



SANDOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Parent View

It's that time of year when I ask for your views on the school. Please could you find time to go back to Parent View and fill out a questionnaire about Sandown Primary School. The website address is:

www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk

We have improved tremendously over the last two years but are still working hard to achieve an Ofsted judgement of good. If we can beat 100 questionnaires I will give all the children double playtime on Friday!

We have listened to your views on home learning and many of you have said how much better home learning is already this year.

The Mayors Challenge

The Mayor and Mufti the monkey came to meet the children of Sandown last Friday for The Mayors Challenge raising money for charity Xtrax!



Harvest Donations

On Wednesday 9th October we are holding our annual Harvest Assembly. We are asking for donations of either dried or canned food to be bought into school by Tuesday 8th October so these can be forwarded to the [Hastings Food Bank](#) to help others in need.

Important Events

September

27th— Yr6 Blacklands Farm Meeting
3.15pm

October

2nd—4th—Yr 6 PGL Backlands trip

3rd—PTA Meeting 3.15pm (In Yr2)

7th and 8th—School Photos

18th—Home Learning Celebration

22nd and 24th - Parent Consultation meetings

'The Best That We Can Be.'



I would like to welcome all the new Reception children and their parents to our school.

They have settled in well.

Reception is always a lovely place to go and learn through play and I often go there if I am having a hard or stressful day. Your children are lovely.

I have been looking at reading leagues in each classroom and more children are reading and enjoying their reading than ever. Well done to everybody.

Let's wish all Year 6 a wonderful time at Blackland's Farm. I can still remember going on a residential trip when I was at school. They will have an unforgettable experience next week.

Although Mr Paramor has left us I know many of you would like to wish him well as Ella Matilda Paramor was born 21st September weighing 7 pounds 2 ounces. Not long now until I will be having sleepless nights again. Any suggestions for boys' names are most welcome!!

Free School Meals

Are you entitled to free school meals? If you receive Child tax Credit (but not Working Tax Credit) and your income does not exceed £16,190.00, you may be entitled. If you receive Income Based Job Seekers Allowance you can also claim FSM. Please come and ask at the office if you are not sure. Our dinners are healthy, varied and taste great! We gain extra money in our school budget for our free school dinner children, so please apply. [Click here for a form](#)

Learning Spotlight — Reading

We are very much focussed on improving reading in school this year. The new Home Link books contain tips for beginner readers and tips for more advanced readers. There are 7 main ways that we are working on to help our children understand what they are reading. These are **decoding, retrieval, inference, structure and layout, language, opinion and connections**. Ask your children about this and they will begin to explain how this helps them.

Thank you to everyone who has signed our home learning agreement. If we all work together then we will achieve 'The Best That We Can Be.' If you haven't yet done so could you return the agreement by this Friday. If you have any concerns just let me know.

Swimming Pool

We would like to thank everyone for the amazing amount of money that you have raised for our swimming pool. We have now reached nearly £25,000!

Our Community Governor, Ian Ross, is now trying to obtain further funding to help get our pool project completed and ensure that it is still feasible.



In the meantime we feel it would be good to have a break from all the fund raising and focus on other projects.

We are still working hard, behind the scenes, to keep the pool going and we will keep you informed of our progress.

Peanuts in School

We have several pupils in school who have peanut allergies. Any contact with nuts, especially peanuts, could cause them severe and possibly life threatening allergic reactions. We are asking that you do not send in any type of nuts in packed lunches. Thanks for your cooperation.

PTA Meeting

The next PTA Meeting will be held on **Thursday 3rd October at 3.15pm**. Please meet in the Year 2 Classroom area. If you can not make the meeting but would like to help the PTA, please feel free to contact Lee Cote. mr.lee.cote@gmail.com