



SANDRIDGE WEEKLY NEWS



Friday 16th December 2016



The attendance winners for this week are Year 5 with 95.6%



Number of lates in each class this week:

Year 2	no lates
Reception & Year 1	1 late
Year 5	2 lates
Year 3	4 lates
Year 4	5 lates
Year 6	6 lates



Year 6; your lates are not looking any better – you know what your New Year resolution has got to be!

We break up on Tuesday 20th December at 1.30p.m.

'Head'lines (Miss Lisa Roberts, Headteacher)

What a week! A very busy time in school indeed but such a lot of fun has been had! On Tuesday, we had our Early Years nativity which was superb – the children were fantastic; singing loudly and remembering all their words.

Wednesday saw the start of what we hope will be a new tradition at Sandridge...Christmas Dress-Up Day! The staff had huge amounts of fun; we think the children did too! Photographs of us looking our finest will be on the website over the weekend for you to chuckle over and make fun of!

Yesterday, we had two performances of our KS1 concert and despite some children being off sick and some very brave children standing in at the last minute, it went off without a hitch. Everyone did so well and it was a huge success – thank you to all staff for their sheer hard work which has involved blood, sweat and tears (theirs) over the last few weeks – the hard work paid off! Well done.

Today we have had our annual community tea party which was lovely. The children performed carols, songs from both concerts and provided a range of other entertainment. It was a success as it always is – mostly down to your generosity in providing gifts and cakes – so thank you very much. It really is appreciated.

We are all off to sleep for the next two days – have a great weekend! ☺

There are no After-School clubs next Monday.

A new schedule of clubs will be sent out at the beginning of next term; these will begin in the second week of term; week beginning 16th January.

Events next week

Monday 19th December



Christmas Discos

Infants: 3:15p.m to 4:45p.m.

Juniors: 5.00p.m to 6.30p.m

All tickets should now have been purchased.



Tuesday 20th December

End of Term Assembly at 9.30a.m – parents invited
School closes at 1.30p.m

Sickness at School

There have been some incidents of sickness, especially in Years 1 and 2, over the last two weeks. We understand parents' concerns and would like to reassure everyone that we are following correct procedures where the cases of confirmed sickness in each class are higher than usual.

We have taken advice from the Environmental Health Department, Herts County Council and the Public Health Office who advised the sickness was probably Norovirus. Children who are sick should be kept off school for 48 hours after the last bout of sickness (which is in line with our school policy) and should drink clear liquids and avoid dairy products.

They advised us to deep clean classrooms where there were a high number of children who had been sick by bleaching all hard surfaces, paying particular attention to sinks and toilets. They confirmed there was no need to send children home if they were well. We have carried out a deep clean of Year 1 and will be doing the same in Year 2 this weekend.

We discussed our cleaning regime with the Public Health Office, including the products we use, and they confirmed we are already doing everything we can to ensure a clean environment. Unfortunately, sickness bugs spread rapidly between young children who are in close contact with each other and have less mature immune systems making them susceptible to viruses.

We wish all poorly children a speedy recovery and we look forward to having them back in school soon.

Sandridge PTA

For the past four years Shellie Mann and Stef Hayes, together with a very small group of parents and teachers, have worked tirelessly to raise extra funds for the school. The money raised has or will benefit all pupils and enriches their time at school providing some things the school budget just will not stretch to. The money they have made has been put towards:

Subsidising school trips
Year 6 leaver's hoodies
Pupil's achievement awards
Science equipment and equipment for the school radio station
Visualisers, laptops, Apple server and 30 iPads
Costumes
Sci-fi day
Annual Christmas pantomime and EYFS entertainer
Christmas presents from Father Christmas
Subsidising IXL programme for Years 5 and 6

There are also the school discos, the Summer and Winter Fairs and the Pamper Evenings which are a lovely way for the school community to come together whilst also raising money.

Our focus for fundraising will continue to be on the modular units which will give us some greatly needed additional space

Shellie and Stef are now stepping down from the PTA. We are fortunate that our brilliant treasurer, Ruth Blandford, has agreed to carry on for another year and there are a few parents who have (almost!) agreed to take over as Chair(s). We will be having an official handover at the PTA's AGM on Monday 9th January at 7.30pm at the Rose and Crown in Sandridge. This meeting is for everyone! If you would like to take a key role in the PTA or even if you would prefer a more minor one, please come along. If you are unable to attend but would like to stand for a role on the PTA then please email admin@sandridge.herts.sch.uk and mark for the attention of Richard Sherwood.

A huge and very heartfelt thanks goes to Shellie and Stef for their time, commitment and sheer hard work! Ladies, you have been fantastic and have really had a positive impact on our school.
Thank you.



Match Report Sandridge –v– Killigrew



This week Sandridge played against Killigrew, who were dressed in red and black. We started with James in goal, Jacob and Felix (c) in defence, Max at left midfield, Junayd on the right, Joseph in the middle and Finn was our striker. We were expecting a tough game and we knew if we wanted to stay in the direction of the title we had to win.

The game kicked off and about five minutes in Joseph won the ball in the centre, played it back into Felix who sent a drifting ball through to Finn who finished it comfortably into the back of the net. Later on in the first half their centre-midfielder whipped a ball in and their striker shot the ball with incredible power hitting it past James in the process. The score was 1-1. Killigrew quickly created another chance but our goalkeeper James pulled off an amazing save. A few minutes later their defender picked up the ball and tried to pass it to their right back but Joseph intercepted it and passed it up to Fin who scored to make it 2-1 at half time.

Early on in the second half a ball was played up to their striker who volleyed it into the bottom corner. Play carried on until Felix picked up the ball around the halfway line and beat several players down the right hand side of the pitch. He cutback and then Cruyff-turned the two defenders and fired the ball at full power at the keeper, who couldn't keep the ball from hitting the back of the net. After this we created 3 more chances but we failed to convert them. The final score ended up being 3-2 to Sandridge.

By Joseph and Felix

Interviews with the Cast of “Cinderella” at Harpenden Public Halls

On Thursday 8th December Mr Sherwood and Mrs Teakle took Jess, Georgina and Freddie to Harpenden Public Halls to interview Jess Robinson (from TV's 1000 Voices), Luke Roberts (from CITV and Cartoonito's Hi-5), Steve Leeds (from Go! Go! Go! on Nick Jr) and Honey Fine (From X Factor's Mon Amie).

Our pupils had to research each cast member and write up questions to ask. Each interview went brilliantly and the cast members were very impressed with the amount of research that had been done. Steve Leeds was especially impressed that we had found out he was in the final seven for the role of Troy in High School Musical!

Once the editing process has taken place we will post the interviews to our social media pages so you can find out what questions we asked.

We were really impressed with the pupils' interview techniques and their impeccable behaviour; well done!



We will be having our Friday celebration assembly on Monday as some classes were at the Church this morning. Weekly certificates will be given out then and names will go in next Tuesday's newsletter.