

Sandown Primary School Newsletter



Sunrise Breakfast Club

As we are now situated at the front of the school, could we please ask parents to try and encourage your child to be dropped off inside the gate and come inside on their own. A member of the team will be on the gate to welcome them into Sunrise Club. – Thank you.

Sickness

If your child is sick or has a bug, please ensure they are kept off school until you are positive they have recovered. Whilst the NHS guidance is 48 hours we would ask that parents are sensible and consider other pupils and staff health. We accept that sometimes children have recovered within 48 hours and are ready to return after 24 hours.

Change of Diary Date

The PTA Xmas Fair will now take place on Friday 2nd December – More details to follow nearer the time.

High Aspirations

We were very pleased to welcome John Wakely from The Southover Manor Trust to the opening of our new learning space. Sharon Kenny was also able to attend and it was great to see her enjoying the facility that she was so passionate about creating for our pupils and their families.



Our new school ambassadors have been appointed and will represent Sandown at several local events.



I am always very proud to hear how well our pupils behave whenever they attend local events. This was recently the case when Year 3 visited Fairlight Hall to learn how our food comes 'From Field to Fork.'



I have met with every Year 6 pupil this week to discuss High Aspirations. Every child is thinking how they can use our school visions to improve their learning and be ready for Secondary School in 2017. They have been asked to collect evidence and they will make a presentation to their parents and me in July before leaving us to head out into the wider world.

Hastings Storytelling Festival

Sandown School have been chosen to host 'Three Half Pints Present The Bad Guys' @ 7pm on 7th November. This is a free event for families and the reviews claim '**your cheeks will hurt from smiling so much.**' The whole school will be focusing on Storytelling Week and we will be making banners to take part in the parade at The Stade @ 12pm on Sunday 13th November. It would be great to see lots of families taking part in the parade.

School Council

Our new school council met this week. We welcomed our governor Mrs. Sarah Pidgeon and elected our chair – Gabe Worley (Silver Birch), our vice chair – Joey Walker (Chestnut) and our 2 secretaries Charlie Glazier and Georgie Benton. All school councillors were given a badge which they are very proud to wear. At our next meeting we will be looking at Fund Raising events for the year.

School Governors

We are pleased to welcome Mr. Nigel Woodcock onto our Governing Body as a Parent Governor. Nigel has children in years 1, 4 and 6.

Photo / Group Permissions

We are improving our school website and will be posting more photos of the children's learning. Unless you inform us otherwise we will publish photos on the school website and allow photos to be published in the local press. At times during their school year, your child may be included in a group to support their learning or emotional development. We will not always require your permission for these groups but you will be informed that they are taking place.

Diary

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 - 6.00pm
15th Nov - Reception
parents are invited to **Stay and Play** 8.30-9.45am
22nd, 24th, 28th Nov -
Prospective parents for Sept 2017 open afternoons - 1.15pm - 2.45pm
29th Nov - Yr5 Big Sing @ the White Rock 5.30pm

Harvest



Thank You to all of our families who were so generous with their donations of harvest. The food was donated to local charity Dom's Food Mission who were extremely grateful to be able to help several families.

Cross Country Champions

It was great to see so many pupils trying out for the cross country. 68 pupils took part in the actual race which was a record for the school and 15 qualified for the next round. Out of 4 actual races we had two winners, our best result ever. A special well done to Phoebe Barham and Max Manley Clarke for winning their races. As part of our Healthy Schools Program we are encouraging all of our school community to participate in more activities that help keep us fit and well both in mind and body.

Extended Schools Provision - Clubs

Our Extended Schools provision is something we are proud of and that we are always aiming to improve. The new activities at Sunset Club have been well received by the children and everyone enjoys film night on a Friday.

Session Prices as from 31/10/16

1 hour £3 (3.20-4.20)
2 hours £5.50 (3.20-5.20)
Full session £7.00
Sunset Club runs from 3.20pm - 5.45

Please note: If your child goes to an activity club and then attends Sunset club until 5.45pm the price for this session will be £4.50

HALF TERM ACTIVITIES

Alexandra Park

On Wednesday 26th October Mr. Hamed and Annette Davis will be hosting a family Walk in the Park. Please meet at 2pm at the Band Stand. In the event of bad weather please contact Annette on 07516067725.

ParentMail

Please contact the office if you are experiencing problems with receiving texts or emails from ParentMail, We use this service to send information regarding emergency school closures, club cancellations and for sharing other important information. You can also advise us of your child's absence by downloading the free ParentMail PMX app.