



SANDOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL



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School Uniform

Please remember our uniform rules...

- * Black shoes
- * Navy Blue polo shirts
- * Blue dresses for summer only (although a bit early :)

Earrings - small studs only no hoops

Phonics and Reading Invite

Miss Winchester and Miss Owen would like to invite all parents and carers of year 1 and 2 children to attend a phonics and reading session. This will take place in the main hall on Tuesday February 11th at 2-3pm. Please look out for an additional letter to book your place.

The aim is to help support your children with phonics and reading. Our last reception event was very successful and well attended.



Reception Stay and Play

All reception parents and carers are invited to attend our Stay and Play session on Tuesday 4th February at 8.45-9.30.

This is a lovely chance for you to come along and see what your child does in reception. We have been so impressed by your children.

Important Events

February

- 4th - Stay and Play (Reception)
- 11th - Phonics drop in for Yrs. 1&2
- 12th - Time to Dance
- 14th - Home learning celebration
- 14th - End of Term 3
- 24th - School starts (Term 4)
- 24th - After School Clubs continue as per term 3

March

- 6th - World Book Day
- 21st - Sport Relief Day

'The Best That We Can Be.'



I would like to start by saying thank you to all parents and carers who have been supporting us with their children's learning this term. We have really raised expectations of the children within the class. To win a Superstar award in Funky Friday not only do children now need to be polite and respectful they must show good behaviour for learning in the classroom. This means knowing the Walt and Wisll and also how to improve their work using level descriptors.

Thank you to all the parents who are working with Mrs Sutton playing the speech and language games at home. The take up for this has been brilliant and highlights the impact we have when we all work together.

You really do make a massive difference so please make sure your children are reading every night and have completed some home learning for the celebration event on the last day of this term.



Home Learning

This terms home learning event is on the afternoon of Friday 14th February. You can find the home learning for your year group on the [school website](#) under year groups. We will be awarding rosettes and certificates for outstanding home learning. Please remember presentation counts!

Learning Spotlight - Work in Children's Books

This months learning focus is to improve the quality of work in exercise books. Children need to take pride in their learning to make sure they produce the best quality work they are able to. Producing quality work in books means improving two main aspects; presentation of work and content of work. To improve presentation and content we are encouraging children to take time when writing, follow the handwriting policy of the school and use strategies to make writing exciting.

You can support the school with this spotlight by encouraging your child to think about their presentation of home learning as well as supporting them to think about making writing exciting by discussing with them the strategies they have been taught at school.

Attendance

Congratulations to Freddie Harding who won £50 worth of Odeon Vouchers for 100% attendance last term. Attendance remains at 96.1% which is very impressive. This terms focus is punctuality and we are keeping a weekly log of this with the children. Please make sure your child is at school by 8.40am.



High Achievers

At Sandown we are looking for every opportunity to stretch our high achievers.

This term this includes level 6 reading and writing groups that are held here and at St.Pauls Primary School. 22 children from across our Learning Together Alliance of Schools (Sandown, Castledown, Guestling, St.Pauls and Silverdale) are working together to reach level 6. I am particularly proud of Jamie Taheny and Matthew Steward who achieved the two highest scores in the recent maths assessment.

Mrs Harley is also running a debating group who will be competing against other schools this term. They are becoming very persuasive and having a lot of fun.



They have even been debating subjects as :

- ◆ Are brussel sprouts more tasty than chocolate?
- ◆ Should all headteachers be female?

A little bit cheeky but difficult subjects to debate.