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Newsletter-22/11/19

This Week

I am delighted to tell you that Mrs Partleton gave birth to a baby girl on Wednesday night. Mummy and baby are doing well. I am sure you will all join me in sending huge congratulations. (She was still in work up to last week!) I would also like to send our love to Kajheim in Ravi Shankar class, who broke his leg at football last week. A huge thank you to the parents and staff that stayed up on the Heath to help whilst they waited for an ambulance. Get well soon Kajheim.

I returned this week to the most amazing art displays in school. The work classes have produced around their class names is amazing. Please do take time to come and have a look.

Monday started with an excellent Road Safety assembly for both KS1 and KS2. I was delighted to receive an award from Lewisham for being one of the top 5 schools in Lewisham for air quality around school. There is still much to do to improve air quality but it is a good start. Yr 5 enjoyed a trip to the Science Museum on Monday. The children across the school were so good at having their flu nasal spray on Wednesday. If your child missed it and you would like them to have the spray, there are a couple of dates when the NHS are offering clinic sessions where you can just walk in and get your child vaccinated. (See the attached poster)

We were delighted to welcome yet more musicians to our school on Wednesday. They played drums, saxophone, steel pans and electric guitar for the KS2 pupils. They had never played together as a group before but just did the most amazing improvisation. Thank you yet again to Mr Douglas for organising this for us.

I have set holiday dates for both 2020/2021 and 2021/2022. These will be available on our website from Monday so please take a look so you are really clear when booking holidays. Please make sure you take a note of INSET days as well. An INSET day does not automatically follow a holiday. We really need to improve attendance and reduce time taken in school time to travel. Please plan in advance. Thank you.

Carols By Candlelight

As the date we set some time ago has now clashed with General Election Day we are going to pull **the start time forward to 6:30pm** to allow parents, carers and staff time to vote after the concert. We are going to keep the concert to one hour so everyone has plenty of time to get to the polling stations.

Yr 3 Nativity

As you are all aware, sadly, funds are very limited in school these days. Please can we ask for a £2 donation from all Yr 3 parents to help us buy props and simple costumes for the production. Any one in any other year groups is also very welcome to make a donation if they were feeling very generous.

Driving / Parking

I am really sorry but yet again this week I have had to put myself in danger to try and sort the madness of how parents and carers drive and park down Minard Road. It is just so selfish and needless. Please park away from school and get out of your car and just walk a few metres to school. Please do not try and turn around in the road right outside school. Please see the photo where someone parked on the zig zags this morning.



Punctuality

I am becoming increasingly concerned about the amount of children that are late to school and similarly late to be collected. Learning starts straight away in every year group and if your child is late they are constantly missing out. Please try extra hard to get your children to school on time. They should be in their line ready to go inside at 8:55am.

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.

Maths Ambassadors

Our newly elected maths ambassadors have made an enthusiastic start. They have been selecting volunteers from their classes to try our tricky puzzles on our 'Maths Problem of the Week' wall. Well done if you were elected!



Children in Need

We had some very close guesses for our 'guess the spots on Pudsey' challenge to raise money for 'Children in Need'. Thank you to everybody who donated. Congratulations to Karlon in Nobuo Uematsu Class and Selma in Jazz Class who won their very own cuddly Pudsey for the closest guesses. There were 482 spots!



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>

If they raise £300 by the end of the month they have promised to dye their moustaches pink. Let's make them do that.



Clubs

We will be cancelling Football and Drama club on Friday 6th December as this is the school fair. These will be made up by the end of term.

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 (eg 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.

A message from SandALLs about the Christmas Fair

This year the **Christmas Fair**, organised by parents and teachers, will be held after school on **Friday 6 December 2019**. We would love it if you could help us with donations to make the fair as brilliant as always!

Could you help by donating:

- ❖ **gorgeous grown up gifts** for our amazing hamper raffle: anything from luxury food items, bottles of wine, fancy soft drinks, biscuits, fancy toiletries or Christmas treats.
- ❖ **cool children's gifts** for the children's hampers: anything from a book, toy, arts and crafts activity, stocking filler gift, selection box or any Christmas treat, suitable for children from **age 5 up to 11**.
- ❖ **chocolate** for the chocolate tombola: anything from a box of chocolates (for the big prizes) to wrapped Christmas chocolates or bars of chocolate (for the smaller prizes).
- ❖ **second hand toys, games & books suitable for ages 5-11** for the toy stall. Anything in good condition is welcome: dolls, action figures, board games, puzzles, books, whatever you want to clear out before Christmas.

- ❖ **large gift bags or boxes** to make the hampers up with. Plain bags & boxes we can decorate are perfect, or maybe you have some wicker baskets left over from a previous hamper?

All donations (in good condition, and if they are for the hamper new or unopened please!) will be gratefully received: we will be collecting donations at the school gate on Tuesdays and Fridays from 26 November. Or you can drop them off at the office. Some year groups are running their own stalls and asking for donations for those. Don't feel you have to donate to both, whatever you can spare is wonderful.

We are still looking for extra support with the organisation and running of the fair. If you can spare some time on the day with setting up, helping at a stall or can contribute beforehand with our planning, please email us at info@sandalls.net as soon as possible.

Thank you for all your support,
SandAlls

Roadworks on Brownhill Road

Update of major gas work from SGN Gas: A205 / Brownhill Road, Catford

We recently wrote to you making you aware of a forthcoming upgrade of our gas network in A205 Brownhill Road, Catford.

Following consultation with London Borough of Lewisham and Transport for London, we've agreed to the start of our project on **Monday 2 December 2019**.

Transport for London buses have been consulted on the upcoming project, for further information about buses please visit <https://tfl.gov.uk/>

This could cause major disruption if you are travelling to school via Catford.

Attendance

This week attendance overall was 94.3%. I think the cold weather has hit! Well done to Jive Class with a 99% attendance this week. Our persistent absence this week was over 15% and we need to reduce this to below 8%.

Dates – Autumn 2019

25/11/19	Yr 1 Trip – Hornimans Museum – Ukulele Class
26/11/19	Yr 1 Trip – Hornimans Museum – Djembe Class
29/11/19	Yr 1 Trip – Hornimans Museum – Maraca Class
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 – 6.30pm
16/12/19	Yr 5 Trip – Tutankhamun – Saatchi Gallery
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