

Sandown Primary School Newsletter



Reading Therapy Dog

We are so happy that we will be having a therapy dog visit us at Sandown each week. The dog is a trained therapy dog called Elsie. She is a gorgeous black retriever and she will visit children across the school who we feel will benefit from spending some time with her. At times, the children might read to her or they might just want to take her for a walk with her owner around the school. The benefits of spending time with animals are well known and I am sure everyone in our school will soon look forward to her weekly visits.

Save our Local Library

We are very concerned that there may be plans to close the local Ore Village Library. This serves the whole community so please make an effort to visit at least once a week.

It is a political issue, libraries are being closed across the country so I would urge every person that is concerned with this to contact Laurie Loe (who is East Sussex County Councillor for Ore) and state just why they wish the library to stay open.

Parking

As always, parking outside the school continues to be an issue. Please be considerate towards our neighbours. Do not park across driveways or on the zigzags.

Welcome back to Sandown I hope you all had a lovely Summer holiday. The children have slotted straight back into school life, as if they had not been away.

There has been so much work going on, but we have been particularly impressed with the work from Local Highways and Hailsham Roadways. The front of the school is so much better and the crossing has made everything so much safer for you and your children.

Can I welcome all the new parents and children who are adorable. We are so

lucky and I am already trying to learn all their names. I have been visiting reception and nursery every day as from October the school will take responsibility for the running of the nursery.

This school is amazing and we are proud to say that last year our maths results at the end of year 6 were the best in Hastings and St.Leonards.

This year we are really focusing on reading widely and more often and having 'Pride In All We Do'. We also have another prize in Funky Friday which is the

Golden pencil award for creative drawing.

Finally thank you to everyone who put on their walking shoes to help us finish 2nd in Beat the Street. It was such a wonderful community effort.



Attendance



Children whose attendance was 97% and over were entered into a draw at the end of last term – The lucky winner of the £50 cinema voucher was Antony Soan – Well done Antony! Those children who finish the school year with 100% attendance had the chance to win a bike! Last year's winner was Ernie Wincott - Well done Ernie!

Our attendance finished last year at 95.5% which is below our target of 97.0%. Thank you to those families who have not taken holiday during term time. In our ongoing drive to improve attendance NO Holidays will be authorised and we will require medical evidence (eg. copy of prescription/appointment card) for any absences over 4 days. Any families under our attendance target will be subject to attendance monitoring. Any pupils with attendance below 93% will be monitored under our persistence absence protocol and a potential referral to ESBAS.

Clubs

Sunset Club has a new building. Payment must now be made in advance or if used at short notice, upon collection of your child.

Clubs: - All club fees must be paid to the person/company running the club a.s.a.p. (If you have not paid by the end of the 2nd week your child may lose their place) Payments for Art club are to be paid to the office.

Job Vacancy

We are looking to appoint a new Midday Supervisor. Please ask the office for more details and for an application form. Closing date is 6th October. Interviews will take place on 12th October.

Diary

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SEPTEMBER

27th - 29th – Yr6 Blacklands Farm (PGL)

OCTOBER

9th - Yr6 & Rec - NHS Heights & Weights

10th - Individual School Photos

12th - Individual School Photos

12th – PTA Bingo 6-7.30pm

20th - End of Term 1

23rd - 27th -School Holidays

30th - Inset day 2

31st - Start of Term2

NOVEMBER

11th – PTA Fireworks

20th, 22nd, 23rd – Prospective

Parents for Rec 2018 open afternoons 1.15pm -2.45pm

DECEMBER

1st – PTA Mufti Day for Xmas Fair

20th – End of Term 2

New House Format

These are the new houses. They each have a colour, name, animal and motto. Ask your children if they can tell you which one is theirs. There will now be termly house treats for the winning house and lots of ways to win crystals.



Parent Governor

There is currently a vacancy for a parent governor. If you wish to stand for election as one of our parent governors you will need to complete a nomination form, along with a declaration of eligibility. If you are interested in being nominated and/or want further information please see Mr Lindsay. There is also more information on the East Sussex school governor website.

<http://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/educationandlearning/schoolgovernors/becoming/default.htm>

Individual School Photos

This will take place on the following dates:

10th October – 8.15am - Family Photo with Pre School siblings.

9.00 -11.45 am - KS1 Children.

12th October – 9.00 – 11.45am KS2 Children followed by photos with siblings in school.

New Staff

We would like to welcome our new members of staff to Sandown School.

Miss Jacobs – Rowan class



Mrs Mangan – Elder Class



Miss Siotto – Maple Class



Mr Davies - Hawthorn Class



Mrs Mott - HLTA



Miss Riddihough - TA



Mrs Gurr - TA

