



Sandhurst Primary School

Newsletter
Autumn Term
11th December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another exciting week here at Sandhurst. One more week to go. We look forward to welcoming back nursery on Monday. I very much enjoyed joining them on their sing-song this morning. Just to clarify from my email earlier in the week, next Friday 18th December is now an INSET day, but you, or your children, will not miss out on a day of education because June 7th 2021 will no longer be an INSET day it will be a school day.

Mr Searle will not be in school next week as he has to have a knee operation. On Monday Coconut class will be taught by Mr Parrot and then Mrs Thurkle will teach them for the rest of the week.

Please note the school lunch will be Fish and Chips on Thursday instead of Friday next week.

Here's what we have been learning this week.

Nursery have continued to learn from home this week. In Reception this week, they have been making decorations, cards and looking closely at 3d shapes. They have been sharing a range of Christmas themed stories. Year 1 have been learning all about the Christmas story and how people celebrate Christmas. They also did the final recording of their Christmas production. You are going to love it. In maths they have been focusing on 2D and 3D shapes. Year 2 have concluded their Time Travellers topic by making fact files about the life of Mary Seacole. In maths, they have been learning about number facts within 100. Year 3 in Maths, they designed and made a board game. They based it on either addition, subtraction or multiplication and today they are playing them! In English, they made a 2020 time capsule and wrote about what we put in it. This week Y4 have been writing non-chronological reports about their own Flanimal monster and have been learning about different types of rock and the rock cycle. Year 5 have been writing newspaper reports about the discovery of Tutankhamum's tomb and in maths learning the bus stop method of division. Year 6 have started their PSHE relationships education. We are so proud of their maturity and thoughtful contributions to class discussion. They have also been learning about the gruelling life of a poor Victorian child in preparation for next week's learning about Oliver Twist. In maths they have been continuing to deepen their understanding of fractions. They have also had fun filming their class Christmas video.

Arrangements for informing us of positive Covid-19 cases over Christmas

We will need to be informed of any positive cases of Covid-19 up to, and including 23rd December. Until that time I will need to be able to get hold of you if I have to ask you to self-isolate. So if your child tests positive you must phone me on 07803415583 or send me an email to rebeccaanddove@gmail.com (Please note in my previous correspondence I got the email address wrong and added an e!) I will need to know the date of the start of symptoms and the date of the positive test. I will then work with the DFE to establish the next steps. If your child were to test positive after this date, please leave a phone message and email to the same address, again clearly stating date of start of symptoms and date of test. This is so we can review all of these on the 4th January in order for us to establish the correct return date for each individual case. Thank you.

Activities for next week

Just to remind you all individual class or year group videos will go live on your secure Itslearning class page on Monday. You will need to use your child's Itslearning login to access this. On Tuesday evening we have our Zoom Carols by Candlelight Concert. More details to follow later in the letter. Wednesday is Christmas Jumper and Christmas dinner day and we conclude on Thursday with parties in the afternoon. Your children can wear appropriate party clothes on Thursday. Just to remind you there will not be food at the parties this year, but they will still have lots of fun and games. Monday is the last day for Christmas cards to come in to school so that we can give them out safely.

Carols by Candlelight by Zoom

This is very different this year as the choir has not been able to meet en-masse. So the concert will comprise of 12 soloist pieces. The parents of those 12 will receive a Zoom invitation to join us at 7pm on Tuesday evening. If anyone else wishes to join, please email the office and we will get the invitation sent out to you. We estimate there will be approximately 60 additional Zoom slots.

Car Idling

Following on from my email about cars idling around school we are considering buying banners to try and persuade drivers to turn off their engines. You might also want to have a look at this website <https://idlingaction.london/>

Exciting Christmas Event

We are thrilled that world class orchestra The Academy of St Martin in the Fields has offered to come and give two concerts at St Andrew's on Sunday 20th December. The programme will be a selection of well known Christmas tunes, there will be something to delight everyone. Lydia's (in Watermelon class) father Nick has been invited to play the organ to accompany the orchestra which is quite an honour and he is thrilled to take part.

Tickets are free with a collection on the way out and the church will be following social distancing rules with separate entry and exit points and socially distanced seating arrangements.

The concerts are at 5pm and 7.30pm and entry is free with a retiring collection. Please sign up on this eventbrite link to ensure entry.

This is an excellent opportunity for families to enjoy a world class event at the heart of their community.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/christmas-with-the-academy-of-st-martin-in-the-fields-tickets-130680050549>

Finally

Unless anything urgent crops up this will be my last newsletter of 2020. What a year it has been! I hope you all manage to have a fantastic holiday, in whatever way you can. I really look forward seeing you all back fit and well on Tuesday 5th January 2021.

Enjoy, Lots of Love

Mrs R A Dove