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Newsletter-15/11/19

This Week

What a fantastic firework display put on by our very dedicated Sandads, especially those who gave up a day's work to help set up.. Thank you to everyone that helped organise it and to everyone that came to support. Although it is not primarily a fundraising event it looks like we have raised over £1800!

Thoughts now quickly turn to our Christmas Fayre which will take place after school on Friday 6th December. There will be lots of requests for donations so please keep a look out. These events really do provide the extra treats that our school budget can no longer afford. Please see a message later on from Sandalls.

The Reception and Yr 6 weighing and measuring programme ran very smoothly and was all complete by Monday lunchtime. Just the Flu Vaccination day to go!

The Life Bus has been with us all week and the children have really enjoyed their lessons. It has been fantastic that it has coincided with Anti Bullying week too. I was extremely proud with how respectful all the children were when we held our minute of silence for Remembrance Day on Monday.

Yr 4 all enjoyed their first trip to the education centre at Beckenham Place Park. I hope this is going to be the first of many trips to this fantastic local resource. Some teachers, parents and children also took a trip to Wembley Stadium this week to watch England play Montenegro at football.

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.

Yr 3 Tate Modern Project

If your child is in Yr 4 you will remember they took part in the Tate Modern class photograph project. Well those photos are now up and around London, I see three different ones on my drive to work. This is what the BBC had to say about the project:

Steve McQueen's Year 3 children exhibition unveiled at Tate

Oscar-winning filmmaker Steve McQueen has photographed more than 75,000 Year 3 children across London's schools for his latest exhibition. The project aims to be a visual snapshot of people in the city and was inspired after the Turner Prize-winning artist looked at his own 1977 class photo. The photos are also being showcased on billboards by roads, railways and train stations across the capital. The exhibition will run from Tuesday until 3 May 2020.

If anyone spots our school please let us know.

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>



YR 3 Nativity

The time for tea towels and tinsel on heads is fast approaching! Because of us having four Yr 3 classes we are doing two performances so we can fit all parents, carers and others in the hall. So the afternoon performance on Tuesday 17th December will be for Ska and Bowie Class and the morning performance on Wednesday 18th December will be for Jazz and Abba Class.

There will be a small amount of flexibility for swapping if you need to. If you would like to swap please see your class teacher. Thank you.

School Photographs: You will have been sent home your child's individual photograph proof (+ any sibling photos if applicable). Please follow the instructions on the Order Form. Please note there are no spares of your child's photograph proof, so please keep it safe!

Dinner Money

PLEASE PAY DINNER MONEY ON TIME. Budgets are exceptionally tight and the office is spending a huge amount of time chasing parents and carers up about money. Please help us with this. The cost is £2.30 a day or £11.50 for the week. Dinners should be paid for in advance so your child's account does not go into arrears. Please register with Parentmail and go to the accounts section this will show an up to date meal account balance.

Clubs

Club renewal letters have been sent out via email and in your child's book bag. If you have completed the parentmail form you do not need to return the paper copy as well. Children will automatically continue in their current club unless you inform us that they wish to leave. Payment for clubs should be made by parentmail. If your child would like to join a different club you can add this to the form on Parentmail, let the office know in writing or email clubs@sandhurstprimary.lewisham.sch.uk. Places are limited in all clubs, so it is very important that you let us know that your child does not want to continue in a club so this can be offered to the next on the waiting list.

Just a reminder that Art club is cancelled on Monday 18th November and Beam cancelled on Tuesday 19th November. We will also 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.

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 e.g. 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 Tuesday 19/11/19, so please complete asap. Thank you!

A message from SandALLs about the Christmas Fair

Dear parents and carers,

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 95%. Well done to Nobuo Uematsu Class with a 99% attendance this week. Our persistent absence this week was over 16% and we need to reduce this to below 8%.

Dates – Autumn 2019

18/11/19	Yr 5 Trip – Science Museum
19/11/19	Flu vaccinations – Whole School
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
12/12/19	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day Carols by Candlelight – KS 2 Choir – 7:00pm
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