed off for a further week. We are keeping Miss Blunden for next week to ensure continuity for the children.

A huge thank you for all the shoe donations. We have had an amazing response. Beverley Simpson is so pleased. They have been collected and will be sent in a container to Zambia.

Another Favour Please!

The lunchtime volunteers have been amazing and a real help. Please could we continue this for the next two weeks. If you are able to help please email the office. Thank you so much.

Learning This Week

In Nursery they have continued their topic by reading "Full, Full, Full of Love" by Trish Cooke and making their family trees. They have also been sharing their "All About Me" bags with their friends, talking about all of their special things. Maths this week has been all about the number 4, and has included counting the number of skittles knocked over in 4-pin bowling and joining 4 sticks together to make squares.

In Reception this week, the children were super scientists as they explored their environment with their senses. On our science day, they were touching gloopy slime, mixing colours and testing their taste buds! In maths, the children have been working on solving involving one less/more.

Year 1 have been reading the story "How to Catch a Star" by Oliver Jeffers. They thought about all the different ways they could catch a star. In maths they have been learning how to use the greater than, less than and equals symbols. They have also been learning about Hanukkah and how people celebrate.

This week Year 2 have been working hard on their creative writing. They have written stories about a precious item they would bury inspired by Samuel Pepys burying cheese! In maths, they have been learning about money and how different coins and notes can be used to make the same amount. In art, the children have enjoyed colour mixing to create a fiery background for their London silhouette.

Year 3 have had another fantastic week. In maths, they have been exploring the relationship between the 2, 4 and 8 times tables. In English, they have been working hard on our Iron Age fact files sharing all of the amazing history knowledge they have learned. To support our work around the Zones of Regulation they have been reviewing

different sensory tools that may support them feeling calmer or more alert. In science they have been making shadow puppets and looking at how light travels in straight lines.

This week in maths year 4 have been practising their 3 and 6 times tables, multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100 and discussing place value. They have explored which direction digits move and how many place value columns they move. In English they have been reading and learning about Flanimals, creating their own verbs and adverbs and naming and designing their own Flanimals. In science they have continued investigating circuits and which materials make good conductors and which materials would make good insulators and why we need insulators.

Year 5 have written a diary extract as Howard Carter. They described how Howard Carter felt after seeing Tutankhamun's treasure for the first time. In Maths, Year 5 have used a blank number line and the bus stop method to solve division problems. In ICT, the children imported an image onto a mummy case using ActivInspire.

Year 6 have been learning more about Ancient Greece, creating their own heroes, heroines and monsters for their Greek inspired myth. They have also learning more about Greek life, making historical deductions from Greek pottery and architecture. In Science, the children have been having fun separating mixtures using filtering, sieving, evaporation and decanting.

Change of Pick Up Arrangements

Request from the School Office:-

If you have a change of pick-up for your child, please notify the school office before 2.30 pm so that the message can reach your child's class teacher in good time. Please call or email. Thank you!

Christmas Food Parcels

We will be running a repeat of our Christmas food packages this year, to support families at the school over the Christmas holidays. These will help families out with some basics, plus provide a few treats for all the family to enjoy.

There will be more detailed information coming out in an email next week, including details on how to request a package. We will be asking those who are able to either sign up to provide a full food package (we will provide details about what goes into each pack which you can see

before signing up), or to donate specific items. As with last year, we will be asking each year group to donate specific items, so we end up with the right volume of items to fill our packages.

Our food bank volunteers will be sorting, packing, and delivering the packages in the week before Christmas. We will be asking for donations to be brought into school from Monday 6 December.

Please look out for further communication on this next week!

Christmas Activities

Due to the high case numbers both in school and in the wider community we have come up with a plan for some outdoor festivities. We are going to have our Christmas trees outside this year. One by the KS2 stage and one by the KS1 stage, as we can't all gather in the inside halls anyway. Each year group will perform a short outside concert for the parents and carers in that year group. They will sing some songs, recite some poems and generally entertain you for about 20 minutes to half an hour. A local drumming group, that some of our pupils attend, will join a couple of the year groups too.

So please make a note of the date and time:

Nursery Thursday 16th December 9:15am

Reception Tuesday 7th December 2:30pm

Yr 1 Monday 13th December 2:30pm

Yr 2 Friday 10th December 2:30pm

Yr 3 Monday 6th December 2:30pm

Yr 4 Thursday 9th December 2:30pm

Yr 5 Wednesday 15th December 2:30pm

Yr 6 Tuesday 14th December 2:20pm

Christmas dinner and Christmas Jumper Day (Save the Children) will be on Wednesday 15th December. All children will have a Christmas party on Thursday 16th December. We will be asking for small contributions of sealed multi packs, i.e. crisps, individually wrapped biscuits, cheeses or other snacks. Thank you.

We are then hoping to go to the church, in two groups, on the last day of term, Friday 17th December. But we will review that nearer the time depending on how we are doing with COVID cases.

Please note there will not be any After School Sandtastics Club on Friday 17th December. All children will finish at 3:15pm. Thank you.

SandTots

As you may be aware Sandhurst has a toddler group for the younger siblings of Sandhurst pupils. Pre-Covid we met in the dining hall on Thursday mornings. As this is not possible at the moment, we have been braving the elements and holding SandTots in the field at Abbotshall. Unless the weather is terrible, you'll likely find us there, so if you are free on a Thursday morning please pop along!

We are having a Christmas party on Thursday 16th December 09:30-12:00 and have rented the hall. Please see attached poster for more information!

Lewisham Music

Lewisham music are holding a Big give Christmas challenge. If you are interested in supporting, please see the attached flyer.

Kooth and Quell

Kooth and Quell are an NHS-funded service which provides free online mental health and wellbeing support. Kooth is our support service available to all young people aged 10-25 in South East London, and Qwell is our support service available to all adults aged 26+ in South East. Kooth and Quell are also delivering two Kooth and Qwell webinars aimed at parents/carers. These will be held on:

- Tuesday 7th December, 4-5pm. You can sign up [here](#)
- Thursday 9th December, 7-8pm. You can sign up [here](#)

A long newsletter today. I hope you all have a lovely weekend and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Yours truly

Mrs R A Dove