



Sandhurst Primary School

Newsletter
Autumn Term
10th December 2021

Dear Parents, Carers and Staff,

The challenge just goes on and on but we are still standing, just!! I am really sorry we had to close the nursery to our part time children today but we just simply did not have enough staff to cover. One week to go and then we can all take a breath, enjoy being with our families and relax for Christmas. Although the weather threw us some additional challenges it was so lovely to see so many of you in the playground enjoying the year group concerts this week. We still have Yr 2 to go this afternoon and then Years 1, 6, 5 and Nursery next week. We are also looking forward to Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper day (in aid of Save the Children) on Wednesday, class parties on Thursday and then the church on Friday.

I met with Father Lindsay this week and we have a provisional plan for the church. Years R, 1 and 2 will go for a short service at 1:30, followed by Years 3,4,5 & 6 at 2:10pm. All year groups will be socially distanced from each other so children will only be with those children they are with every day in school anyway. There is plenty of space in the church to really space out. If numbers continue to rise in school, we will cancel this if necessary. So if your child is not attending the church they need to be collected from school by 1:15 on Friday please.

Also just to remind you there is no after school club on Friday 17th December.

Learning This Week

Nursery this week have been busy with all things Christmas. They have sung songs and made their cards, wrapped presents to help develop fine motor skills and baked and decorated yummy shortbread stars. In the outdoor classroom they have practised throwing and catching skills and worked as a team to bounce the mini Santas on the parachute without dropping them!

In Reception this week, the children were busy practising their songs for the Carol singing on Tuesday. They did very well, despite the cold wind and rain! The children looked at Kandinsky's art and used shapes to draw some abstract pieces themselves. In Literacy, the children were learning how to write cards for their loved ones.

In year one this week, they have been learning about the Christmas story. They have also been thinking about others who are less fortunate and have written some lovely Christmas wishes. In maths they have been practising mental maths strategies. They have been finding missing numbers, counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and revising number pairs to 10.

Year 2 have had a fantastic week concluding their learning about The Great Fire of London. All of the children fully engaged in the immersion day where they took turns to interview key characters, used old-fashioned paper to write diaries like Samuel Pepys, designed and made model boats to rescue the toys from the burning houses and had a zoom session with a real life firefighter!

In year 3 they have been learning the grid method in maths. In whole class reading, they have been making predictions about a new book 'Ice Palace'. They continue to learn about the Zones of Regulation and this week have been looking at different types of problems. They really enjoyed sharing Christmas songs and poems with parents and carers in the rain!

In maths this week year 4 have been revising some of this terms topics. They have revisited perimeter, addition and subtraction with exchange, and multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100. In English they have been designing and making flanimals and habitats using plasticine. They have also been busy rehearsing for their end of term performance.

This week, in maths, Year 5 have been consolidating their knowledge of formal written methods by playing a variety of board games. In English, they thoroughly enjoyed holding a press conference and pretending to be serious reporters. Some children dressed up as Howard Carter, Lord Carnarvon, Lady Evelyn and a Water Boy. Using quotes from the press conference the children then went on to write a newspaper report. In science, some classes have identified examples of air resistance and recognised its effects.

Year 6 have been learning about life of children in Britain during the Victorian era. In maths, they have started the position and directions topic, looking at coordinates in four quadrants, translation and reflection. They have explored different Greek masks and have designed their own Ancient Greece inspired mask.

Dinner Money Owing

Could I please remind you that your dinner accounts must be cleared by Friday 17th December. The balance can be checked on Parentmail. Thank you. Please remember if you think you may be eligible for Free School Meals do apply through the Lewisham website. If you are eligible we can then help with clubs, uniform etc.

Christmas Dinner

Just to remind you it is Christmas Dinner on Wednesday. It is free to children in Reception, Year 1 and 2. The cost for the older children (Key Stage 2) is £2.40 and should be paid by Parentmail. Thank you.

Clubs

The only clubs on next week are Art club on Monday, Year 1 football, Year 2&3 Coding, Year 3&4 Football and Sign language, all on Tuesday.

If your child was in a club this term they will continue next term and the payment item will be on Parentmail. Please email clubs@sandhurstprimary.lewisham.sch.uk, if your child does not wish to continue or if they are interested in joining a club.

Clubs will resume on the week commencing 10 January 2022.

Rainbow Laces competition

Following our assembly last Monday the children have been really inspired by the in school poster competition. I am delighted to say the winners were Yr 3, Pablo, Ameerah, Louise and Nathan. Yr 4, Chiara, Matilda, Aaron and Zoe. Yr 5, Evie, Seffany, Amber and Edward. Yr 6, Jeyda, Aneesha, Kyrrah, Isobel and Scarlett. Well done to all of you. Lots of children have asked if they could buy the rainbow laces. Sadly, we don't have any more in school but you can buy them by following the link below.

<https://stonewalluk.myshopify.com/products/rainbow-laces-all?variant=28475497775194>

Select 'short' option for children's sizes. Single pair is £2.99.

Well, just one week to go. A huge thank you for all the lovely bulb and food donations. We really do appreciate it. Have a lovely weekend. Please put the January start date in your diary so everyone is back and ready to learn on Wednesday 5th January 2022.

Yours truly

Mrs R A Dove