



SANDOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Breakfast club rules

A polite reminder to all parents who bring children to our Breakfast club that they will only be allowed to drop off the children directly to the Breakfast club team. I am afraid we will not be able to allow parents to take items to classrooms; items are to be left with the breakfast team. Please ensure you adhere to this request as it has been noted that parents have been seen in empty classrooms even before teachers arrive. Thank you



Beginning of School

Some very kind year 3 parents have offered to play some playground games in the mornings before school. If you would like to help, please see Mr.Lindsay.

Could I also remind you that the school gates are not open until **8.30am**.

Please do not drop the children off before that time as there is no supervision on the playground. We do run a breakfast club in which children can arrive between 7.35 - 8.05am at a cost of £1.50 per child,

All children should arrive at school for **8.40am** to start at **8.45am**
Thank you.

'The Best That We Can Be.'



I am very proud of the year 6 children at Sandown. Those that went to Blackland's Farm had a great time and their behaviour was excellent. The children that stayed at school led Funky Friday assembly and spoke confidently and clearly.

We have parent consultations coming up at the end of this term. Please book via the school office from Monday 14th. It is vital that you know how well your children are progressing and how together we can support their learning.

Good luck to the boys and girls football teams who have competitions this week.



PTA Fireworks Night

The PTA will be holding a Fireworks nights on Friday 8th November! There will be a live band, hog roast, guy competition and various stalls. Tickets can be purchased from the school office from Monday 21st. Advance ticket prices are as follows:



Adults £4.00 (£5 on gate)

Children £2.00 (£2.50 on gate)

If anybody would like to help during the event please contact mr.lee.cote@gmail.com

Parent Consultations

Parent Consultations for Years 1-6 will be Tuesday 22nd October — 3.20-6.00 pm and Thursday 24th October — 4.00-7.00pm

You will be able to book times in the school reception area from Monday 14th October

Reception parent consultations will take place at a later date.

ParentPay

Do you pay for your child's school dinners?
Did you know we now accept payment online via ParentPay?

Its so simple to pay for your childrens meals online and to see what is on the menu for the day.

For more information please visit the [ParentPay website](http://www.parentpay.com) or ask the office for your registration letter.



Free Christmas Course

Join us for a fun FREE Christmas themed course for Parents/Carers. Have fun making cards, stockings, decorations and discover money saving tips and budget ideas. Every Friday from 8th November to 13th December at 9-11am.



Important Events

October

22nd and 24th - Parent Consultation meetings (Yrs1-6)

25th—End of Term

November

4th -INSET Day

5th—Back to School

8th - PTA Firework Display 5.30pm

Learning Spotlight — Phonics

Thank you to all the new parents/carers that attended out 'Reading and phonics morning'. It was great to see so many of you there, especially when you sat and enjoyed sharing a book with your children. Miss Winchester and Miss Owen plan to hold another reading event for the new parent/carers after half term.

We talked about how children are taught phonics at school which many of the new parents/carers founds particularly useful. Phonics refers to the sounds or 'phonemes' that either a letter or groups of letters can make. For example, in the word 'cat' there are 3 phonemes 'c-a-t'. In the word 'shop' there are also 3 phonemes 'sh-o-p' even though there are 4 letters. Learning phonics will help your child to read and spell.

If you would like to support your child further with their phonics and reading please make use of our free phonics programme 'phonics play' by using the following link, user name and password.
<http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/> Username: SANDOWN Password: PHONICS