

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

Sept 2021

22nd- 24th – Y6 Blacklands Farm Residential

27th - KS1, Rec & Nursery

Individual School Photos & Pre School Siblings from 8.15am

28th - KS2 Individual School Photos & Siblings in School

Oct 2021

22nd - End of Term 1

25th - 29th – School Holidays

Nov 2021

1st - Inset Day 2- School Closed

2nd – Start of Term 2

Stanley Baker Studios

We have the school photographers in on the 27th and 28th September.

If you would like a photo of your pre-school child with your child/children that attend school please come to the school hall at 8.15am prompt on the 27th September.

Headteacher

Wow! What a fantastic start to the year. A year where we will all need to work together more than ever to build back up to where we were before Lockdown. We know that one of the most powerful things we can all do is Aim High and have aspirations to get back into work or change something to make our lives better. Being a positive role model gives your child an incentive to work hard and become a valuable member of our community. At Sandown, we are focusing on the skills we all need in order to succeed.

It has been so lovely to see parents back in Funky Friday and we hope that our new front entrance will be finished this term, making it easier to welcome parents back into the school generally. Thank you for bearing with us during the building works.

Look out for a date for a Meet the Teacher session with your child's class teacher where they will set out the expectations for the year, including Home Learning.

Welcome Back.

Wellbeing and Mental Health



Simplify, slow down, be kind.
And don't forget to have art
in your life – music, paintings,
theater, dance, and sunsets...

Eric CARLE

Governors

Welcome back to Sandown after what we hope was a relaxing summer for you all.

We'd like to welcome our new clerk to the governing board, Lynda Welham. Lynda has worked in education for several years and we are very excited to begin working with her.

We unfortunately say goodbye to our departing clerk, Dr Jacki Higgs. Jacki had been the clerk at Sandown for almost a decade, and her skills, knowledge and experience were second to none. We've no doubt that the governing board would not have run as smoothly as it did during Jacki's tenure, and we are truly grateful. We wish Jacki the best of luck for the future.

Nursery

Welcome back to all of our existing and new families to Sandown nursery, we have had a brilliant start to our year.

Just a couple of reminders: Please can everything be clearly named as some of our children have the same items and get mixed up.

Nursery fees are payable in advance, invoices will be handed out the week before the first of every month.

The nursery flag at collection is Purple, we will take the children to the flag before we release them to you.

We have 6 different themes and focus books over the year so please keep an eye out on class dojo for activity ideas, pictures and stories.

Caretaker Corner

The caretaking role involves the obvious day-to-day tasks, such as opening and closing the school, repairing any damage, working with the cleaning team, and making sure that the building is safe for all pupils and staff, pupils, and visitors. What is less obvious is the need to ensure that all our facilities work efficiently throughout the year. This means that we work closely with experts to ensure our heating, lighting, air conditioning, water, emergency lighting, etc are serviced at appropriate intervals.

We'll cover winter issues in the next Newsletter.

Friends of Sandown

The AGM will be held on Thursday 30th September in Saplings Class at 3.30pm. They are always looking for new members please come along if you are interested in joining.

PE & Sports News

The children have been amazing in PE since returning to school. The feedback from parents and children wearing PE kit on PE days has been really positive. No changing time during school, means more PE! Please ensure your child wears the correct PE uniform for their PE days.

The Get Fitter award is back and presented in Funky Friday. The award is aimed at children completing the challenges together as a family to help build a strong and healthy community. Look out for the challenges on Dojo and please send your nominations to my email or on your child's dojo portfolio (but let me know with a message) for a chance to win.

Cross Country is always such a success at Sandown and each year our participation figures get bigger as we try to instill a love for running at school. Cross country practice will be on Mon, Weds and Fri lunch times for Yr 3-6. Please ensure they have suitable footwear. We already had over 100 children attend for our first session today.

Attendance

Attendance Target remains the same this year as previous years - **97%** this incorporates 3% wriggle room re absences due to illness/family emergencies... this translates in to approximately 5.5 days.

There are 190 school days every year therefore we would expect every child to maximise their engagement with their education and attend a minimum **184.5** school days! This enables us to ensure your child receives the input they need to reach their academic, social and emotional potential.

Teamwork - working together, we can ensure your child receives the best start to their future selves, laying down positive routines and enabling them for lifelong learning and economic success.

"The best we can be"

Essential Skills

This year we are focusing on the **8 Essential Skills** that our children and young people need in order to be valuable members of the workplace. These 8 skills begin in Nursery and we continue to learn them through into adulthood. We will celebrate Skills Champions in Funky Friday Assembly and your children will earn dojos for displaying any of the 8 skills. Ask your child if they can tell you all 8 skills.....

Online Safety

Now that all of our children have used a digital device during Lockdown Remote Learning, it is more important than ever for us all to ensure they are behaving safely online. The legal age limit for ALL social media is a minimum of 16 so if your child is on WhatsApp, Insta or ANY platform, you need to monitor them closely, including the time of night they are online.