

Lost Property

Please remember to name all your children's uniform. We see a lot of lost property around the school, If it is not named we cannot reunite it with your child.

Diary

February 2024

9th - Mufti Day - Wear Red
9th - End of Term 3
12th-16th - School Holidays
19th- Start of Term 4

March 2024

28th - End of Term 4
29th - 12th April – School Holidays

April 2024

15th - Start of term 5

May 2024

6th - Bank Holiday - School Closed
24th- End of Term 5
27th-31st - School Holidays

June 2024

3rd - Inset Day 3
4th - Start of Term 6

July 2024

19th- End of Term 6
22nd- Inset Day 4
23rd - Inset Day 5

Children in Need

Big Thank you to every one who donated via ParentPay for Children in Need , we raised £359.50

Headteacher

It's a little late but welcome 2024. Reading has been a real success this year and your children have embraced the new library and accelerated reader program. If anyone has a spare afternoon we would very much appreciate your time to read with the children. A love of books is something special that stays with you for your whole life. Bedtime stories are a calm and vital part of everyones day, please find time. It is just the best way to end a hectic or stressful day.

Thank you to all of the parents, carers and grandparents who have been playing chess. We have over 50 players in school. Our school tournament is underway and we played our first matches against other schools last week. A great game for improving concentration and problem solving.

Please remember that we shall be wearing red in aid of the Air Ambulance on the last day of term. This is an organisation which is very close to our hearts, thank you for any donation on this day.



Online Safety

As many of your children have received devices such as games consoles, mobile phones, smart watches and switches, please read the attached link for advice on many of the dangers that children need to navigate when they are online.



<https://www.oiam.org/attachments/download.asp?file=364&type=pdf>

Indoor/Outdoor Library

Our Year 6 Librarians open the cabin at lunchtimes as a space for children to sit and read in peace.

If you have any good quality books or cushions you no longer want and you are happy to donate, please bring them in and hand them to the class teacher. Our librarians will then take them to the library.

Nursery

We would like to wish you a happy new year and welcome all of our new families to the nursery.

Now the weather has turned colder, please can all children wear appropriate clothing and footwear to nursery.

We are a freeflow setting and are outside in all weather.

Please can you make sure all coats, hats, scarves etc are clearly named.

Our nursery children will be exploring 'Starry night' over term 3. They will discover all about what happens in the world when they are asleep, nocturnal animals, the moon and stars and space. ★

Caretaker Corner

With the winter weather now well and truly with us, caretaking staff need to keep a regular watch on daily weather bulletins. Frost and snow present the school with some of the biggest problems in trying to ensure everyone is safe on the site, but we have salt, gritters, and shovels to try and make this possible. The school will always attempt to open, even in what might seem to be severe weather conditions - but this is only if we can maintain safety throughout the day and if a) keyholders are able to get to the school and b) a sufficient number of staff are able to get to the school. Personal safety is our key priority.

If you wake up to snow, always check on Dojo to see if the school is open. It may, on very rare instances, be necessary to delay the start time to enable the site team to clear pathways.

PE & Sports News

Happy New Year everyone!

We are looking at our cognitive skills this term in PE. Your children will be challenged to order instructions movements and skills and start to evaluate their own performances as well as others to look for areas of improvement.

We have a jam packed term of sport too! Indoor Athletics, Tag Rugby and Netball across years 3-6. We also have the Time to Dance festival to look forward to. 26 children that go to after school dance club will get to perform their routine in front of a sold out White Rock Theatre.

Please remember your child has two PE lessons in a week and one of them is outside. Therefore please ensure your child is extra prepared for the colder months. Full PE kit (tracksuit trousers, T shirt and hoody) and some extra layers e.g vest or thermal tops and hats and gloves.

Mr Davies

Attendance

Punctuality – January 2024

Over the last couple of weeks, there has been an increase in the numbers of pupils arriving late for school. Pupils who arrive late miss out on their early morning work and often disrupt the teaching and learning of others.

We would be grateful for the continued support of all parents in ensuring that their child leaves home early enough each morning to arrive in school on-time and in encouraging him/her to be punctual.

Good punctuality at school is essential for pupils to achieve their full educational potential. It is also vital for pupils to form good habits for later life.

The school gate opens between **8:30 am – 8:45 pm** – Please be on time!

Mufti Day

Friday 9th February 2024

Wear Red to support **Kent Surrey Sussex Air Ambulance**.

We will be having a **Wear Red Day** to support the KSSX Air Ambulance in memory of both Harry Dennis and Dylan Davies who were former pupils at Sandown. Both Dylan and Harry's families would like us to support this fundraiser in memory of their sons. Please wear something red and give generously via Parent Pay - "Charity Day"

