



SANDRIDGE WEEKLY NEWS

Friday 21st April 2017



The attendance winners for this week are Year 2 with 99.2%



Number of lates in each class this week:

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

'Head'lines (Miss Lisa Roberts, Headteacher)

Welcome back everyone – I hope you all had a good Easter break and didn't eat too much chocolate or indulge in too many hot cross buns!

With this being a short week, it has gone particularly quickly. I can't believe we are already in the Summer term.

The children have settled back into routine and their work very quickly this week.

I have been conducting Pupil Progress Review meetings this week having analysed the Spring term pupil data during the holiday. Children's attainment and progress has been discussed with each teacher and children identified for additional support, interventions or booster groups. Year 6 have also been incredibly busy and hard-working preparing for their SATs tests in a few weeks' time.

A warm welcome to two new members of staff: Mr Tim Robbins, our new Y3 teacher and Miss Lyndsay Uwins, a new teaching assistant, currently working in Y2. We are thrilled they have joined the Sandridge team and both have had a great first week.

Have a great weekend ☺

Swimming



Please could parents with children in Year 3 and 4 encourage them to practice drying themselves and getting dressed after swimming (or having a bath). Some of them took rather a long time after their swimming lesson on Tuesday afternoon!

Homework

A copy of our new Homework Policy is attached to this Newsletter. This reflects the decision to stop the termly projects as a response to parent questionnaires sent out last term.

Homework for each class will be set out on the curriculum letters which have been sent to all classes today.

If you have any questions about the Homework your child is being set, please speak to the class teacher.

Community News

If you've been into the new Bunnings store on Hatfield Road you may have seen their community board filled with pictures of Sandridge School pupils and parents (and the lovely card sent by our children) from when their staff helped Mr and Mrs Boxer tidy up our garden area outside ready for their new Gardening Club.



Bunnings have also offered our PTA the chance to run a "sausage sizzle" outside their store with all profits going to the school. This will take place next Bank Holiday Monday, 1st May, and seems like a great way to raise money! Please see the PTA's section below for further details and let them know if you can spare some time to help. Thank you.



Sandridge TV and Radio



Radio & TV Station – Music/message request online form

Children can now submit their music requests or messages for the Radio Station online from home! The link is as follows:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1BlmbbnlumHcr_vnzpspL1jhhqCgj48QuORbFUUuGuEg/viewform?edit_requested=true or the form can be accessed from our school website under the Radio & TV Station.

Cable Collection

We are collecting any unwanted or broken cables you have at home or at your work place. We only ask that you cut the plugs off each end of the cable and then bring them into school for Mr Sherwood. The more cables we get, the more money we can raise for our Radio & TV Station. Over the last two years cable collection has raised £96 which has gone towards the hiring fee for TV Club's news programme reveal on 18th May – details below!



Sandpit Theatre Showing – Thursday 18th May

TV and Radio Club are excited to announce that they will be holding a reveal showing of the news programme they have made on current news in our community. They would like to showcase it to you all on Thursday 18th May at the Sandpit Theatre at Sandringham School at 5:45pm for a 6:00pm start until about 7:30pm.

They will also be showing you some of their highlights over the last two years. If you would like to attend please book online through our school website.

<http://www.sandridge.herts.sch.uk/tv-club-bookings-2017-booking-page/>

There is no charge for the seats. The Sandpit Theatre café will be open to buy refreshments.

If you have any questions please contact Mr Sherwood via the school office.



PTA News



Sausage Sizzle – we need help!

Sandridge School have been awarded a great fundraising opportunity on Bank Holiday Monday, 1st May. Bunnings DIY store offer a BBQ sausage stall outside their stores, named the “sausage sizzle”. We will be entitled to keep all profits raised that day. We are therefore asking for helpers to either man the BBQ or serve the customers at Bunnings in Hatfield Road on this date. If you are able to help please email sandridgepta@sandridge.herts.sch.uk or let your class rep know.

Talent Show

The PTA would like to say a big thank you to our helpers; we managed to raise £250 from both the talent show refreshments and the bake sale the following day.



Summer Fair

Preparations are underway for the Summer Fair which will be on Saturday 1st July. If you are able to help on the day, ahead of the event, or from home, please do let us know. Every little helps!

Lucky Dip Prizes

If you have any unwanted party bag toys or kids presents (balloons, pencil wobblers, small toys, etc.) we would love to give them a home in the Summer Fair’s lucky dip! Please bring any donations to school which will be gratefully received.

Thank you for all your support.



Childcare Choices



Childcare Choices, the cross-Government childcare brand and campaign has been launched, providing parents with a single point of information for all the Government funded childcare offers, including the two new offers: 30 hours free childcare and Tax Free Childcare.

The launch of the new website, www.childcarechoices.gov.uk, means that parents can now pre-register for the Government’s new childcare offers.

The Childcare Choices website includes a childcare calculator for parents to compare all the Government’s childcare offers and check what works best for their families.

Through the website parents can also pre-register for email alerts to notify them when they can apply, as well as providing details of existing Government childcare offers.

This week's awards for
Neat Presentation go to:

Year 5: Liberty
Year 4: Dinari
Year 3: Lucas
Year 2: Evie
Year 1: Sophie



This week's awards for
Star Writer go to:

Year 5: Andreea
Year 4: Raya
Year 3: Sam
Year 2: Bailey
Year 1: Chloe
Recep: Kaysie



Certificates

Showing focus and determination when labelling his model robot in Learning through Play: Adam R

Determination to succeed when tackling the chilli challenge and writing her number sentence: Alyssa

Reading a hefty amount of books over the Easter holidays: Elizabeth

Moving up a level in reading: Donny-Lee

Being such a helpful member of the class at all times: Ben

Discussing her maths so well with a partner and explaining her decisions well: Chloe A-P

Being an attentive listener and contributing thoughtfully to class discussions: Alex

Extending her learning by researching facts about the sun at home: Molly

Taking careful notes and working to improve her sentences in English: Isabel G

Realising that he had to put more effort and thought into his maths extension then he at first figured: Jake

Being confident and conscientious during maths lessons: Katie

Always challenging himself in maths lessons to extend his learning: Hassan

Amazing Miss Moore with his positive attitude to SATs revision and putting extra effort in at home: James

Coming back to school with a bang! Michael

House Points

Children with 25 points receive a pencil:

Isabel G, Katie, Max PG, Ellie N, Layla

Children with 50 points receive a sharpener:

Lucia, Chloe L

Children with 75 points receive a rubber:

Lilly

Children with 100 points receive a pen:

Harry R

Children with 125 points: reward to be decided!

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