



Sandown Primary School and Nursery Newsletter

April 2022

Diary

April 2022

1st - End of Term 4
4th - 18th - School Closed for Easter Holidays
19th - Start of Term 5

May 2022

2nd - Bank Holiday School Closed
27th - Inset Day 5 - School Closed
30th - 3rd June - School Closed

June 2022

6th - Start of Term 6

July 2022

21st - End of Term 6
22nd - 31st August - School Closed

September 2022

1st - Inset Day 1 – School Closed
2nd - Inset Day 2 - School Closed
5th - Start of Term 1

Yellow Day for St. Michael's Hospice

We have been advised by St. Michael's Hospice that we raised £364.77 for dressing in yellow on the 21st February. The office ladies baked cakes to sell to the staff and raised £152.84 making it a grand total of **£517.61** raised.

Amazing! Well done everyone.

Lost Property

Please ensure all property is named. This helps us to ensure lost items can be reunited with their rightful owners.

Headteacher

This has been the best term we have had at school in the last 2 years. We gave out more prizes in today's Funky Friday Assembly than ever before. We have had sunshine and snow all in the same week and things almost feel like they are back to normal. Could I please confirm that it is now expected that adults and pupils attend work and school unless they are actually unwell. So if you are positive but well, you need to attend school.

We are back to our old winning ways, what an achievement to win the cross country. This was organised brilliantly and more schools and children attended than ever before, a real success.

Staff have been exceptional during these difficult times and we have all truly been the best that we can be. Spring is here, a time for new challenges and new lives. I'd like to wish you all a happy Easter. Contemplate on how we can all make our community an even better place. Look for a job, support in school, take up a new hobby but let's all make a greater effort to improve our lives and the lives of your fabulous children.

Thank you, Mr Lindsay

Staying safe in a digital world - phones

Why do you want to get a phone?

Whilst deciding if it is time for your child to have their first phone can be a great opportunity to find out what your child expects to use their phone for. This could be for connecting with friends, playing games, for keeping in touch whilst out of the house or other reasons.

How can we do more online together?

Ask your child about activities or games that you could enjoy as a family, this can be a great time to establish a Family Agreement to manage your family's time online.

Governors

The governing board would like to welcome Mrs Apps as our new staff governor.

We'd like to wish everyone a well deserved break over Easter.

Nursery

The children have been exploring 'Do dragons exist?' covering dragons, castles, kings & queens, eggs, weaving and fairy tales.

Parent consultations will be on Tuesday 26th April (Saplings) and 03rd May (Acorns) - Further information will be posted on nursery dojo soon.

After the Easter break as the weather warms up please can sun cream and a hat be provided in their bags. We ask that shoulders are covered and sensible footwear worn. We return to nursery on Tuesday 19th April. Happy Easter to all our families.

Caretaker Corner

Our cleaning team undertake 3 Deep Cleans during school recesses each year, the Easter break being one of those periods. The Deep Clean allows extra time for our team to clean behind units, clean carpets and rugs, buff the school hall, dust at high level, wipe clean walls and skirting boards, etc. etc. places they often don't get the time to get to during a normal working day. The whole school should be nice and fresh for all staff and children to come back to in mid-April.

Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal

Wow! What a wonderful response! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! We have raised an amazing

£673.50 today.

PE & Sports News

This term children have been exploring their creativity skills in PE. The rise in temperature recently has been very welcoming and fingers crossed it continues for term 5. Please remember to provide your child with a hat and sun cream for those sunny days. This term has been amazing for sports, we have been super lucky to take part in so many competitions; Netball, Indoor Athletics, Football, Cross Country and Hockey. The Sandown Cross Country was a particular highlight with 15 schools attending and 564 children competing. Winning the Cup was an added bonus too!



Attendance



Happy Easter Holidays to one and allPhew, what a term!! A well-deserved term break filled with sunshine and fun and maybe even some chocolate!

Covid has been rife and everyone has done so well adapting to the new rules surrounding isolation etc. Covid is officially deescalated to endemic status from 1st April and we must do what we can to ensure our children reach their full potential – powering through and working hard together.

Overall school attendance is currently 94.63% and we hope that term 5 brings warm weather reducing bugs and viruses which in turn allows our children to fully reconnect with their education without constant disruption to their learning due to illness/absences.

Children's social, emotional and academic progress is underpinned by regular school attendance, we will be Aiming High and working as a Team to ensure positive progression for our school community – The Best We Can Be!!!!

Essential Skills - Careers Café Event



Every child attended an inspiring day meeting over 25 different people from a range of jobs. We want to raise our children's aspirations and encourage them to understand that the Essential Skills they use in Nursery and Primary School are the same skills that everybody uses in the workplace.

School Lunches

The price for a school dinner will be increased to **£2.20** from the **19th April 2022**. Please remember that all meals should be paid via ParentPay on the day they are taken. Packed lunch option will also be available from the 19th April 2022.