

Sandown Primary School Newsletter



Car Park

Polite Reminder - The car park is strictly for staff use only. Please do not come in to the car park or wait on the white zigzags at the end of the day when picking up from after school clubs.

Cleaner Vacancy

We are looking to recruit another cleaner for 10 hours per week from 3.30-5.30p.m. There are also some hours to be worked in the holidays. The annual salary is £3824.00 per annum. If you are interested, please request an application pack from the school office. Closing date is noon 25th January 2017.

Yellow Day

We will be having a mufti day on **Friday 10th February** in aid of St Michael's hospice who are celebrating their 30th Anniversary. The hospice needs to raise £10,000 per day to continue providing care to the local community. Please come to school in something yellow. We are asking for a minimum donation of £1.00

High Aspirations

Welcome to Term 3 and a belated 'Happy New Year.' Everyone has come back to school very focused and I am really impressed with the learning and attitudes across the school. This year our focus continues to be on 'Aspirations' and we are busy planning an 'Aspirations Week' during Term 4. The part we all play in inspiring our children and giving them positive role models is the key to growing successful, happy children who will take their place in society. You will notice some year 6 pupils in silver sweatshirts. If you ask them they will

tell you about their aspirations and how they earned them! In these times of increasing cuts, employment and having a job is becoming more important than ever. Our MI4 project is currently working with parents and children in Year 4 to look at how parents can play an even stronger part in their child's education. We have built a strong team of parents who now volunteer in our school. We will be starting our Gardening Group this term which is led by a parent in Reception. We hope to take part in the Ore in

Bloom contest.

I have also been very pleased to see so many children dressed appropriately for outside PE in this cold weather. The new Sandown Tracksuits can be ordered from the school office and those children who have already bought them look smart.

Mr. Lindsay



School Council

The School Council meeting at the end of last term was a Christmas Party! The children brought lots of ideas about things their classmates wanted to have in school. We decided not to have a statue of Mr. Lindsay at the front of the school but we have got a birdwatching club and a lunchtime reading hut now on the KS2 playground. The school councilors also met some student teachers and asked them lots of interesting questions. The man who came from Brighton University said they were some of the best questions he had ever heard!

Governors News

Welcome to Mrs. Emma Frame who has been appointed as from this month to the Governing Body as a Co-opted Governor. Emma's appointment brings the number of our school's governors to 10 which is our full complement and she will be one of the five co-opted governors that we are allowed. The Governing Body has been busy this term looking at how well pupils across the school are achieving and the progress they are making, as well as how well the school is doing in relation to the targets set out in School Improvement Plan for the current school year. We have also reviewed, with the crucial support and guidance of staff, a number of key school policies. In particular, the policies for Safeguarding, eSafety, and Behaviour. You can find these and other key school policies and documents on the school website under the 'Information for Ofsted' tab.

Adult Literacy

Do you find reading difficult? Do you know a parent or family member who needs some help with reading and writing?

We are setting up an Adult Literacy group in the cabin to help our families. This will then help them to work with their children on Home Learning or hearing them read.

If you are interested, please speak to Mrs. Tugwell or Mrs. Owen.

Diary

2017

30th Jan - 1st Feb - Yr 5 Residential trip to Mallydams.
10th Feb - Mufti Day
10th Feb - PTA School Disco
10th Feb - End of Term 3
20th Feb - Start of Term 4
27th Feb - Yr5 PGL Meeting - 3.20pm.
2nd Mch - World Book Day
17th March - Mufti day for Easter Fair
24th March - Easter fair 3pm.
22nd Mch - 1.15-3.20pm
Inter school Cross country at Sandown School.
31st Mch - End of Term 4
18th Apr - **School closed (INSET day)**
19th Apr - Start of Term 5
20th Apr - Class Photos
25th Apr - Parents Evening (4 - 7pm)
27th Apr - Parents Evening (3.30 - 5.30pm)
1st May - Bank Holiday
(School Closed)
8th May - YR6 SATS week
25th May - End of Term 5

Parent Champions / Volunteering at Sandown

Over the past year, we have trained and welcomed a team of enthusiastic parents and grandparents into our school to help children with reading and maths. The teachers and pupils are very positive about having our Parent Champions in school and it gives children the chance to have extra support. Several new parents have now signed up to be Sandown Champions and I will be holding a workshop in The Cabin on Thursday 26th January at 2pm. If you would like to be a volunteer in school and help with reading, playing maths games, gardening or even the chickens (we need Chicken Champions), please come along to find out more. We have also noticed that the children of several of our existing champions have started to make better progress and have a more positive attitude to their learning since their parents have been helping in school.

Parents of pupils with additional needs are also working well with us to look at how we can support their children without any additional funding now that county has made so many cuts in this area.

PTA News - Disco

We will be holding a **Yellow** themed disco after school on Friday 10th February. The cost will be **£2.50** per child (payable in advance in class or at the entrance.) Children will be given a wrist band. This will include entry, a small bag of sweets and a drink. Paying in advance will reduce the need to queue on the night. Parents will need to drop their child at the front door and collect them afterwards from the usual classroom door that they leave from at the end of the school day. Parents will **not** be invited to attend the disco. This is due to safeguarding checks.

Rec and KS1 - 3.30pm - 4.30pm / KS2 - 4.45pm - 5.45pm

Y5/6 will leave via the back steps exit. Please collect your child as they will not be permitted to walk home alone after the disco.

Extended Schools Provision - Clubs

Sunrise Club (Breakfast Club)

With effect from 20th February, Sunrise club pricing will change to the following:

Daily: **£2.50** per child, per session payable on the morning at drop off.

Weekly: **£10.00** per child, per week (Mon-Fri), payable in advance.

Monthly: Please contact Mrs. Atkinson to arrange this payment option.

Payments to be made in:

Cash

Cheques (made payable to Sandown School Fund)

BACS (only available for Weekly/Monthly payments, Please ask for BACS details)

Sunrise Club is open every school day from 7.35am until 8.54am (when registration starts), there is no need to book - just turn up!

Please arrive no later than 8.10am. Sunrise club is located at the front of the school inside the fenced room.

Sports Kit Sponsor

Sandown have been increasingly successful in sporting events this year. We are very proud of all of our sports teams and Mr. Hamed, Mr. Davis, Mr. Brown and other sporty staff have really inspired the children to take part and aim to win. We are currently buying new event kits and would like to offer an opportunity to any of our parents or families to sponsor our kit. Please speak to Mr. Lindsay or Mr. Hamed if you would like to see your company name worn on our sports gear.