



SANDOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Speech and Language

Monday 17th Nov 8.45am-10am

For Parents/Carers receiving this support—please come along to our coffee morning and have a piece of cake, meet the team and other parents. A chance to catch up on your child's progress.

Stay and Play

Tuesday 18th Nov 8.45am—10am

All Reception parents are invited to play, share learning journals and explore their child's learning environment. Unfortunately younger siblings will not be able to join in due to lack of space.

Children in Need

We will be holding a mufti day on Friday 14th November—come dressed as your "Super hero"—suggested donation is 50p per child.



Diary

4th November 2014—Start of Term 2

14th November—Mufti day "Super Heros" donations to Children in Need.

18th -21st November 2014—Sponsored Swim Week

25th November -Phonics morning/ Rec parents

24th—28th November—Prospective parents open afternoons 1-2pm

28th November—Mufti day—Donations for the PTA Xmas fair

6th December—PTA Xmas Fair 11am-2pm

19th December 2014—End of Term 2

All calendar dates can be found via our

[website](#)

Miss Stewart's Dance Crew

During the half term a dance team from London came in to work with Miss Stewart's dance crew. All the children that took part worked extremely hard to develop and improve their hip hop skills and compose a dance piece of their own.



'The Best That We Can Be.'



Welcome to a new term at Sandown. Our focus this term is pupil engagement in lessons. I walked around the whole

school last week and more children were fully focused on their learning than ever before, it made me very proud to be Head of this school. We are now encouraging more children to ask questions and become more actively involved in every lesson. This will become a focus for this term's Oscar winners. Thank you to everyone who came and supported our gymnastic events. This was so successful that we will do more of these weeks.



Xmas Performances

8th Dec—Reception @2.00p.m

9th, 10th & 11th Dec—

Yr1 & Yr2 @ 2.00p.m

12th Dec—Reception



Absences and lateness

From 1st September 2013, government legislation no longer enables head teachers to authorise requests for leave for children to be taken out of school unless it is considered to be exceptional circumstances. This means that, in the case of an unauthorised absence, the Education Support, Behaviour & Attendance Service will be notified and a Penalty Notice will be issued. Please note that Penalty Notices are issued to each parent for each child taken out of school. A Penalty Notice is a fine of £60 which increases to £120.00 if not paid within the first 21 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in further legal intervention. Any absence from school disrupts a child's learning. You may consider some absences to be educational but your child will miss out on the teaching that their classmates will receive. Children returning from an absence are unprepared for the lessons which build on the teaching they have missed. Please help us to improve your child's learning by coming into school and arriving on time. The school day starts at 8.45am with the registers officially closing at 9.15. Any children arriving after this time will be classed as an unauthorised absence. **Penalty notices can now be issued for continuous lateness of more than 10 sessions within a 5 week period.**

Festive Fun

Starting Friday 21st November 9.00—11.00am



Come along for 3 Weeks of glittery, sparkly, creative fun!!!

Places are limited so please book with either Annette Davies or Sharon Kenny

School Vision

Here's a test for children and parents. Can you name the 5 Sandown vision statements?

There is a prize for the first child or parents to come to me with the answer to the next question. Which vision statement asks adults to question and challenge children about their learning? Try and ask your children every day what they have learnt at school. This is something we do in every lesson and it helps them to verbalise their learning. You can click on the link to find the answer on the Sandown website. [Sandown](#)

[Vision](#)