

Sandown Primary School and Nursery Newsletter

October 2021

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ParentPay

Please activate your ParentPay account. We are now a cashless school and therefore Uniform, Breakfast & Teatime club, Trip and Nursery fees are to be paid through ParentPay in addition to school meals. Should you require another copy of your registration form, please contact the school office via Dojo

Diary

Oct 2021

22nd - End of Term 1 25th - 29th - School Holidays Nov 2021

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

8th, 9th, 11^{th -} Prospective Parents Open Afternoons -

1.15pm

11th - Prospective Parents Open Afternoon - 4.00pm

Dec 2021

8th - Christmas Lunch

17th - End of Term 2

20th - 3rd Jan 2022 - School Closed

Jan 2022

4th - Inset Day 3 - School Closed

5th - Inset Day 4 - School Closed

6th - Start of Term 3

Inset Days

School will be closed on the following days

1st November 2021

4th January 2022

5th January 2022

27th May 2022

Headteacher

We have had a wonderful term in school. Not everyone can say that they love their job. I feel privileged to lead Sandown into the next ten years and to make this the best school in England. We can't do that without us all working together. The most important thing that we can do is to motivate and inspire our children to have high expectations of themselves. To dream of a better future and how we get there is vital to us all. This year's focus is on everyone becoming 'the BEST that we can be'. This starts with YOU. Can you volunteer in the school? Can you find a new career? Can you support in our parents' Friday afternoon group? Can you support the Friends of Sandown? The answer needs to be YES for us all, because those little things make a massive difference to your children. Let's stay positive.

Let's make this the BEST year ever by working together.

Thank you all for inspiring me, Mr Lindsay.

Wellbeing and Mental Health

At times, we all need help to manage in life. This is also true for our children and the more tools we can give them, the better. Have a look at this poster together and choose something your family are going to do when things get tough or tricky.



Governors

Congratulations to everybody on a successful first term back at Sandown. The pupils and staff have been very busy and we hope you all have a well deserved rest over half term.

Nursery

What a fantastic first term back at nursery.

This term our focus has been around the book Guess How Much I Love You and the children have enjoyed many lovely activities to help them settle into the setting.

As the weather is getting wetter please could you send your child in with a pair of wellies that can stay at nursery and make sure they have the appropriate clothing for this time of year.

On a Wednesday the children will be doing Real P.E so please could you make sure your child has the correct footwear.

Have a lovely half term break.

Caretaker Corner

We've all been very fortunate with the recent weather, but now is the time for all schools to pay extra attention to local weather bulletins, and to prepare in advance for winter conditions. Winter, with the frost and snow, present us with some of the biggest problems in trying to ensure everyone is safe on the school site. We have to make sure we have the tools - salt, small gritters, and shovels, etc. - to try and make this possible. The school will always attempt to open, even in what might seem to be severe weather conditions - but this will only be if we can maintain safety throughout the day. There will be more on how you will be alerted to any potential problems in the next Newsletter.

Friends of Sandown

Sandown Firework Spectacular

Saturday 13th November

Tickets will go on sale **Tuesday** 2nd **November or can be** purchased on the night.

Cash only

PE & Sports News

Well done to our amazing football teams who competed in the Sandown football tournaments over the last two weeks. A total of 26 teams attended from Hastings & Rother and it was just so great to be back playing some competitive sport after such a long break.



Cross Country will be our next event in term 2. Over 100 children from KS2 have been attending our Cross Country club at lunch. A number of these children will be selected to represent the school and race against our cluster schools.

Attendance

Thank goodness term 1 is 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% during term 1 with 99.67% of parents ensuring their children arrive on time! 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, day 1 of Term 2 all names in attendance & on time will be entered in to a draw to win \sim family tickets to fireworks night x8.

Be an Attendance HERO

Essential Skills

We have created a skills corridor to remind children of the 8 Skills we all need in life, home and the workplace.



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Online Safety

We will soon be appointing our new Digital Leaders. These children will help everyone learn how to create strong passwords and stay safe online.

