



SANDRIDGE WEEKLY NEWS



Friday 15th March 2019

The attendance winners for this week are Year 3 with 97.7%



Number of lates in each class this week:

Reception	no lates – well done!
Year 3	1 late
Year 4	2 lates
Years 1, 2, 5, 6	3 lates



'Head'lines (Miss Lisa Roberts, Headteacher)

I will be bringing two dogs into school (that I will be looking after) during the weeks beginning 25th March and 1st April. One is a chocolate labrador and the other; a mini daschund.

The children are desperate for us to have a school dog and it is something we are definitely considering.

There has been a significant amount of research on school dogs and they have many benefits including:

- A calming effect on pupils, particularly those with behavioural or learning difficulties and those who have Autistic Spectrum Disorder;
- Improved behaviour and concentration, reduced stress and improved self-esteem;
 - Encouraging expression and participation in more withdrawn children;
 - Fostering a sense of responsibility;
- Motivating pupils to think and to learn, as most children have a high level of natural interest in, enthusiasm for and enjoyment of animals;
- Encouraging respect and thereby improving pupils' relationships with each other, parents and staff;
 - Teaching children to nurture and respect animals;
- Helping work undertaken with the most vulnerable children, and education improvements with those who struggle more academically and socially;
 - Helping children build confidence in reading.

There will be risk assessments in place for the dogs' visit to Sandridge and we will send letters out next week asking if you are happy for your child to have contact with them. Lots of photos will follow...

Have a good weekend ☺



Advance Warning of School Lunch Price Increase



Herts Catering will be increasing the cost of school lunches by 10 pence.

Lunches will therefore cost £2.55 from Tuesday 23rd April.

School lunches should be paid for in advance. We are spending a lot of time chasing parents for payment of school dinners so please do ensure payment is made promptly and regularly.

Our preferred method of payment is via School Gateway, which will also show you the amount of any outstanding balance. The minimum payment is for 5 meals but they do not have to be taken consecutively.

Lunches for Reception and KS1 children remain free of charge.



Book Swap



Thank you to all the families who have donated their unwanted books to our Book Swap. This will take place next Thursday 21st March, so there is still time to have a look this weekend and bring your old books in, if you haven't already! Please send them straight into your child's class. All good condition children's books are welcome but we would especially love more KS2 and 'advanced reader' books for our competent readers.

We hope to have enough donated books for every child in the school to take one home.

We will be having our Book Fair at school w/c Monday 25th March.

Canoes in Early Years!



A big thank you to Mrs Ivory's neighbour (and Mrs Ivory) for donating two real canoes and paddles to enhance our outside area. Also, to Mr MacRae who went all the way to get them for us! They will particularly develop skills in role play (expressive arts and design), communication and language and of course social skills (PSED).

They look great and are such fun!

PTA News

The diablos purchased with money raised went out in the playground yesterday and were well received by the children. We are planning to purchase more playground equipment over the next couple of months.



Don't forget to use easyfundraising if you are booking an Easter holiday or buying Easter gifts!

It's so simple to get going; all you have to do is:

1. Go to <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/sandridgejmischoolsandridge>
2. Sign up for free
3. Get shopping and start raising!

No catches, no hidden charges and the School will be grateful for your donations!

Sporting News



Match Report



Sandridge –v– St John Fisher

On the 12th March, Sandridge School played a primary school football match against St John Fisher.

Sandridge's team line-up was very strong:

It was, Nick in goal, then Sebbie and Brody making an invincible defence, assisting Jake central midfield with Jamal and Darcy on the wings and Matty upfront. Alex, James and Cameron were substitutes.

The game started at an expected standard, goalless and the ball kept going between the 2 teams until Jake went on a break and scored from it. From then onwards St John Fisher had lost their talent. Soon Matty had scored. At half time, it was 2-0.

Matty went on to assist Alex and Jamal 's goal. Jake scored 2 in the last few minutes.

There is a rule in our league that if you're winning by a margin of six, the match ends!
We played a friendly afterwards.

By Alex

Sporting Certificates



Being able to balance using different body parts in Gymnastics this week and also being a great partner during our tennis games last week: **Reagan**

Showing good skill and working hard during games lessons: **Michael**

Working hard to improve his accuracy in tennis: **Jack**

Being extremely enthusiastic while reviewing our dance routine from last term:
Mehde

Using a great technique to perform a standing long jump: **Archie**

For excellent participation in all PE lessons and the Daily Mile: **Amin**

Showing good sportsmanship and supporting others in PE lessons: **Aaron**

This week's awards for
Neat Presentation go to:

Year 6: William
Year 5: Lucas
Year 4: Salma
Year 3: Zacarrie
Year 2: Aaron
Year 1: Florence



This week's awards for
Star Writer go to:

Year 6: Kathleen
Year 5: Sam
Year 4: Rachel
Year 3: Toby
Year 2: Jennie
Year 1: Joel
Recep: Danny



Phenomenal Phonics awards this week
go to:



Year 2: Keenan
Year 1: Amy
Recep: Henry

Congratulations to Anna
who passed her Copper
Music Medal for clarinet



Certificates

Nursery Superstar Award for being helpful to friends and around the classroom:
Lizzy

Being able to give such clear and intuitive explanations in maths this week and also
having a such lovely enthusiasm for his role play of the Three Billy Goats Gruff:
David

Working hard and being a helpful and friendly member of the class: Elsie-Rose

Being such a kind and caring person that teachers all around the school are noticing:
Jasmine

Choosing to read a book because it specifically connects to our English unit of
explanation texts: Phoenix

Having a brilliant attitude to his learning and always wanting to do his best: Owen

Having an amazing attitude all week and working incredibly hard: Jimmy

Being an all-round super star who is always willing to help others - you're amazing!
Tiffany

Individual Points

Children with 25 points receive a pencil: Olivia T