



Sandhurst Primary School

Newsletter
Spring Term
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Well I am delighted to announce that there finally seems to be some light at the end of a very long tunnel. We have seen a dramatic drop in the amount of Covid cases and we have finally come out of our outbreak management plan. The new guidance for schools has just been published so I will be getting my head around that over the weekend. But basically we are gradually getting back to normal and this morning I did my first face to face assemblies in a very long time. It was so nice to see all the children sitting in the hall. Really, the main thing to say is that if your child is unwell and displays any of the Covid symptoms you should test them with an LFT. If the LFT is positive they still must isolate for 5 full days and then return to school when they have had two consecutive negative LFTs in 24hrs after day 5. They can return to school after day 10, regardless of their result.

There are a few things we are going to keep as we move forward. The system for coming to school and leaving will remain the same. Your children are so good at bringing themselves in no matter what age. We have found this start to the day has significantly improved how the children settle and lateness has also really improved. So just to remind you the children go into class between 8:50 and 8:55 am. After 8:55 they are late. So please ensure they are here for 8:55am. The office is going to continue in the same way as it has during the pandemic. You have all become so expert at paying, booking and communicating on line and therefore the office is able to run really efficiently and we don't have queues of parents at the window waiting to be seen. Similarly, if you come to school during the day please press the buzzer and a member of office staff will come out to you. Thank you.

Now I do know you are all desperate to come into the building and see what we are up to. Our Reception and Year 1 parents have never even been inside. Equally we are very excited about welcoming you all back in. So we have organised so events for you which we are very excited about.

Yr 1 parents and carers are all invited to a Maths Passport meeting next Wednesday 2nd March, 5:30pm

All parents and carers of all year groups are invited in to view your children's work from 8:45am until 9:30 am on Tuesday 8th March, Wednesday 9th March and Thursday 10th March. Please note this is not a chance to talk to the teacher but a chance to sit with your child while they show you all their hard work.

Reception parents and carers are invited to a welcome meeting at 2:00pm on Monday 14th March or 9:10am on Tuesday 15th March. At this meeting you will have the opportunity to meet other parents, ask Mrs Akinkugbe and myself questions and have a tour of the school.

On Monday 21st March there will be a chance to sample our Radish lunches in the playground at pick up time.

Yr 6 parents will be invited to our SATs meeting at 6:00pm on Thursday 24th March. We will explain how the SATs work, what you can do to support and revision packs will be available to buy.

On Sunday 15th May we will have the playground open so we can support our Sandhurst and Torridon Half Marathon. So either get your running gear on, or your cheer leading outfit!

We will then round off the May half term with a whole school, parent, carer, children and staff

Platinum Jubilee picnic in the playground on Friday 27th May.

So please put all those dates in your diary. (Dates attached)

Learning This Week

Nursery have had a really exciting week! 10 eggs arrived in an incubator and they predicted what might be inside. Then they watched eagerly as 8 fluffy chicks hatched from their eggs! They are drawing them and observing them closely (and waiting for the final 2 to hatch!). The Nursery is filled with the sound of chirping! They have also been learning the Spring Chicken song. In the Outside classroom, they have been using real hammers, pliers and screwdrivers with nails and wood. The windy weather also inspired them to make kites and fly them outside, holding super tightly to the strings!

In Reception, the children have been exploring the number nine. They have been finding the pairs of numbers that total nine, writing nine and counting to nine and back. In Literacy, children had opportunities to write independently as they shared their holiday news. They began their new topic and started to think about all the insects they already know and began to describe them. They have especially enjoyed observing Mrs Davies' Leaf insects, which now have a cosy corner in Star Class!

In year one this week the children came in to find their classrooms destroyed by a mysterious animal. They found video clues and an invitation to a tiger tea party. The children have been reading the story of the Tiger Who Came to Tea and have written their own versions of where the tiger went next. In maths they have been learning about length and height, they made whole class height charts and investigated how long each of their fingers are.

Year 2 have started their new topic Journeys and this week have journeyed into Space! In history, they have enjoyed finding out about the life of Mae C. Jemison and in English the children have created their own comics about making a rocket to explore a place of their choice. In maths the children have been using multiplication and division facts for the 2 and 5 multiplication tables to solve problems. In P.E. the children have started a new gym unit and have enjoyed exploring the way that different toys move.

Year 3 have been planning a Roman adventure story this week. In maths, they have been collecting and interpreting data from their class and presenting it in a bar chart. Year 3 really enjoyed starting the creative cog in Real PE this week. They have been practising their ball skills in a team and juggling with a partner. They have been learning the Latin root of some words and discussing which changes brought to Britain by the Romans have had the biggest impact.

This week in Maths year 4 have been adding and subtracting fractions, finding fractions greater than one, understanding equivalent fractions and converting improper fractions to mixed numbers. In English they have started reading a new text Beowulf. They have

been describing Beowulf using expanded noun phrases and superlatives. They have also started a new history topic 'The Anglo Saxons and Vikings', have placed them on a timeline and studied maps to see where they come from and where they settled.

Consolidating their knowledge of fractions has been the maths focus in Year 5 this week. The children have worked through multi-step word problems using unit and non-unit fractions. In English, Year 5 have written informative guides about how to survive in the Amazon Rainforest. Top tips have included how to survive snake bites, contaminated water and falling trees.

This week in year 6 they have been continuing with work on algebra, formulating expressions and solving equations. In English, they have started exploring the Horrible Science books, identifying the main features to help us to plan 'Evolve or Die' fact files. In preparation for this, they have had fun researching some strange adaptations in nature including the Red Lipped Batfish and Frozen Frog - ask your child to find out more!

We are very proud of all the children in year 6 who have settled in well after half term and embraced the challenge of some assessments this week. They have worked incredibly hard and from the year 6 team, we hope they all have a well-earned, restful weekend.

World Book Day

At Sandhurst, we love reading and provide varied opportunities for children to access quality children's literature. In particular, our school library, 'pop up' reading areas and class libraries all provide a calm space for our children to experience reading and the chance to take home a book. However, replenishing book stocks whilst ensuring that they contain a selection of up-to-date, inspirational texts can be costly. Sandhurst needs YOUR help. We have formed a partnership with our local bookshop experts - Moon Lane Books - to create a wish list of books for you to donate. We will launch it on Thursday 3rd March, to celebrate World Book Day. If you can donate a book, simply go to <http://www.moonlaneink.co.uk> select Sandhurst School on the menu, then click on the year group of your choice to view the available texts. Our wish lists will remain live all year round and will be regularly updated in response to the number of books purchased. Please help us to create a buzz about reading by keeping our book areas full of books we know your kids will love. On Thursday children can dress up as a book character, wear their pyjamas or make a mask. So something for everyone.

Planetarium Visit

As part of this year's theme of outer space, we have invited the "Wonderdome" mobile planetarium to visit the school on Wednesday 9 March and Thursday 10 March. This will allow all children from Year 2 to Year 6 to experience an interactive guided tour around the solar system and beyond!

In order for the visit to take place, it is necessary to ask you for a contribution of £3.00 payable via Parentmail. Thank you!

Migration Museum Competition

I was so please to attend an event at the Migration Museum in the shopping centre in Lewisham. It is such an interesting museum to visit. They are holding a competition for children from 9 to 18. Please do look at the attached flyer.

Parent Support

I have attached some information from the South London and Maudsley Trust about various courses they are running to support parents. Please take a look at the attachment.

Platinum Jubilee Menu Competition

Radish are running a competition for children to create a menu 'fit for a Queen'. The winning menu will be used for a special Jubilee lunch in school. Please see the attached flyer.

Lost Coat

Oscar in Sun class has lost his new navy blue puffa jacket. We have looked but cannot find! It has his name in it. Please could you check to see if anyone has picked it up by accident? Thank you..

Community and Family Learning

The Community and Family Learning have lots of good courses so I have attached their leaflet.

Dates

Attached is a printable list of dates for you, please pop it up at home. I will add to it as new dates are added.

So 5 attachments to look at today. Have a really lovely weekend.

Yours truly

Mrs R A Dove