



Sandhurst Primary School

Newsletter
Autumn Term
3rd December 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been so lovely listening to the children practising for their outside Christmas singsong this week and we look forward to welcoming you into the playground for each year group's presentation over the next two weeks. We have continued to limp along this week, sadly we have 16 staff off sick at the moment. We currently have 8 COVID cases and a number of families isolating with one or more members of their family testing positive. Thank you so, so much to those families isolating, it really is helping to slow down the spread. We have seen so many times where one person in the family has tested positive, the rest of the family go on to test positive. In discussion with Public Health we have decided to keep all arrangements and restrictions in place until Christmas, especially in light of the rising cases within the community and the new Omicron variant. Just a huge thank you for your on-going support. There is a very real possibility we may need to move some classes to remote learning if staff numbers continue to fall. I have asked all teachers to ensure every child knows their Its Learning log in just in case we need to move a class to remote learning at short notice. The teachers are also loading all the work onto Its Learning for those isolating and in the event of a move to remote learning.

Learning this week

This week in Nursery they have been learning all about the number 5: drawing around their hands and counting their fingers and singing and acting out different number rhymes, including 5 Little Ducks and 5 Little Speckled Frogs. In Pen Disco they have been practising zig zag line patterns to the tune of "We will rock you". They have been looking at their baby photos and talking about how they have changed since they were babies. They have also been busy learning their Christmas songs.

Reception have been busy playing in their pop-up post-office outside and starting to think about Christmas. They have been writing letters and making cards as well as making decorations for the Christmas tree in their outdoor classroom. In maths, the children have been sequencing events in the day.

Year 1 have been really busy this week looking at how they construct a sentence and all the elements they need. In maths they have been exploring 2D and 3D shapes. They have created some lovely shape pictures. They have also been rehearsing their Christmas songs too.

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 been rehearsing for their Christmas performance next week and look forward to entertaining their parents on Monday at 2.30pm! In English, they followed clues to help them find a time capsule buried in the Secret Garden. This inspired them to make their own time capsules and they have been writing explanations of which things they would put inside and why. In maths Year 3 have been consolidating their 2, 4 and 8 times table knowledge.

In maths this week, year 4 have been exploring the 9 times tables and identifying patterns, they have also been learning how to multiply using the formal short method. In English they have been writing a non-chronological report and creating an information booklet on our Flanimals. In Science they have designed and produced an information poster on safety and electricity.

In English this week Year 5 have moved on to writing a newspaper report. In preparation for their press conference next week the children have generated questions to ask Howard Carter and Lord Carnarvon. In maths, the children have looked at divisibility rules and dividing with remainders. To help with their learning each class has had a lot of fun learning a song about how to make a Mummy!

Y6 learning: In science they have been having lots of fun investigating which liquids are the most corrosive by placing nails in different solutions. Over the week they have been jotting down their observations to see if their predictions are correct and will be drawing conclusions from their findings next week. In English, they are continuing to write their Greek myths, focussing on their setting and using figurative language to make their descriptions livelier. In maths, they have been finishing their unit on fractions by learning how to calculate fractions of amounts.

Christmas Food Parcels

You will, hopefully, have seen the email from Rob Harvey about our Christmas appeal to provide some food parcels for some of our families for Christmas. If you feel you would like a food parcel please click on the link in the email I sent from Rob yesterday. All donations will be very gratefully received.

Squid Games

We have seen and heard children as young as Nursery talking about and playing Squid Games. This is just not age appropriate and we do not want it in school. Please talk to your children about this and ensure they are not watching, or engaging with, Squid games in any way. Thank you.

Parent / Adult Behaviour

I can't quite believe I am having to write this but a parent/carer was seen urinating into our school perimeter bush earlier in the week. This is just not acceptable on any level. If you are really desperate and you do get caught short, please press the buzzer and a member of staff will let you use the outside toilet, once they have checked no children are in there. Thank you.

Bulbs for our Planters

We are still on the scrounge for bulbs please. If you have any lurking in your garden please send them in. We will then get them planted.

Pizza at Home Evening

Please don't forget to place your Pizza at home order in if you would like to cook pizzas at home on Thursday 16th December. If you would like to place an order, please see the

email I sent on Tuesday. I have included the link again just in case you need it. Happy pizza eating!

Radish Design an Apron Competition

Radish, our caterers, are running a competition for the children and adults, if you wish to design an apron. You then submit your entries direct to Radish. So if you feel like being a little creative please have a look at the attached flyer.

Sandhurst Xmas wreaths are back!

The Green Team were up until late in the night creating these beauties. We have 17 to choose from and it's first come first served! Check Sandhurst Primary facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/517936918279544>

All wreaths at a bargain price of £25 each, plus you can buy a small bunch of mistletoe for £2. Please leave a comment under the wreath you would like and we'll be in touch. All proceeds go to the Green Team fund so that we can continue keeping the school looking green and pretty for our urban little ones, whilst doing our bit for the environment.

If anyone is interesting in joining The Green Team please let me know. There is no huge commitment, just show up when you can!

Well, fingers crossed we can just keep going as we are. Two weeks to go. I have put the dates and times below of the outside festivities. Please do wear a mask and space out even though we are outside. Thank you. Have a really lovely weekend and all our love to those pupils, staff and families that are unwell.

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

And finally a huge thank you to the lunch volunteers who have really helped us out. Our new Senior Mid-Day Meal supervisor, Miss Lisa Massheder starts with us on Monday, so as long as we stay healthy we should be good for the last two weeks. Also a huge thank you to Martha's mummy for saving me from a horrible migraine by going to the pharmacy for me.

Thank you.

Yours truly

Mrs R A Dove