

Sandown Primary School Newsletter



School Uniform

It is great to see so many of the children wearing the new uniform. Everyone has come back looking very smart and ready to learn. Please remember trainers are not part of our uniform. Children may change into trainers at break times and we would encourage them to wear trainers for PE. Please name every item of uniform including shoes and trainers.

Reading Champions

Mrs. Tugwell was overwhelmed with the response by parents who want to become a Sandown Reading Champion. We know that pupils who read regularly and have a true love of books are more successful throughout their school lives. We will be holding 2 workshops in the new Log Cabin on 15th and 22nd of September at 2pm. Everyone who attends the workshops will receive a book to keep and share with your child at home. If you would like to get involved with this project, please give the office your name

High Aspirations

After a wonderful summer of Olympic Success, we are all inspired by Team GB to have High Aspirations. As we settle into our new school year, we are thinking about how every child and every family can reach their highest potential. As you all know, we really value your support and together we are aspiring to change and improve the lives of our community to be healthier and more fulfilled. This year Mr.Hamed will be on the KS2 playground every morning to welcome the children with a physical

activity. This may be table tennis, run-a-mile or fitness circuits. As part of our Healthy Living Plan, we would love to see some of you joining in with these activities every morning. Our staff are also considering ways to keep themselves mentally and physically well. This year we aim to be even more successful in local sporting and cultural events.

We are very proud of the way that both children and parents have coped with our new early morning arrangements. We really are encouraging you to

drop your child and leave them as quickly as possible. This enables us to settle them and for them to become even more independent. The new arrangement for Year 1 seems to be working very well. We are confident that this will be our best year ever. Please come and talk to us if you have any ideas about ways we can make Sandown even better. Our Facebook Page is a great way to keep in touch but please remember that this is not a place to air your issues. We would much rather speak to you face to face.



Route 1066 and Thrive Parades

This year is the 950th Anniversary of The Battle of Hastings. Route 1066 has been organizing lots of local events and as part of our local history, it is a great way for our families to learn about possibly the most famous event in our country's history. Some of the infants painted gold pebbles as part of an installation at Pevensy Castle. Families are also been invited to attend a parade on the Stade on 15th October at 4.30pm.

School Governors

Welcome to our new governor, Emma Hall. We are looking to recruit a new parent governor. If you are interested in finding out more about becoming a Governor please speak to Mrs. Tugwell by Friday 23rd September.

Book Bags

Please do not send your child into school with a rucksack. With our larger class sizes, there is no longer space in the cloakrooms to hang these bags. Every child is required to have a Book Bag. Lunch Boxes will go onto the trolley.

Vacancies

We have a vacancy for a cleaner, an MDSA and a Teaching Assistant. If you would like to apply for one of these roles, please speak to Mrs. Pugh or enquire at the office.

Diary

15th Sept - Reading Champion Workshop
22nd Sept - Reading Champion Workshop
30th Sept - Inset Day
7th Oct - Inset Day
21st Oct - End of term 1
24-28th Oct - School Holiday
31st Oct - Start of term 2
3rd Nov - School Photos
8th Nov - Parents Evening 4-7pm
10th Nov - Parents Evening 3.30 - 5.30pm
12th Nov - PTA Firework Night 5.30pm - 8.00pm

Kenny's Cabin



Our new Log Cabin has been built over the summer and we are looking forward to welcoming many of you to use this lovely new facility. Our Parent Support Adviser (PSA) Annette Davies worked hard with a previous member of staff (Sharon Kenny) to secure the funding for this cabin and we will be holding a Grand Opening on Wednesday 28th September at 2:30pm. The cabin will be used for Parent Groups, Thrive and a range of activities including cookery, sewing and crafts.

If you have any ideas for groups you would like to see run, please speak to Annette.

Extended Schools Provision - Clubs

Sunrise and Sunset Clubs now take place in the room at the front of the school. If you are late collecting your child at the end of the day, they will be taken to Sunset Club by their class teacher. After 3.30pm you will be charged for Sunset Club.

If your child is booked into an activity club after school and they are not attending on a particular day please phone into the office and let us know. This also

applies to Sunset Club. Failure to cancel your child's place at Sunset Club will result in you still being charged as we may have to turn others away.

All Activity Clubs must be paid for by the end of this week please. (Please note - refunds will not be issued if your child does not attend.)

Head lice

Parents are already finding nits in their child's hair. Please check your child's hair regularly. Lotion to treat head lice can be obtained from the chemist or on prescription by the G.P. It is advisable for children with shoulder length hair to have their hair tied back every day.