

Diary

May 2024

13th - 16th - Y6 SATS
24th - Last day of Term 5
27th - 31st - School Holidays

June 2024

3rd - Inset Day 3 – School Closed
4th - Start of Term 6
18th - Nursery & Rec Sports Day 9.30-11.30am
18th - KS1 Sports Day 1.00pm - 3.00pm
19th - Yr3/4 Sports Day 1.00pm -3.00pm
20th - Yr5/6 Sports Day 1pm - 3.00pm

July 2024

15th - Y6 Prom,
19th - last day of Term 6
22nd - Inset Day 4 - School - Closed
23rd - Inset Day 5 - School Closed
24th July - 30th August - School Holidays

September 2024

2nd - Inset Day 1 - School Closed
3rd - Start of Term 1
4th - Summer Born Rec Children Taster Day
5th - Spring Born Rec Children Taster Day
6th - Winter Born Rec Children Taster Day
9th - All Rec Children attend school

Headteacher

This term is moving so fast, we are already half way through the term. Playtimes have been a pleasure. The new calm zone and game zones that the school council designed and asked for have been a real success.

There have been so many sporting successes in golf, football, athletics and netball to name but a few. Who would believe that our chess team have qualified for the county finals for the first time in our school history. Some children have been to wider chess events and could well be representing at county level next year.

We are presently reviewing our home work policy and some parents will be trialling Doodle Maths. The aim is to be even more independent with their learning, in a supported way.

Good luck to our year 6 children who will be taking their SATs test in the next few weeks. We are already so proud of their attitudes. We know they are going to smash them.

Thank you for helping us be a great community ,

Mr .Lindsay



Online Safety

Did you know that around a quarter of 5-7 year-olds **(24%)** now own a smartphone, while three-quarters use a tablet (76%).

Compared to a year ago, a higher proportion of 5-7s go online to send messages or make voice/video calls (59% to 65%) or to watch live-streamed content (39% to 50%).

Similarly, overall use of social media sites or apps among all 5-7s has increased year-on-year (30% to 38%), with WhatsApp (29% to 37%), TikTok (25% to 30%), Instagram (14% to 22%) and Discord (2% to 4%) seeing particular growth among this age group.

Online gaming among 5-7 year-olds has also seen a significant annual increase – 41%, up from 34% – with more children of this age playing shooter games than ever before (15%, up from 10%).

Today's research comes as Ofcom prepares to consult in the coming weeks on a comprehensive set of proposals to ensure **children** are better protected online. We as parents and school staff also play a part in ensuring we talk to our children about their digital diet. Do you know who your child is playing games with online or sending messages to?

Nursery

Now that we are heading into the warmer months, please can all children wear appropriate clothing and footwear to nursery. Please can we ask that they do not wear flip flops or crocs in the setting as they can be a trip hazard when running around. We are a freeflow setting and are outside in all weather. Please can you make sure all coats, hats, suncream etc are clearly named.

Our nursery children will be exploring 'Sunshine and Sunflowers' over term 5. They will discover all about what happens in their natural environment, growing plants and keeping safe in the sunshine.

Lost Property

Please, Please can we ask that all clothing is named (including bottles, bags etc). We have a lot of lost property within school.

Any items found that are not named will be placed in boxes around the school for a limited period of time to allow for the children to find any items they may have lost. Any unclaimed items will then be placed in the new container at the front of the school for Parents to access.



PE & Sports News

So many fantastic sporting events happened last term. We finished 3rd in the netball and indoor athletics area finals. We took part in the Hastings and Bexhill Tag Rugby festival and LTA Tennis festival. And we hosted the biggest cross country event ever at Sandown with 22 schools attending and 716 children competing with Sandown retaining the title and winning overall. We also had 8 children represent the Sussex Cross Country team at Crawley where they finished 4th overall as a district.

This term we are focusing on our 'physical' cog where children will practise working on sequencing a range of movements and skills combined.

Now we are entering the Summer terms, please remember to bring in a labelled sun cream for your child that they can store in their classroom and a sun hat. Please also remember your child requires the correct pe kit for lessons and will be required to remove any jewellery.

Attendance

So very encouraging to see Sandown children enjoying being back at school for term 5, and kicking it off with a percentage of 96.73%!

Year to date School attendance is currently 95.33% so 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. Let's ensure we work as a Team to ensure positive progression for our school community – **The Best We Can Be!!!!**

***Note:** The Government are introducing new legislation regarding fines for unauthorised absences. Fines are issued to parents if a child misses 5 days/10 sessions of school for unauthorised absences in a 10-school week period. This will see costs for fines rising from £60 to £80 if paid within 21 days, and from £120 to £160 if paid in 28 days.

50 Things To Do Before You're 11

Now that the brighter days and lighter evenings are here, it's time to get outside. How many of these '50 Things To Do Before You're 11' have you done?

