

Sandown Primary School Newsletter



Children in Need



We would like to thank everyone who donated and came to school in their pyjamas and had bad hair/bed hair on Friday 18th November. The total raised was **£390.23**.

Admissions 2018-19

East Sussex County Council are holding a consultation on the new proposed admission arrangements for 2018-19. Please click on the link below to have your say

<https://consultation.eastsussex.gov.uk/economy-transport-environment/consultation-on-admission-arrangements-2018-19>

Flu immunisation

The School Nursing Team will be holding a drop in session on **Friday 25th November between 3-3.30pm** in the Cabin (on the KS2 Playground) to answer any of your concerns re the Flu immunisation for years 1-3 which will take place in school on the 29th November.

High Aspirations

Sandown continues to improve on a daily basis, Our Year 6 children's behaviour has been exemplary conducting tours for our new parents. They are so proud of their school and the atmosphere was extremely positive. We are well on our way to becoming the best school in Hastings.

We continue to excel in sport. 15 children qualified for the Hastings Cross Country Finals and 3 girls have now qualified for the County Finals at Hickstead. This is a Sandown record so well done to everyone

but especially to Phoebe Barham, Leonie Crump and Tashane Miller.

A Year 3/4 mixed team of Footballers went to Hastings Academy and ended up at the top of the table this week with fabulous team spirit shown.

Our new Club timetable will be out for after Christmas in the next few weeks and we are asking for everyone to be involved in at least one club.

Our New Year focus is to help children sustain their reading for longer. This means trying to read for

at least 15 minutes a night.

Our Reading Parent Champions are in school daily supporting your children with their reading. Thank you, we are certainly Bringing Home and School together. We were lucky to host many of the Storytelling week activities at Sandown. 3 Half Pints and the Bad Guys was really well attended. We also had a great turn out for the Storytelling Parade on Sunday and I had many comments about how creative our children were.

Outdoor PE Kit and Trainers

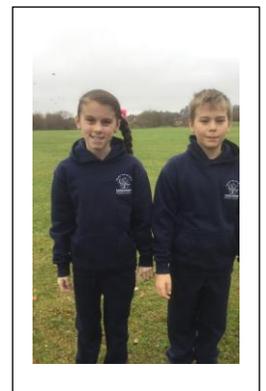
After listening to parents' concerns regarding PE in the Winter, we are adding the option of a navy blue hoody with the Sandown Logo and plain tracksuit bottoms to the PE kit from January. Please can all children wear trainers for outdoor PE and have navy blue tracksuit bottoms. This will ensure they can take part in every lesson.

Jogging bottoms - Childrens sizes £8.50 Young adult sizes £ 9.50

Hooded Tops - Childrens sizes £10. Young adult sizes £13.

So whole set - Children sizes £18.50 Young adult sizes £22.50

If interested please could you come to the office to make an order. It is fine for you then to have initials only put on for the children but **not** full names please as there is a safeguarding issue around this.



Adult Literacy

Do you find reading difficult? Do you know a parent or family member who needs some help with reading and writing?

We are setting up an Adult Literacy group in the cabin to help our families. This will then help them to work with their children on Home Learning or hearing them read.

If you are interested, please speak to Mrs. Tugwell or Mrs. Owen.

Diary

28th Nov - Prospective parents for Sept 2017 open afternoons - 1.15pm - 2.45pm

29th Nov - Yr5 Big Sing @ the White Rock 5.30pm

29th Nov - **Mufti Day for PTA Christmas Fair**

2nd Dec - Xmas Fair 3pm

7th Dec - Reception Nativity 2.00pm

8th Dec - Reception Nativity 2.00pm

13th Dec - KS1 Nativity 2.00pm

14th Dec - KS1 Nativity 5.00pm

14th Dec - Xmas Lunch / Christmas Jumper or Onesie Day

15th Dec - KS Nativity 10.00am

21st Dec - End of Term 2 **2017**

3rd Jan - **School Closed (INSET day)**

4th Jan - Start of Term 3

10th Feb - End of Term 3

20th Feb - Start of Term 4

School Governors

In the governor's area of the school website the main role of the Governing Body is described as so:

'We act as a 'critical friend' to the headteacher, and the staff, through support and positive challenge as they work to improve the school and achieve high standards and excellence across every aspect of school life.'

One of the main ways we carry out our role as a 'critical friend' is for each governor to link to, a key area of school life or an aspect of the School Improvement Plan. This 'link' role involves each of us familiarising ourselves with our focus area, actively monitoring it by regularly visiting the school and reporting back to the governing body as a whole.

For this year our links are as follows:

- Inclusion and Safeguarding – Francesca Naylor.
- Finance – Sarah Pidgeon.
- Site and Health & Safety – Michelle Sterrick.
- Early Years – Sarah Pidgeon & Emma Hall.
- Leadership and Management – Edward Collins & Nigel Woodcock.
- Teaching & Learning – Katrina Pluss & Edward Collins.
- Personal Development & Wellbeing (including eSAFETY) – Michelle Sterrick & Seb Gore.

Edward Collins
Chair of Governors.

PTA Mufti Day

There will be a mufti day on Tuesday 29th November. Please bring Christmas items for the Tombola/Raffle eg. Biscuits, Chocolates, Wine, Christmas Smellies, Christmas decorations etc. to make up some lovely hampers to win. Year 5 may wear mufti to school but must bring uniform to change into at lunchtime for the Big Sing.

Extended Schools Provision - Clubs

Lunchtime Ordering

To avoid ongoing confusion at lunchtimes, we will now be using a colour stamp system on the children's hands to ensure that the kitchen staff are clear as to which meal they have ordered. Stickers get lost or swapped.

If your child has a medical allergy to felt pen, please provide medical evidence at the school office.

Red - Main Dish

Blue - Jacket potato

Green - Veggie option

Black - Salad. (KS2 only)

Clubs

Please ensure that all after school clubs for this term have been paid for.

The new club list for terms 3 & 4 will be out shortly. If you have any outstanding fees this term your child may not get their chosen clubs next term.

We have been celebrating the success of our children

in the Cross Country, Netball and the Rugby Club.

Sunset Club

Just a polite reminder that invoices must be paid promptly otherwise this can cause confusion and become unmanageable.

We are busy making Christmas wares in Sunset Club to sell. All money raised will go towards purchasing a badge making machine for the Sunset Club. Please look out for your invitation to our Xmas Party with your invoice.