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Newsletter-6/12/19

This Week

Well the Christmas Fayre is very nearly upon us. My room looks like a treasure trove. The hampers that Sandalls have created from all your generous donations look amazing. Thank you so much to everyone for their hard work but especially Steph and Sheonaidh.

Yr 5 enjoyed a trip to the British Museum on Tuesday. Christmas songs have been filling the school this week. The staff all decorated the lower hall for us with the children's amazing art work. So we are all set for our various end of term events.

We had an unexpected visit from the fire brigade yesterday. Unfortunately, there was some drilling going on in school and it set the fire alarm off. The children were fantastic and exited the building very quickly. They even did a bit of keep fit to keep themselves warm until the fire brigade gave us the all clear to return inside. We are re-paying them on Monday when Mrs Christie and I are taking 20 of the choir to Ladywell Fire Station to sing for the Pensioner's lunch that they host each year.

In light of last week's events in London we will be having a run through of our 'lock down' procedure next week. The children are really not affected by it other than just gathering on the carpet with their teacher. There is no alarm, it is much more for the senior team and admin staff to practise their procedures and ensure we can secure the building very quickly.

Some of you may have seen, or heard that we have had a number of ambulances arriving at school recently. We have a pupil at school who has a medical condition which requires us to call an ambulance. So please don't be alarmed, it is just to keep that pupil safe.

Parliament Workshops

KS2 had an inspiring and informative assembly this week, run by our parliament outreach officer, Nicki. She taught the children about our Lewisham constituency, voting and how parliament works. Our School Council representatives took part in a follow up workshop with Nicki, all about campaigning for changes that they would like to see in our school and local community.

Christmas Fair, Friday 6 December, 3.30-5.30pm – TODAY – Please come along.



'Christmas Sing-a-long'

Wednesday 11th December 3pm - 3.10pm in the Outdoor Reception Classroom

Please come along to watch Reception sing a few of their favourite Christmas songs!

Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday 11th December is Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day. If anyone who normally has packed lunch would like Christmas dinner, please see the office ASAP. If you have any out grown Christmas jumpers, please pass them on to us as we often have children who don't have one. Thank you.



Corbett Estate Advent Calendar Windows

Families around our local area are decorating their windows to create an advent calendar. There will be a new window revealed each day leading up to Christmas. Please do take a look.

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!

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.

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 9th 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.

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.

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.

Clubs

The majority of clubs have now finished. The following clubs are continuing next week to make up for mixed sessions; Monday – Drama Year 3-YR6, Art YR3-6, Piano (only for students that have missed sessions due to school trips) Tuesday – Football girls YR2-3, Football YR3-4, Gymnastics, Film, Beam and Ukulele Wednesday – Football Squad YR6 Thursday – Violin Friday Football YR3-6, Drama YR2.

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.

St Andrews Church

Bedtime stories at St Andrews Church at Christmas Eve – please see attached leaflet

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 95.1%. Well done to Motown Class with a 99% attendance this week. Our persistent absence this week was over 16% 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

Dates – Autumn 2019

10/12/19	KS1 Carol Concert for Parents – 2:30 pm
11/12/19	KS1 Carol Concert for Parents – 9:15 am Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
12/12/19	Carols by Candlelight – KS 2 Choir – 6:30pm
13/12/19	Tr 6 Trip – Council Chambers Catford-Debating Event
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
26/2/20	Living Eggs arrive 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