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Newsletter-13/12/19

This Week

Christmas singing has escaped from every bit of the building this week. It began with a selection of the upper school choir singing for a pensioner lunch at the Ladywell Fire Station on Monday. Then on Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning years 1 & 2 delighted us with their performance. Reception sang so beautifully in their garden on Wednesday afternoon. On Thursday evening the upper school choir treated us to their annual carols by candlelight, which I understand was amazing.

The children looked amazing on Wednesday with all their Christmas jumpers and they enjoyed a lovely dinner provided by the kitchen. Yr 6 went this morning to the Civic Suite to practise their debating skills which was fantastic. I needed to send my apologies to the Candlelit Concert last night, I could not attend due to a family bereavement and I had to leave school very suddenly on Thursday. However, my spies tell me that it was absolutely lovely.

Yr 5 are going to the Saatchi Gallery on Monday. We still have our Nursery sing song to go on Tuesday, Yr 3 Nativity on Tuesday pm and Wednesday am, followed by class parties on Wednesday pm (**school uniform please**). We then conclude with our visit to St Andrew's Church at 2:00pm on Thursday. It is my hope that all children will attend this service, as we celebrate all faiths throughout the year, but if you really do not want your child to attend you need to have collected them from school at 1:30 on Thursday, please inform the office if you are collecting your child early. All staff attend so there is no facility to keep children back at school.

I hope you all have a really lovely Christmas and New Year, when we get there. I look forward to seeing you all back at school on **Monday 6th January at 8:55am**. Your New Year's resolution needs to be to have your child in the playground ready for 8:55, any time after 8:55am is late.

School Review

We had our school review carried out by Lewisham on Tuesday. I was so very proud of every single class. The children were engaged in their learning, able to talk confidently about all their work and were proud to show off their progress in their books. The advisor felt we were a really good school and even took back ideas from us. We then welcomed three teachers from another local school who came to see our learning environment. As they left they said they could see why they had been sent! Because we always want to improve we are commissioning our own mini 'OFSTED' one year on in March.

Christmas Fair

The Christmas fair was amazing last Friday. A huge thank you to Steph, Shionah and their team for all their hard work. Thanks to all your donations, the hard work of staff and parents we raised in the region of £3000, which is fantastic.

Christmas Fair message from Sandalls

We hope you all had a great time at the fair last Friday. We are delighted to say that in total we raised approx £3,470 for the school. This includes £470 raised by the Green Team selling their amazing wreaths, crackers, mistletoe and plants, which will go towards their efforts keeping the school green and beautiful.

Sandalls raised £3000, which we are blown away by. Thank you to everyone who

made that possible. And a huge thank you to the Parent Reps who raised £1000 selling raffle tickets before the day. This is our first time trying this and it has made such a difference. All the money Sandalls raises goes towards improvements at school, like the reading sheds, sensory room and trim trail.

If you'd like to help us we do have spaces on the committee so please get in touch. We're hoping to do a coffee morning in the New Year so you can meet the team. And an after school uniform sale.

Final thought: if you have outgrown your Christmas jumpers we would be happy to take any donations in the New Year. We thought we could run a second-hand stall at next year's Christmas Fair to make the recycling a bit easier for all.



Red Boxes

The donations we have received for our Red Box Appeal have been quite overwhelming. Thank you so much. We are really keen to distribute these boxes within our own school community so if you need one, or knows someone who does please let us know. We are really keen to support from within so please don't be shy.

School Council

The Infant and Junior School Council representatives had a productive meeting together on Monday where they had the chance to share all of their thoughts and ideas for how to improve our school. Reps will be feeding back to their classes all of the important issues that each class raised before the end of term and will start to think about how to make their ideas a reality.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE CLOSING DATE FOR RECEPTION APPLICATIONS IS WEDNESDAY 15th January 2020 (Flyer attached)

Nursery spare clothes

If your child has to borrow items of clothing from us, please can they be washed and returned as soon as possible as we are low on spares. If you do have any spare pants, socks and trousers for nursery-aged children, please drop them off to the Nursery or the school office. Thank you!

PAYMENT REMINDERS

Please remember payments should be made online via Parentmail or at a Paypoint wherever possible. **Please can you pay up all balances until the end of term by Monday 16th December.**

School Meals : We are spending a considerable amount of time chasing outstanding dinner money. If you are registered with Parentmail, you can see an up-to-date balance, so please ensure there is at least a balance of £11.50 to cover a week's meals. Any cash payments should be made on Mondays for the whole week's dinners. If you are unable to pay for your child's meal, please provide a packed lunch.

Clubs : All payments for the Spring Term should be paid by **Monday, 9 December 2019**. To avoid unwanted charges, please complete the online form ASAP if your child no longer wishes to continue in a club or email clubs@sandhurstprimary.lewisham.sch.uk.

The Sun Newspaper

We have registered with the Sun newspaper to receive free books in school. If you read the Sun please cut out the tokens for us and hand them into the office. Thank you.

After-school Club payments

As you have seen, the Spring Term payment for your child's club(s) is now due. There are two ways to pay - **Parentmail** or **childcare vouchers**. We accept payments from various childcare voucher organisations (EdenRed, Sodexo etc) and we are now registered with the Government tax-free childcare scheme at gov.uk.

Please check at <https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare> to see if you are eligible for the scheme. If you are, please add Sandhurst Primary as a provider for your child and make a payment to us for your child's before or after-school activities. All we ask is for parents to forward the payment confirmation email to us and add a note about the payment (e.g. the name of child and club). Without the email, we will not be able to allocate the payment. Please note that childcare vouchers can only be used for childcare in group activities before or after school. It cannot be used for musical tuition during the school day. Any questions, please contact Maxine Hampden, Clubs Administrator, at clubs@sandhurstprimary.lewisham.sch.uk or 020 8698 5810.

Please, please let us know if your child does not want to continue with their current club in the Spring Term so that we can offer their space to someone on the waiting list. Please email clubs@sandhurstprimary.lewisham.sch.uk. You will be expected to pay the fees if you do not tell us beforehand. Thank you.

Year 3 Portrait Project

Steve McQueen Year 3, the epic portrait of London's future, is now filling the Duveen Galleries at Tate Britain. Many of you will have also seen the 616 billboard class photos that were displayed across all London boroughs for two weeks. As you will remember, the project explores the key themes of **identity**, **community** and **the future**, prompting multiple reflections from pupils who have enjoyed the opportunity to imagine their future selves. Our own Year 4 (last year's Yr 3) took part in this project.

Attendance

This week attendance overall was 94.2%. Well done to Bob Marley Class with 99.1% attendance this week. Our persistent absence this week was over 15.14% and we need to reduce this to below 8%.

SEND Coffee Morning

In the New Year we are going to hold a coffee morning for all parents and carers of pupils with special needs or disabilities. We want to talk to all involved parents about the support we offer, services available, our policy etc. But also just a nice informal chance to meet each other as well as all of us. So if your child has any kind of need or disability please join us on **Wednesday 22nd January, 9:10am, Lower Hall**. Thank you.

Menu Change next Thursday 19th December

Please note that we will be having Friday's menu of fish fingers and chips next Thursday as it is our last day.

Police Warning

We have received a warning from the police that a phone app called "*Unico Live*", which is designed for young people to upload videos of themselves, contains inappropriate content and is unregulated. It is currently under investigation and they are asking parents and carers to be vigilant and not let their children use it.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

Dates – Autumn 2019

16/12/19	Yr 5 Trip – Tutankhamun – Saatchi Gallery
17/12/19	Yr 3 Nativity Production – 2:00 pm - for parents/carers of Ska and Bowie
18/12/19	Yr 3 Nativity Production – 9:15 am - for parents/carers of Abba and Jazz Class Parties – pm
19/12/19	St Andrew's Church Service – pm BREAK UP FOR CHRISTMAS
6/1/20	RETURN TO SCHOOL
10/1/20	Final Parent tour for prospective parents
15/1/20	Yr 2 Viking Workshop
22/1/20	SEND Coffee Morning – 9:10am-Lower Hall
11/2/20	Yr 5 Horniman Garden Visit – Rainforest Workshop
13/2/20	Break up for Half Term
14/2/20	PARENT CONSULTATION DAY, no school for children
24/2/20	Back to School Living Eggs arrive
26/2/20	Yr 5 Animal Welfare Workshops
3/3/20	Yr 5 Zoo Lab Workshop
16/3/20	Yr 5 School Journey / Fun Week
20/3/20	Reception High Elms trip Yr 5 School Journey returns
3/4/20	BREAK UP FOR EASTER