



Sandhurst Primary School

Newsletter
Summer Term
10th June 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all enjoyed the half term holiday, even if we were dodging in and out of the rain. I can't quite believe we are in the final half term of this academic year. With that in mind please remember to encourage your children to leave you at the gate and make their way in. Children from Yr 2 up are really able to do this and many Yr 1 pupils will be able to too and it is excellent practice for September. Also, please remember the cut off for being late is 8:55. Children have a 5-minute window to get to class between 8:50 and 8:55. Their early work starts as soon as they get in class. I was covering in a Yr 3 class yesterday and was really alarmed to see by 9:00am we were still 10 children short. The start of the day is so important, teachers often review work with the children in order to set them off on the right track straight away.

Unfortunately, you will have all seen the ambulance in the playground yesterday. I know it is always worrying when you see an ambulance but I would really like you to help us in this situation and let us do our job whilst maintaining the privacy of the people in need of emergency care. We simply cannot stop and let you know what is happening. You just need to trust us and respect the privacy of others. If you needed to know anything I would contact you. Thank you.

I HAVE ATTACHED AN UPDATED DATES LIST FOR YOU

We have some exciting events coming up so just to remind you of some of them, others are also further on in this email:

International Evening will take place on Wednesday 22nd June. For those of you that have not yet experienced this event it is a whole school event. Parents and carers provide a traditional dish of food from your home country, this is then shared in the dining hall, then you take your plates of food to the playground where tables will be set up for you. This year, in order to try and reduce waste, we are actually asking you all to bring your own plates to eat off and cutlery too. Parents, carers and children often wear traditional dress. The choir and Miss Kirk's dance and drama group will be performing a very short piece for you all. The event will start at 5:00pm. After school club will run but from the Lower Hall, but hopefully lots of you will be able to pick your children up in order to

attend the event. You may drop-off any dishes after school as you collect your children, or from 5pm.

Nursery and Reception Sports Day will take place at 9:30am on Wednesday 29th June in the KS1 playground. It generally lasts about 1 hour. Parents and carers are very welcome to attend and cheer the little ones on.

KS1 and KS2 Sports Day will take place the following day on Thursday 30th June. This will happen at Abbotshall Community Playing Field. Years 1, 2 and 3 have their sports events in the morning and finish off with a picnic. Years 4, 5 and 6 start their afternoon with a picnic followed by their sports events. Years 1, 2 and 3 will start to leave school at about 9:30am, aiming to start their sports by about 10:15am. Years 4, 5 and 6 will leave school at about midday with a view to starting their events at about 1:15pm. All children come to school in their PE kit. All children need a water bottle, packed lunch (unless Free school meals – then the school will provide), a hat and suncream already applied if very hot and sunny please. This is a really fun family event so start planning your picnic now! If you are able to help us walk the children down to Abbotshall that would be great. Please let your class teacher know. Please also remember there is a lovely café too if you fancy a treat.

Learning This Week

This week the Nursery have begun their Commotion in the Ocean topic by choosing their favourite sea-creatures to research. They are also learning the song 'There's a Hole at the Bottom of the Sea'. Children have been reflecting on their learning over the year by looking at their Learning Journals. Outside, the children have loved playing in the beach-hut role-play area selling chips and ice-creams and wearing rubber-rings!

This week, Reception children were exploring the story 'Whatever Next', and were imagining having a picnic on the moon! In maths, the children had lots of fun finding odd numbers and discovering what odd and even numbers are.

This week year one has been very busy with their reading! In math's the children have been investigating position and direction, using pirate maps and beebots to give instructions. The children have learned about quarter turns and half turns, they have also learnt their left and right. The children have also written some holiday news. The children have made some amazing artist's profiles all about Jan Matson, they have chosen their favourite pieces and re-created some of her work.

This week Year 2 dived straight into their new topic 'Outside Explorers.' They enjoyed listening to the sounds around them in the playground, discovering natural things in the memorial garden and collecting plenty of sticks inspired by our focus text 'Stanley's Stick'. In English, the children have used their imagination to think creatively about what their stick could turn into in preparation for planning and writing a story. In maths, the children have been recapping money and investigating how they could make the same amount using different combinations of notes and coins.

Year 3 have been exploring angles and turns in the playground and around the classroom and using clocks and spinners in maths. In English, they began a new book, 'Nadine Dreams of Home' by Bernard Ashley all about a girl who, as a refugee from Goma in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, joins a school in London, leaving her father behind. Year 3 asked Nadine questions about her feelings in role as her new classmates and explored her thoughts through diary writing. In science, they dissected and identified the parts of a flowering plant. After learning about the functions of the parts of a plant, they debated which they thought was the most important.

This week in maths year 4 have been learning to use various charts and graphs to record and interpret data and statistics. They have been answering mathematical questions and solving problems. They have also been practising their times tables. Yr 4 have surveyed their classmates and asked a variety of questions, recorded and discussed the results. In English, they have started their new text 'The Valley of Lost Secrets' to introduce their new topic of Children and War. The children have been empathising and discussing feelings of children who were evacuated during World War 2. In History they have been discovering what we know about WW2, the causes of WW2 and who was involved.

In Yr 5 'Bikeability' returned this week. It was the turn of some children from Zodiac and Eclipse class to take part in the cycling proficiency lessons. In maths, Year 5 have started looking at measurement. They were introduced to imperial measures and ended the week by taking part in a carousel of practical activities where they learnt how to convert imperial measures to metric. Diary writing has been the focus in English. The children have planned and written a diary entry describing the first contact between an astronaut and an alien planet.

Well done Apollo class who have finally completed their block of swimming lessons. No doubt they have slept well this week! In English, the children across year 6 have been busy writing their flash fiction inspired by the book 'The Marvels'. In maths, the children have started a new topic 'Maths in Nature', where they have been applying their knowledge of shape, measure, symmetry and tessellations to create their own fractals. Finally, as part of their on-going transition work they have been thinking about the challenges they will face next year at secondary school and have participated in a transition workshop, offering them guidance to support them through this process.

Year 5 Sex Ed Zoom

The Year 5 Teachers will be holding a Zoom conference to discuss this half-term's Sex Ed curriculum as part of their Human Body topic. This zoom conference will take place on Tuesday 14th June at 4pm. A link to this zoom will be sent directly to you via email.

Pro Strike Fundraising Day

Ahead of our Pro Strike Fundraising Day on Tuesday 21st June, parents/carers should be reminded that any money raised by the children should not be brought into school until the day of the event. The children still have over a week to raise funds!

Forster Memorial Park Event

This weekend Forster Memorial Park in Catford is formally opening its new children's activity trail as part of the celebrations of the park's 100th anniversary. Between 10.30am and 12.30pm, there will be free children's games, nature crafts, mud kitchens, and a chance to hear about plans to further improve the park. The cafe will be open or please feel free to bring a picnic! Please see the attached flyer for more details. The park is just off Hazelbank Road, around a 10-minute walk from the school.

Menu Swap Next Week: Due to supply issues, the Kitchen is swapping the meat menu offer for Tuesday and Wednesday. This means Tuesday's menu choice (BBQ Chicken Burger) will be served on Wednesday and Wednesday's original menu choice (Roast Turkey) will instead be served on the Tuesday.

Finally, if you have any Jubilee decorations, plates, cups, general plastic stuff please could I have it for my holiday for children with disabilities that I run in the summer. Our theme is Kings and Queens. Thank you.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend. I have finally managed to get an optician's appointment and I am off to see Top Gun with the family.

See you all on Monday.

Yours truly

Mrs R A Dove