

# Sandown Primary School

## Newsletter



### Inset Days

3<sup>rd</sup> Jan 2019  
4<sup>th</sup> Jan 2019  
3<sup>rd</sup> June 2019

### School Council

School Council have meet to discuss how we can support resilience in our learning. We have thought about “What if...?” questions, so that children can talk about worries before they happen. Examples of this include “What if I forget my home learning?” These will be made as a resource for classes to share. The school council will also be looking at the PSHE curriculum next term and discussing what they feel is useful to learn.

### PTA

The PTA would like to thank all the pupils and staff for their amazing stalls at the Christmas Fair together we raised a fantastic £1455.34. Thank you to everyone who came and supported this event.

We would also like to say a huge thank you to Hastings Direct for their kind donation which paid for the Christmas Crackers which the children enjoyed with their Christmas Dinner.

### Merry Christmas

As we reach the end of another year at Sandown, we are celebrating so many things about our fantastic school. Attendance is better than ever and those children who are persistently absent is less than ever so a big well done and thank you to everyone who has worked so hard to support us with this. Sandown offers so many great opportunities to all of our children that we don't want anyone to miss out. This term it was wonderful to see the WW1 work that families got involved with and we are proud to be participating in

the Living History Exhibition at Hastings Museum. Times table Rockstars day was a huge hit and really launched our Times Table fluency challenge. Musically we sung our hearts out at The Big Sing at the White Rock and, as always, Sandown were praised not only for their singing but also their impeccable behaviour. This always makes me so proud. We have taken part in more sport events than ever including winning the girls football, qualifying for the finals of the indoor athletics

and one runner qualifying for the Sussex X Country finals. We were very impressed by the number of families who joined in with Ore in Bloom Christmas Events – this is what makes our community school so incredible. We were very sad to say Goodbye to Keith our Caretaker and wish him all the best at OVPA. All that remains is for me to wish you a very merry Christmas. See you in 2019 for another year of Quality Education.

### SPORTS NEWS

This month has all been about Athletics as we prepared for the Indoor Athletic Cluster Championships. A speedy squad of 24 was picked itself from our early morning runners that meet on the Key Stage 2 playground every morning from 8:15 – 8:45am. They have been practicing their sprint techniques and improving their times each day to earn a top spot in the squad. We had over 80 children come and have a go at this and stay active in the early mornings. Both squads finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in their events and Year 5/6 have qualified for the Indoor Athletics Finals at Summerfields on the 10<sup>th</sup> January.

Our running track is nearly complete and our bike shelter has just been installed! Children will soon have a secure and sheltered place to leave their bikes and scooters. The track will be a great way for your children to get their 60 active minutes of exercise per day and will be accessible for early mornings, lunch times and after school clubs. We plan to have a mixture of days for the track, some will be running and some will be cycling or scooting. We are hoping that this helps encourage children to cycle and scoot to school.



## Diary

**17<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> - NO ACTIVITY CLUBS**

**19<sup>th</sup> - Last day of Term 2**

**Jan 2019**

**3<sup>rd</sup> - Inset Day**

**4<sup>th</sup> - Inset Day**

**7<sup>th</sup> - Start of Term 3**

**7<sup>th</sup> - Activity Clubs start**

**Feb 2019**

**15<sup>th</sup> - Last day of Term 3**

**18<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> - Half Term School closed**

**25<sup>th</sup> - Start of Term 4**

**April 2019**

**5<sup>th</sup> - Last day of Term 4**

**8 - 22<sup>nd</sup> - Easter Holidays**

**23<sup>rd</sup> - Start of Term 5**

**May 2019**

**6<sup>th</sup> - Bank Holiday - school closed**

**24<sup>th</sup> - Last day of Term 5**

**27-31<sup>st</sup> - Half Term School Closed**

**June 2019**

**3<sup>rd</sup> - Inset Day**

**4<sup>th</sup> - Start of Term 6**

**July 2019**

**23<sup>rd</sup> Last day of Term 6**

**Sept 2019**

**4<sup>th</sup> - Inset Day**

**5<sup>th</sup> - Start of Term 1**

## Job Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for an Assistant Caretaker.

This is for 10 hours per week. The hours are currently 7.15am - 9.15am

Please contact the office for an application pack or visit the school website.

<https://sandown.school/recruitment/>

## Governors

Every month we will update you on an aspect of school Governance, and this month the topic is pupil outcomes, or 'data'. At our last meeting we discussed how to make the most of the data available to us, which includes current and historical 'attainment' and 'progress' across year groups, and trends across pupil groups (e.g. girls/boys). As you may know, our KS2 results are above national average, which is amazing. However, we also understand that data is only part of the picture, and that different children shine in different ways, so the school sets targets that are appropriate and responsive to each year group. After all, the best things in life cannot be measured!

We would also like to congratulate Jacqui Bennett on her election as Parent Governor and Miss Pembrey on her election as Staff Governor, we are very happy to have them on board. Jacqui's role will be link Governor for Early Years Foundation Stage and Miss Pembrey's role will be link Governor for Pupil Outcomes and Quality of Teaching and Learning.

## Attendance

Term 2 saw highs and lows with regards to attendance and punctuality. The cold season brought with it coughs and colds and sickness bugs aplenty, oh and the dreaded chickenpox! But alas we end on a high having one of our very best days since I arrived in June on 12.12.18 with 99.16% attendance. Thank you to all parents and carers who continue to support their children's education and future successes ensuring they attend school regularly and on time.



Enjoy the Christmas break and we look forward to welcoming you all in the New Year on **7<sup>th</sup> January 2019**. Peace and joy to all 😊

## Nursery

We would like to say a big thank you to all the families who have attended events within the nursery over the last two terms. Your engagement enables us to share ideas on how to support children's learning at home ensuring they have the best possible start in their education. Please remember the nursery provides a range of home learning resources if you would like to borrow any of these, please see a member of the nursery team.

Now the weather is getting colder please could all parent/ carers remember to send your children into nursery wearing the appropriate clothing ie: Warm coats, hats and gloves and appropriate shoes or wellies in wet weather. It is important that children experience all weathers and children do continue to free flow between the indoor and outdoor environment during the colder months. Please also ensure that you name all of your children's items.

The nursery will be closed from Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December, all funding finishes on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December so if you wish for your child to attend in the last week it will be charged at your hourly rate. The nursery re-opens on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019. We would all like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.