

Sandown Primary School Newsletter



GDPR

Our GDPR Privacy notice can be found on the website www.sandown.school under information for Ofsted.

Parking

As always, parking outside the school continues to be an issue. Please be considerate towards our neighbours. Please **do not** park across driveways or on the zigzags. A parent was recently knocked aside by a driver outside the school. Also a reminder that the car park is for **staff use only**. Please do not try to come in to pick up from after school clubs.

PTA Fireworks

Tickets are now on sale. Look out for members of the PTA selling them by the school gate. Please have the correct money if possible when purchasing tickets.



Headteacher's Message

I would like to thank Mrs Mowle for her 18 years of service to our community and your children. She has helped so many individuals and families over that time and we wish her all the best in her retirement.

What a wonderful first term we have had. It has flown by and we are already well into term 2. I would like to congratulate our whole community on our outstanding attendance and punctuality last term. It was the best ever and three lucky families have received family

tickets for the PTA Fireworks in our draw today.

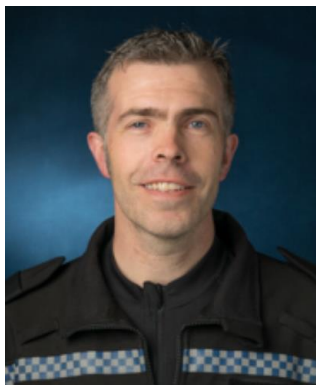
I would also like to personally apologise for the use of attendance stickers at the end of term 6. The intent was to encourage parents and families to talk about the importance of being in school and on time but I realise this unintentionally caused some pupils and parents to feel distressed. We are committed to not doing this again and not using symbols deemed negative. I take full

responsibility for this as the headteacher of your community. We have continued to have sporting success within football and cross country. This term we will have new school teams for chess and tables tennis. Although we like to win and always aim to be the best that we can be, our aim is for 100% of children to be actively involved in a club.

Thank you to all of our parent champions who volunteer on a daily basis to support maths, reading, ponies and our outdoor team.

SOS - Sandown Online Safety

We are focusing more and more on online safety. As many of our pupils have mobile phones, iPads and mobile devices, we know how important it is that we are all keeping them safe online. PC Paul Eases from the Youth Engagement team will be working with us to ensure parents and pupils stay safe and become resilient when using mobile technology. If you see him around the school, please have a chat with him about how to keep up to date on how young people locally are using their phones.



Uniform

We have a few of the new PE tops in stock (this is a limited stock and once gone will only be available from Superstitch).

Due to congestion at the office we are asking that all Uniform is paid for at the time of ordering, this will then be taken to your child's class during the day.

Diary

Oct

30th - Start of Term 2

Nov

8th - Prospective Parents evening

4-5pm

10th - PTA Firework night

12th, 13th & 15th - Prospective

Parents open afternoons 1.15-

2.45pm

30th - PTA Mufti Day for Xmas Fair

Dec

3rd - Rec - Y5 Flu Vaccines

4th - Rec Xmas Nativity 2pm

6th - Rec Xmas Nativity 2pm

7th - PTA Xmas Fair 3.30pm

7th - NO ACTIVITY CLUBS

11th - Yr2 Christmas Songs 6pm

12th - Xmas Lunch

17th - 19th - NO ACTIVITY CLUBS

19th - Last day of Term 2

Jan 2019

3rd - Inset Day

4th - Inset Day

7th - Start of Term 3

Inset Days 2018/19

3rd Jan 2019

4th Jan 2019

3rd June 2019

Governors

Hello from the Governing Body!

Many of you have joined Sandown recently and/or may not know the role of the Governing Body, so we will aim to contribute a small piece to each newsletter to give you a taster of what is involved. We act as a 'critical friend' to the school leaders, offering support and constructive challenge in areas such as performance data, early years, teaching and learning, finance and building maintenance. We help to set the vision, ethos and direction of the school, and ensure the school meets its statutory obligations and duties. We conduct termly school visits to review each of our areas and meet ten times a year as a full board. To find out more about the Governing body please see the school website: sandown.school/governing-body/, and watch this space! "

We currently have a vacancy for a Parent Governor. A letter was sent last term via ParentMail. (This can also be found on the school website page.) All applications must be in by Midday on **Monday 5th November**.

Attendance

“Be the best that we can be”

Here at Sandown we know education has the power to transform the lives of young people, and we know our families want the very best for their children. Every child at Sandown has the potential in their future to be phenomenal, to embark on their journeys in becoming successful independent adults.

Our fantastic teaching staff are here ready every day to inform and teach young people building excellent academic foundations for future learning which enable every child to be the best they can be.... Missing School is Missing Out!

Flu Vaccine

The School Health team will be coming into school on the **3rd December** to administer flu vaccinations for Reception, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, & Y5 children.

This will be administered at various times throughout the day.

Reception Nativity

This will take place on the following dates:

4th - Rec Xmas Nativity at 2pm

6th - Rec Xmas Nativity at 2pm

More details to follow nearer the time.