

FOS Fireworks Spectacular

Saturday 18th November

Advance Purchase

Family of 4 ticket (2 adults/2 Children) - £14.00

Adult Ticket - £5.00

Child Ticket (under 16's) - £3.00

Under 3's are Free.

Tickets will be available at the end of the school day after half term.

Diary

October 2023

20th - End of Term 1

23rd- 27th School Holidays

30th - Start of Term 2

November 2023

18th- FOS Firework Spectacular

29th- Flu Vaccinations YR-Y6

December 2023

4th - Reception Nativity - 2pm

5th - Reception Nativity - 2pm

6th - Nursery Christmas Concert - 2.30pm

13th - Christmas Dinner

13th - Y2 Christmas Concert -

2pm & 5pm

15th - Last Day of Term 2

January 2024

2nd - Inset Day 2 - School Closed

3rd - Start of Term 3

February 2024

9th - Last Day of Term 3

19th - Start of Term 4

Headteacher

This term seems to have flown by. We are now full in every year group which shows how popular our wonderful school has become.

This year's focus is on helping children develop a love for reading. We have a new Key stage 2 library and are using Accelerated reader in school to help find books at an appropriate level. Please still find time to enjoy a book with your child even if they are in Year 6.

At a time when our Year 6 children are looking around secondary schools I would like to highlight our aim to create and foster independent learners. I'm afraid there are still too many excuses for not completing homework or reading every night. Homework must be in by Wednesday every week, and this is their responsibility, but we need everyone to support this. Our biggest challenge as a community is to help create a 'work ethic' as this has a significant impact on the life chances of your children. A positive contribution to society and 'Bringing Home and School Together' is the central branch of the Sandown Tree.

We are an exceptional community and by nurturing everyone we can improve life for us all.

Wellbeing and Mental Health

Our children love gaming and playing online. What children tells us is that they WANT adults in their life to be involved with their online activities. Please talk to your children about what they are enjoying online, play a game with them online and use this handy poster for some ideas.

We know that they find completing their homework interrupts their digital world but they do need to organise their time to fit that in too.



Please click on the link below for more details

<https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/brunshaw-primary-school/UploadedDocument/f5eac2c5-e577-42f4-9619-05596b6abc5a/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-setting-boundaries-around-gaming.pdf>



Nursery

We have welcomed new families to the nursery this September. All of the children new and existing have settled into the routine brilliantly 😊

With the weather now turning 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.

We hope you all have a lovely half term break.

The nursery team 😊

Caretaker Corner

A reasonably quiet period coming up for the caretaking staff during the forthcoming half-term when compared with the summer recess, but we will have some regular service and other contractors on site. The focus when the school re-opens will be preparation for late autumn and winter - ensuring that the heating system is fully functional and that we can deal as well as we can with ice and snow, which is always a challenge. There will be more on this in the next Newsletter.

School Uniform

Just a reminder to please label all your child's uniform, Lunch bags etc. All named items found can then be reunited with their owners. Unnamed items can be found in the lost property box by the footpath gate.

PE & Sports News

We have had an amazing first term of PE across the school. Our focus has been our 'Personal' skills. From following instructions and good listening all the way up to challenging ourselves and learning to be resilient when things get tough.

Applying their personal skills and trying to improve their running times, KS2 have been timed to be able to enter our Cross Country event on 9th November. Over 120 children have qualified and will receive their letter at the start of next term.

We've had three very successful football tournaments at Sandown. We have hosted a total of 29 schools from the Hastings and Rother area accumulating over 280 fixtures of football! This has enabled nearly 60 children from KS2 to be able to represent the school already this term.

With the weather changing can I please remind you to ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for outdoor PE. E.g vest, joggers, hoodie, hat / gloves.

Attendance: Let's talk lateness!!

Poor punctuality is not acceptable! Late arriving pupils disrupt lessons and other children already working and can also cause embarrassment for your child.

The school day officially starts at **8:45 am** (gates are open from 8:30 - 8:45 am). Any child arriving after 8.45am will be recorded as Late ('L' code used). Currently, the registers close at 9:15 am, and any child arriving after **9.10am** will now receive a mark that shows them to be 'Unauthorised' late ('U' code used). This will not count as a present mark and will mean they have an unauthorised absence mark. Too many 'U codes' means that you face the possibility of a Fixed Penalty Notice.

[Let's work together to improve lateness!!](#)

Governors

We have seen lots of changes in the Governing body since last year and at the end of Term 6 we said goodbye and thank you to three of our governors.

Alison Tripp who we wish every success to in her new job and venture.

Richard Street who served as a governor for 25 years and dedicated 5 years within his role at Sandown. He has a very active role within the local community, and you may see him at the Ore Library in the future.

Jackson Forrester who served as our Chair of Governors and who dedicated many years supporting the school, staff, and pupils and welcoming new governors to the board during his time.

We are very happy to welcome and introduce our new school governors: Phill Smith, Sara Parker-Lusted and Grace Wicks who we are very excited to have on the board and who will bring a range of skills and expertise in a variety of areas.

Kerrie Muchmore has been appointed our Chair of governors and Hayley Cross continues in her role as Vice Chair.