



SANDHURST PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter-1/11/19

This Week

Welcome back to everyone after the half term break. I can't quite believe it is the 1st November already. We started the week with two really good assemblies about re-using, reducing and recycling our waste. A huge thank you to Paul Cooke, a parent, a governor and a Sandad, for presenting the assembly but also to his company, Axil Integrated Services, for supplying new recycling bins for every classroom. We really want to teach the children about caring for their environment.

The children had great fun at some Indian dance workshops on Monday and all looked very smiley when we had all the sibling photographs taken on Wednesday.

All classes are busy creating work, based on their class names, to be displayed all the way up the stairs. The display will be up in a couple of weeks.

The Secondary School application process has now closed. So Yr 6 parents can now relax and forget all about it until next March. There is still a few months remaining for Reception applications. That remains open until January 2020.

We have an excellent opportunity for our parents and carers. Previously, at my last school, I worked with Sharon Marshall-Green from Job Centre Plus. She is amazing at helping people back to work, sorting out benefit issues etc. She is going to be with us on a Friday morning to meet with individual parents and carers that might like her support. She is really lovely, so helpful and approachable. If you are interested please see me and I will book you a time slot.

Sad News

Some families with older children may remember Mrs Brenda Hamblin who was Headteacher of the Junior School many years ago. She has sadly passed away. All our love and thoughts are with her family. Some staff members will be attending her funeral on the afternoon of 18th November.

Sandads Fireworks

It is that time of year when we all wrap up warm and enjoy our annual Sandads firework display on Friday 8th November. There are some very large exciting looking boxes waiting in my office. Here is a message from Rob Harvey:

Next Friday (8th) will be a mufti day - so children can wear their own clothes to school, in return for a donation (suggested donation £1). This donation will help cover the cost of putting on the free fireworks event, with free bouncy castles. The donations will be collected by one of our Sandads, whose employer offers matched funding. This means that for every £1 donated (up to £250), RBS will match that donation with another £1. Any surplus raised from this event will go to support the good causes Sandalls supports, such as the trim trail, reading huts and new sensory room.

England V Montenegro Football – Wembley

We have managed to secure 20 tickets for England vs Montenegro at Wembley Stadium on Thursday 14th November, KO at 19:45. Mr Wilkes, Mr Fogarty and Mr Douglas will be taking some children but if you would be interested in taking your child or a group of children with you, can you please let the office know. Your name will be added to a list and names will be balloted next week. Please let the office know by next Wednesday so successful applicants can be informed next Thursday. Please be aware you will be responsible for the supervision of your own children and it could be a really late night! It is a late kick off and all the way over in Wembley.

November

This November, a selection of our male teachers will be sporting moustaches in aid of the Movember foundation. The Movember foundation is a charity that supports men's physical and mental health. So please get behind Mr Fogarty, Mr Wilkes and Mr Searle in their efforts this November! If you would like to donate to their cause, the link can be found below.

<https://uk.movember.com/mospace/14054549>



Poppy Appeal

Remembrance Day is fast approaching. We are selling poppies and other items in school. If your child wishes to purchase a poppy, wrist band, sharpener, rubber, ruler etc please send them in with the money. The wrist bands are £1, the stationary is 50p each and the paper poppies are just a donation. Thank you for supporting this great cause.



Aldi Stickers

Please have one final push at collecting the Aldi stickers. We are two thirds of the way to filling our poster. They are only giving out the stickers until Sunday. Take a trip to Aldi in Catford or the new store in Sydenham and do some shopping please.

Morning Arrival

We have noticed some children are arriving at school very early each morning. The playground is not supervised and children should not be arriving until at least 8:40am. If your child is arriving before this time you need to book them into breakfast club. Can I also remind you that children should not be on the apparatus in the morning. Thank you.

Packed Lunches

Please do not include any food item that contains nut products in your child's packed lunches. We have several children with various nut allergies in school. Thank you!

Bromley, Lewisham and Greenwich Mind

Bromley, Lewisham & Greenwich Mind are looking for mums to volunteer as facilitators for their Mindful Mums courses. The courses run for 5 weeks each term. You would need to commit to 3 hours per week while the groups are running, and full training would be given. Mindful Mums courses help build confidence and resilience in pregnant women and new mums experiencing mental health problems. For more information on the volunteering opportunity, please see <https://www.blgmind.org.uk/news/job/mindful-mums-volunteer-facilitators-lewisham-and-greenwich/>

Roll up, roll up! Parent Representatives

This term we are really excited to be rolling out Parent Reps for each class, all the way from Reception to Year 6. Parent Representatives will be valuable members of our School Community who will help maintain excellent communication links between parents, school staff, the governors and the PTA.

Roles of the Parent Reps will include:

- Being the main link between your child's teacher and parents.
- Helping to get volunteers from your child's year, with the other Year group parent reps, to organise and run a stall at the Summer and possibly Christmas Fair.
- If you do not have one already, setting up a whatsapp or facebook group where class parents can communicate easily and quickly.
- Selling raffle tickets to the parents child's class (only twice a year).
- Optional extra, you can organise social events for parents such as coffee mornings and meals out.
- Helping to keep the school a safe, happy and positive environment for everyone to be in!

Speak to your child's teacher and if you would like to be a parent rep email us at info@sandalls.net with your name and child's year/class. The deadline for all entries will be Wednesday 6th November. Names will then be published in the newsletter. Good luck and we look forward to hearing from you.

Flu Immunisations

You have received the letter with the link to register your child for the flu spray. It seems that there are difficulties with the link if you use a mobile phone to access the system. Please try an alternative method eg laptop or PC if you can. We do have a limited supply of paper copies in the school office if you still experience problems. Please remember that if you do not provide your consent either via the NHS portal or on a paper copy of Immunisation Consent Form your child will not be given the vaccine. The School Nurse Team is visiting us on Monday 19/11/19, so please complete asap. Thank you!

Attendance

This week attendance overall was 96%. Well done to Ukulele, Beatles, Ska, John Williams and Bowie Class all with 97% attendance this week. Generally, we are doing really well but we still have a few families who really need to improve. Our persistent absence this week was 12% and we need to reduce this to below 8%.

Understanding Psychosis

South London and Maudsley NHS are offering a free workshop to look out for signs in young people and how to get support. I have attached the flyer.

Dates – Autumn 2019

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| 4/11/19 | Yr 2 Trip - Fire Station (Didgeridoo Class) |
| 6/11/19 | Yr 2 Trip – Fire Station (Bongo Class) |
| 8/11/19 | Yr 2 Trip – Fire Station (Castanets Class) |
| | Sandads Firework Display |
| 11/11/19 | Reception & Yr 6 Height and Weight Measurement Programme |
| | Life Bus arrives (all week) |
| 13/11/19 | Yr 2 Great Fire of London Workshop |
| | Yr 4 Trip – Beckenham Place Park – Beatles Class |
| 14/11/19 | Yr 4 Trip – Beckenham Place Park – Nobuo Uematsu Class |
| 15/11/19 | Yr 4 Trip – Beckenham Place Park – Bob Marley Class |
| 16/11/19 | Yr 5 Trip – Tutankhamun – Saatchi Gallery |
| 18/11/19 | Yr 5 Trip – Science Museum |
| 19/11/19 | Flu vaccinations – Whole School |
| 3/12/19 | Yr 5 Trip – British Museum |
| 6/12/19 | Sandalls Christmas Fayre |
| 10/12/19 | KS1 Carol Concert for Parents – pm |
| 11/12/19 | KS1 Carol Concert for Parents – am |
| | Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day |
| 12/12/19 | Carols by Candlelight – KS 2 Choir – 7:00pm |
| 17/12/19 | Yr 3 Nativity Production – pm |
| 18/12/19 | Yr 3 Nativity Production – am |
| | Class Parties – pm |
| 19/12/19 | St Andrew’s Church |
| | Service - pm |
| | BREAK UP FOR CHRISTMAS |
| 6/1/20 | RETURN TO SCHOOL |

SANDADS FIREWORKS

WITH...

FIREWORKS - AT 5PM - BBQ WRAPS BAR

BOUNCY CASTLES

CAKE STALL

TEA + COFFEE

FREE SWEETS

AND MUCH MORE

FREE ADMISSION

IT'S A SCHOOL MUFTY DAY SO BRING A £1 IF YOU CAN

JOIN US ON FRIDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 3:15PM-5PM

IN SCHOOL PLAYGROUND AT SANDHURST PRIMARY SCHOOL

SANDADS EVENT