

FOS Fireworks Spectacular

Saturday 16th November

Please see dojo for more information re tickets..

Diary

October 2024

25th - Last day of Term 1.

28th - 1st Nov – School
Holidays.

November 2024

4th - Start of Term 2.

11th, 12th, 13th - New to
Reception in Sept 25 open
afternoons 1.15-.2.45pm.

13th - New to Reception in
Sept 25 open afternoon 4.00
-5.00pm.

16th - FOS Fireworks
Spectacular.

December 2024

20th – Last day of Term 2.

Inset Days



Monday 6th January 2025

Monday 21st July 2025

Monday 2nd June 2025

Tuesday 22nd July 2025

Monday 30th June 2025

Headteacher

This term has flown by and we are only a week away from half term. The main changes in school have been our focus on how we teach writing. We have been doing a lot of talking and story telling using what we call, 'Talk for Writing.' Ask your children to tell you a story , you should be pleasantly surprised.

The other change is how we complete home learning. We are using Doodle for spellings and maths. A little and often will help children learn and remember more. Please remind your children to complete a 'Doodle a Day'. I am showing them how to do this but they will just need a little nudge from you daily, thank you for your support.

A great term so far , thank you again for your positivity and support of Sandown Primary School and Nursery. Mr Lindsay

Wellbeing and Mental Health



At times everyone feels worried about something. It is important that we normalise these worries with our children and young people, rather than telling them they have got anxiety. We work hard

in schools to talk with children about their feelings and emotions. On World Mental Health Day (10th October) check in with your children on their mental health. Do they have someone they can talk to in school if they have any worries or they want to talk about how they are feeling?

Attendance

Thank goodness term 1 is nearly done ✓ such a very long term for us all! Autumn germs have circulated but despite their best efforts Sandown School has managed an overall attendance of **96.73%**

We would dearly love to see **100%** of parents arriving on time with their children it is hugely important to their ongoing and future success!

PRIZE ALERT

Onwards and upwards for term 2, attendance recognition prize for term 1's attendance and punctuality. All names that have +97% attendance & who are in on time will be entered in to a draw to win 2x family tickets to fireworks night. *** Be an Attendance HERO! ***

Nursery

We would like to welcome all of our new families to the nursery this year. The children are settling in like superstars.



With the weather changing, please can we ask that the children arrive for each session with appropriate clothing for the day, as we free flow in all weather. Please can everything be named.

This term the children have started our project 'Exploring Autumn' They will be learning about the natural changes during the season of autumn, changes in the weather, why trees lose their leaves and how wild animals prepare for winter.

Keep an eye out on class dojo for post and pictures showing all of the exciting learning the children will be taking part in over the year.

Caretaker Corner

The caretaking team had the usual busy summer, and the countdown is now on for the October half-term when ongoing re-flooring works will take place in some of our classrooms. Thereafter, the concentration will be on preparation for Winter, ensuring that boilers are functioning, and that we can cope as well as possible with inclement weather. There will be more detail on this in the next Newsletter.

PE & Sports News

We've had a great start to the term in PE, and it's been wonderful to see the children so engaged and enthusiastic! However, we would like to remind parents that all children must be in full PE kit on their designated PE days. As we head into the colder months, children will need their hoodies and tracksuit bottoms with extra layers e.g vests, hats and gloves to keep them comfortable during outdoor lessons.

This term, we are focusing on the *Personal Cog* in PE. Children are learning valuable skills like perseverance, seeking out new challenges, and responding positively when things get tricky. It's a fantastic opportunity for them to grow both physically and mentally.

Exciting news! Sandown School will be hosting five football tournaments this term, giving over 55 KS2 children the chance to represent the school in sport. We look forward to seeing them in action! The overall winners will represent Sussex. Thank you for your continued support!

Essential Skills



Do you know how many Essential Skills there are? Can you and your child name them? These are the essential skills that we all need to be successful in school, in the workplace and in life. This year we will be refocusing on the Essential Skills and thinking about which skills are needed for which jobs. I wonder which skills Mr.Lindsay uses every day in his job?

Governors

As this term comes to an end, the Governors would like to say thank you to all Sandown staff, pupils, parents and carers for a great start to the school year.

Our Governing body consists of a group of volunteers from staff, parents and the local community. We've had some changes in the board and would like to welcome our new members. You can see a full list of Governors on our school website.

We'd also like to say a huge thank you to Sandown's wonderful FOS team who put on brilliant events and activities for our children throughout the school year, including the spectacular fireworks event. These events need support to go ahead, FOS can always do with some extra hands, so please do get involved where you can.

And finally, thank you to parents and carers who shared thoughts and feedback with school through surveys last term, this is really valued by the leadership team who consider your feedback when reviewing school practices and policies.

We'd like to wish you all a lovely break, and look forward to seeing you next term.

Kerrie Muchmore
Chair of Governors