



# Sandhurst Primary School

Sandhurst Primary School Newsletter  
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Dear Parents and Carers,

So here we are, back to our first Friday newsletter in a long time. By today we have welcomed all our new reception pupils which is brilliant, I hope they are all settling well. As I said earlier in the week, it has been amazing to see all the children back to school, enjoying their learning and socialising in their year groups. Hot meals are back up and running so attached to this email is the menu. We will be on Week 3 from next week so please look and help your child / children to make their daily choices. Please note they are only choosing their main meal option. The dessert is set.

## **COVID Procedures**

I just would like to clarify a few things around COVID and those displaying symptoms. If your child has any of the three main symptoms, a new and continuous cough, a temperature or a loss of taste and smell you must keep them at home please. If that child has siblings they must stay at home too until, either you have had a negative test, or have isolated for 14 days. We totally understand that there is a real issue, currently, with accessing a test but we really need you to persevere please. That way we can really limit the spread of this virus. In all of this, it is vital that you let us know. You are very welcome to call, email or use Parentmail but please be specific about what illness your child has. Please keep us informed so we can do everything to keep people safe.

## **The Gates**

The gates seem to be settling into a better routine and the children are coming in and leaving happily. There are still a few parents and carers just not joining the line. Please line up and wait your turn, that way we are not looking all over to see you. There are a very few exceptions where we have a specific arrangement if a child has a special need or medical condition where we are bringing them straight in, everyone else needs to line up please. I do not want to send your children out to you while you are standing in the road, it is simply not safe and goes against everything we teach your children. Thank you to all those adults that are wearing masks, it really helps.

Whilst talking about gates could I please remind you to not leave your car idling. We all want cleaner air for our children to breathe, and we can really help by not leaving cars running, or better still, parking away from school and walking in.

## **Roadworks**

I am sure you have seen today that the road works have moved further up to the traffic lights and the Torridon Road lights will now be working on a four- way system. I am sure this is going to have a knock on effect for traffic so please take care. Our lovely

Crossing patrol lady, Angela will be standing in the best place she can to help you across the road.

### **Lewisham**

There are a couple of things from Lewisham, one is a link to guidance on safe travel, and the other is an attachment to this email called Returning to School Safely.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/transport-to-school-and-other-places-of-education-autumn-term-2020/transport-to-school-and-other-places-of-education-autumn-term-2020>

### **Secondary Transfer**

I am looking forward to seeing Yr 6 parents on Zoom on Wednesday night at 6:00pm to go through the secondary transfer process. We are starting to get information through about how schools will do their tours and I will share all this information with you on Wednesday, along with some things Lewisham are putting on to help you too. I will send the link to the meeting out on Wednesday morning. If you do not have internet access, a few of you can come to the hall and view the meeting on a screen in the hall.

### **We're Going On a Bear Hunt**

Ms Clarke has found this lovely course and asked me to share it with you:

This five-week learning through play online course will provide you and your toddler with the chance to interact with others via Zoom. You and your child will have access to resources via Google classroom, which will help develop your toddler's language, speech and memory skills.

<https://lewisham.gov.uk/cel/courses/flj1p22ec---parent-and-toddler---we-re-going-on-a-bear-hunt--age-up-to-5-years--online---72612>

### **UpCircle Book Bundle**

A huge thank you to Ida, Selma's mum, for getting us a lovely book bundle from this wonderful organisation. They have sent us a selection of books to school to support us with our Black Lives Matter agenda. Thank you UpCircle and Ida.

### **Yr 3 Steve McQueen Photograph project**

Some time ago now Ms Vidal's class, Steve McQueen took part in a photography exhibition. The gallery has sent us this message to share with you.

We are writing to remind you of the location of your class' photograph in the *Steve McQueen Year 3* exhibition at Tate Britain. Whilst we are unable to re-arrange any previous school group bookings or facilitate any new group bookings for the foreseeable future due to current restrictions, we hope that families will continue to visit until the end of the exhibition on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021.

Our school's photograph is location is 15.

### **Local Authority Bus Lanes**

There is a trial is being rolled out across London from Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September by TFL, which means certain bus lanes will be in operation 24/7. If you drive in those bus lanes you will be faced with a fine of up to £130. The affected roads in Lewisham are Amersham Road, Bromley Road, Eltham Road, Lee High Road, Lewisham Way, London

Road, New Cross Road, Parkfield Road, Queen's Road, Stanstead Road and Waldram Park Road. Please check the TFL website and do not be caught out.

### **Tik Tok**

It has been brought to our attention that there is a distressing and graphic video being widely shared on TikTok, which the platform is struggling to remove as it keeps being reloaded and shared. It is often appearing in the 'For You' page and starts with an older man with a beard sat at a desk.

[https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-54069650?intlink\\_from\\_url=https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/topics/c255806071xt/tiktok&link\\_location=live-reporting-story](https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-54069650?intlink_from_url=https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/topics/c255806071xt/tiktok&link_location=live-reporting-story)

We realise that many of your children may be too young to be accessing TikTok, but are also aware that our older children, or indeed their older siblings at other schools, may well be active on the platform. We would strongly recommend that you remove the app at this time until TikTok has been able to take the content down, so that your children do not inadvertently come across this video or related videos. We have to be aware that this may be a hoax, but even references to this video may be upsetting and frightening for children. **Please remember that the minimum age recommended for TikTok is 13.**

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Yours truly

Mrs R A Dove