

# Sandown Primary School Newsletter



## Goodbye

We are always proud at Sandown when our staff move on to a new position, using the skills they have learnt with us.

Mrs Fielder has moved to Hastings Academy to continue to support pupils there and Mrs. Gerrish is moving on to a new role as a Keyworker. We wish them both lots of luck in the future.

Best Wishes to Mrs Duncan who is also leaving to welcome a new addition to her family.

## Parking

Once again, we would like to respectfully remind you not to park on the zigzags, across our neighbour's driveways or in the car parks of local businesses. Please consider the safety of ALL of our pupils not just your own. We are also concerned to notice that some parents are allowing children to jump out of the car at the crossing when the lights turn red.

Parents smoking in cars continues to be a concern. It is illegal to smoke in a car with children in the car. The long term effect on children's health through passive smoking is serious. Please do not do it.

## Attendance

At this time of year we know that lots of children have colds, sickness bugs and viruses. It is always a balancing act between sending them in to school and keeping them away. We want to see your children in school daily. If they are unwell, we will contact you.

## A Mastery Approach to Maths

It has been a very busy two weeks at Sandown as we have welcomed our friends Winnie and Sammi from China.



We have been inundated with emails of praise from some of the 300 visitors who have come to watch our Year 2 and Year 5 pupils. Your children

were brilliant, showing not only their maths skills but also how confident and resilient they have become. A huge thank you must be given to Miss Pluss for organizing this wonderful experience.



I mentioned in Funky Friday last week that I

will be awarding a parent Oscar each term. So many of you work with us to ensure we continue to be the best school in Hastings and your children are proud to show you their school. Thank you everyone.

We have been interested to hear the ideas for spending the money raised initially for the swimming pool. We shall make a decision soon and let you know.

## Sports gold award

### Cluster Sports Hall Athletics 2018

Year 5 and 6 Sandown were invited to the indoor athletics cluster event held at Hastings Academy. Only 6 boys and 6 girls were allowed to take part and after a careful and difficult selection process, coaches Mr Davies and Miss Smith were proud to lead a triumphant team.

### Results

The results confirmed that Sandown were the overall winners!

The children qualified for the local school finals and achieved our best result ever finishing 4<sup>th</sup>.

At the event we were also privileged to receive the Gold Award for competitive sport engagement for 2016 - 2017. You can see the photo of the children receiving it and winning the trophy.



## Yellow Day

We will be holding a Mufti day on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February to raise much needed funds for St. Michaels Hospice. Please come to school wearing something yellow to show your support. We are asking for £1.00 donation per child.

## Lost Property

The lost property box is overflowing yet again with unnamed items. Mr & Mrs Woodcock kindly look through this regularly for named items and returns them to the class. Please check your child's uniform/PE kit regularly and return any additional items that your child may have picked up by mistake to the class teacher.

## Diary

### 2018

#### Feb

- 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> Feb – Yr5 Mallydams
- 6<sup>th</sup> Feb – Time to Dance show @ The White Rock Theatre
- 8<sup>th</sup> Feb – PTA Disco
- 9<sup>th</sup> Feb – Yellow Mufti Day
- 9<sup>th</sup> Feb – End of Term 3
- 12<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> Feb – School Holidays
- 19<sup>th</sup> Feb – Start of Term 4

#### March

- 16<sup>th</sup> Mch – Mufti Day for the Easter Fair
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Mch – Easter Fair 3.30pm
- 26<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> Mch – **NO ACTIVITY**

#### CLUBS

- 29<sup>th</sup> Mch – End of Term 4
- 30<sup>th</sup> Mch – 15<sup>th</sup> Apr – Easter Break

#### April

- 16<sup>th</sup> Apr – Start of Term 5
- 16<sup>th</sup> Apr – All Activity Clubs start

## What are your children doing online?



Safer  
Internet  
Day 2018 | Tuesday  
6 February

If your child got a smartphone or iPad device for Christmas, are you keeping an eye on what they are doing on it? Safer Internet Day on 6<sup>th</sup> February is about RESPECT this year – children need to remember to use their device respectfully and not send messages to others that use swearing or threats. Maybe you could take this quiz with them on the Safer Internet Day website to explore how they think they should be using their phones or tablets.

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/node/801986/take/1>

Children are increasingly being targeted by grooming circles via apparently innocent apps. Please encourage your child to talk to you about what they are doing online and who they are talking to. Roblox is a very popular app at the moment but is one that there are strong concerns about.

## New end of day procedures

In order to ensure all of your children are safe, we have reviewed our end of day collection arrangements. From Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2018 we will only permit named adults on our system to collect your child. Please ensure you have given the office the names and up to date contact details for these adults to the office. Unfortunately you will no longer be able to phone the office to inform the school that another person is collecting your child unless they are named on this list. If they are not named and you are unable to arrive at 3.20 to collect your child, they will go to Sunset Club and you will be charged.

If your child is absent from school, please ensure you have informed the office by 9.00am.

## Young Business Ambassadors

On the 24<sup>th</sup> of January, our keen, young business ambassadors headed off to Sussex Coast College to find out all about the careers and courses available to our Sandown children! Daisy Wright and Ted McIntosh did our school proud and not only found out all about amazing careers, such as, running a hair salon, running a restaurant and even how to become a Gym owner but also found how to get onto the correct path straight towards university courses. Both students did the school proud in their asking of questions, with their focus on bringing back lots of exciting facts and information to share with KS2.

Look out for the school newspaper article in the next issue and check out the Ambassador display board for more information. Well done Daisy and Ted!

## PTA School Disco

**THURSDAY 8<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY – KS1 3.30pm - 4.30pm, KS2 4.45pm – 5.45pm**

Price is **£2.50** which includes entry, a drink & sweets. Wrist bands can be purchased from your child's class teacher from **1<sup>st</sup> February** or can be purchased on the door. **No Parents** are to attend the Disco.