

Sandown Primary School Newsletter



Readathon

Thank you to all those families that took part in our Readathon campaign. We raised the sum of £255 which will provide new books and story teller visits to children's hospitals across the U.K

Sports Days

Some dates for your diary - further information will be sent out nearer the time.

20th June - Reception & KS 1

21st June - Yr3/4 Sports Day

22nd June - Yr5/6 Sports Day

School Gardening

Our school garden is beginning to grow and we are very grateful to Kathryn Joly for her time spent helping us. If you would be able to spare some time each week on the school gardening, please let us know. We really need some things. If you are able to donate canes, veg or fruit plants, an old wheelbarrow, or some large pots (plastic, terracotta) that would be great!

Menu change

Chartwells will be offering a themed menu on Thursday 18th May - more details to follow via parentmail.

Ponies, Playgrounds and Pride in All We Do

It has been a busy Spring and Year 6 are getting ready for their SAT tests this week. They are and have been a really mature and hard-working year. We have begun to give out Silver sweatshirts to pupils in Year 6 who demonstrate our school vision and are ready to move on to secondary school as young men and women. This was an idea thought up by them and many more will be receiving them over the next term.

The school is now officially full and we have long waiting lists for places.

This is down to all of our hard work as a community and we are now seen as one of the best schools in Hastings, thank you.



I would like to welcome all our new families who have now been given a place for September. We have been asked to take an additional reception class next year due to our popularity.

In response to many parents' ideas we will be refurbishing and expanding the hall over the Summer holidays. The school crossing will also be completed and there will be a new path entrance to the school. Our push for this term is times tables. You will notice that if your child is in Years 3-6 they will be wearing a bracelet. Please help them by asking questions including their division facts.



Attendance and Holidays

One of our key issues in school is pupil attendance. We have a variety of prizes to encourage and celebrate excellent attendance. Our new addition are the ponies Mia and Myla and I am very proud to say that last week attendance went up to 95.2%. The class with the best attendance each week will visit the ponies, feed them, stroke them and also help out with the chickens. In addition children with 100% attendance will have extra visits over the whole year. We are also a school which celebrates the attendance with cinema prizes and the end of year bike prize. The school and our community have worked extremely hard to receive our Good judgement by Ofsted last May but we really all need to work together to raise our attendance to 97% and reduce persistent absence. If pupils are consistently late or have poor attendance or take holiday then you will be issued with a penalty notice. Although I understand that taking holiday is cheaper in term time it is not helping our school and in fact puts the school's future at risk. Therefore Sandown Primary School will not authorise any holiday over 2 days. Our new school commitment states that we will not take holiday in term time and, although I am sympathetic, as headteacher I am responsible for maintaining the good status of the school. This school is great and I love working here. It is the most popular school in the area and we have long waiting lists. So please, please, please as parents your role is to make sure your children attend regularly, are on time and that you do not take holiday in term time.

Medicine

As the Hayfever season approaches we are being asked to administer more and more antihistamine medication to children during the school day. We are therefore asking if your child suffers with Hayfever if you could consider giving them a slow releasing antihistamine such as Cetirizine Hydrochloride or Loratadine (available on prescription and over the counter at all chemists.) Please click here for more information.

[Loratadine Allergy](#)

[Cetirizine hay fever](#)

Diary

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8th - 12th May - YR6 SATS week

22nd May - 6C Bikeability

26th May - End of Term 5

5th June - Start of Term 6

12th June - 6SB Bikeability

13th June - New to Rec

Parents meeting 3.40pm

15th June - New to Rec

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6th July - New to Rec -Teddy Bears Picnic

13th July - Yr6 Concert

14th July - Yr6 Concert

17th July - Yr6 Prom

21st July - End of Term 6

5th Sept - Start of Term 1

Fidget Spinners

We request that Fidget Spinners are not brought into school. Thank you.

Sunny Days Holiday Club

Following lots of discussions with many of our working parents, we are very pleased to be able to offer a Summer Holiday Club this year. The club will be called Sunny Days and will run for 2 weeks at the end of the Summer Holidays. Shelley Meadows, one of our MDSA Playleaders will be organizing and running this club. It will run daily from 8-4.30pm and the cost will be £30 for the day. Children will need to bring a packed lunch each day. There will be lots of exciting activities and visitors will be coming in too. Payment will be due at the time of booking and no refunds are available. If you are interested in finding out more, please email MeadowsS@sandown.school

Oscar Winners

Congratulations to last week's Oscar winner Fletcher Rose who is always kind and caring
Congratulations this week to Kadey Jade Lawrence who is focused at all times and is keen to get involved in all aspects of learning. Congratulations to Imogen Blakeman-Hennessy who brings a smile into school every morning,

PTA News

The PTA meet each month and are busy planning lots of fundraising events for our school. Every class has received some new resources - ask your child about what the PTA has provided in their class. They are also providing some new books for our library and paid for the plants and hanging baskets at the front of the school. Thank You to everyone who donated items for the Easter Fair. We raised over £600.

The next PTA events include the Summer Fair which will be on Saturday July 1st. This is always a great day out for the whole family. Our Y6 Leavers Prom is a highlight of the year and the PTA will be organising this event for us again this year.

School Council

The School Council met last Friday and came up with suggestions to be included in next year's School Improvement Plan. A music room, more playground toys and a bigger hall were all suggested.

Parking

We have been advised of some criminal damage to fencing at the new flats development on the corner of Clifton Road. Please **do not** park there, the flats have now been sold and it is therefore private property.

NHS Questionnaire

The School Public Health Service offers parents of reception-age children the chance to fill in a questionnaire about your child's health. If you have not already done so, please complete the questionnaire online here:

www.kentcht.nhs.uk/rq. The questionnaire is designed to identify any potential health concerns that could impact on your child's development so we can then offer advice and support. The questionnaire can be completed on your smartphone, tablet or computer or we can provide you with a paper version

- please contact us on **01424 728368** for your copy. If you don't have any concerns about your child's health, please consider completing the questionnaire anyway as this will help us to improve our service. If you have any queries or concerns, you can contact the service on **01424 728368**.

Birthday Treats

Some of our parents kindly bring in goodies for the class to share to celebrate their child's birthday - We have been asked by some parents if these could not include Lollipops due to the damage they can cause to teeth!