



# SANDRIDGE WEEKLY NEWS



Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019

The attendance winners for this week are Year 3 with 96.7%



Number of lates in each class this week:

Reception	no lates – well done!
Year 3	2 lates
Year 1, Year 6	4 lates
Year 5	5 lates
Year 2	6 lates
Year 4	8 lates



## “Head’lines (Miss Lisa Roberts, Headteacher)

Welcome back everyone; after what has felt like a ‘Spring break’ with all the blue skies and sunshine. I hope you all had a great half-term and took advantage of the great weather.

The Parent Survey analysis report is being emailed along with today’s newsletter. Thank you to the very many of you that took the time to respond and give us feedback; it is much appreciated. I think you will agree that, overall, the report reads really positively.

You will see that we have responded to your comments and suggestions and are already working on many of the actions.

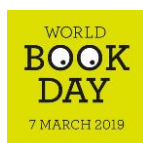
Huge thanks to governors; Michelle Poole and Emma Burrows who analysed the surveys and collated your responses.

Have a good weekend ☺

## **World Book Day and Dress Up Day – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March**

World Book Day is on Thursday and we are asking all children (and staff!) to come to school dressed as their favourite book characters!

You don’t have to spend a fortune on fancy dress clothes – homemade costumes are often the best! See the links below for ideas:



<http://www.worldbookday.com/dressing-up/>

<https://bookaid.org/support-us/world-book-day/world-book-daydress-up/>

We are looking forward to seeing your outfits and hearing all about your favourite books!



## **Book Donations please!**



This weekend, we kindly ask you (and your children) to have a look on your shelves for any children’s books gathering dust that might bring joy to another child.

Please bring in any donated books from Monday to Wednesday next week.

On Thursday, we hope to have enough donated books so we can offer every pupil a chance to take home a book to read.

All good condition children’s books are welcome, but in particular, we would love more KS2 and advanced reader books for our competent readers.

Thank you! Emma Murphy and Rachel Black

## St Albans Cathedral Choir

St Albans Cathedral Choir is looking to recruit new boy choristers from Years 3 to 5. They do not have to be the best singers but need to have an enthusiasm for singing, a clear sounding singing voice and potential to develop their voice further. Choir membership does require commitment, especially at weekends and at Christmas and Easter. They do take part in fun social events including an international tour once every two years and appear on national TV and radio from time to time.



More information, including details of how to apply, can be found at <https://www.stalbanscathedral.org/music/cathedralchoir/>

## Sporting News

### Cross Country

On Tuesday we took part in our fourth cross country match at St Columba's College. There were over 200 boys and girls competing and as usual our team put in a huge effort and did our school proud. The standard was very high and the children had to complete three laps of a large field which was approximately 1300m. One of our children was placed in the top 25!

Mr Robbins was particularly impressed how members of the team supported and encouraged each other as they were running.

Well done to Kathleen, Lulu, Aishah, Jamal, Matty and Sebbi!

### Upcoming Sporting Events

12<sup>th</sup> March – Football match against St John Fisher  
20<sup>th</sup> March – Hockey match after school against St Peter's School at Clarence Park  
26<sup>th</sup> March – Quicksticks Hockey Tournament

## Sporting Certificates

Having good ideas for dancing to different instruments during our "three little pigs" dance: Courtney

Performing a movement sequence using three different ways of travelling: Max

Pushing herself to complete a range of exercises for a science investigation: Millie

A beautifully demonstrated backwards roll, and working on his technique throughout the lesson: Toby

Using great technique to improve her sprinting speed: Ava

Having a great week doing the Daily Mile and PE: Joshua

Running well in the Daily Mile: Lee

## Year 6 History Dress Up Day!

On Monday, you might have noticed Year 6 wearing odd, out-of-date clothing! Either they have really bad taste in fashion or it was History Dress-up day. It's very hard to decide, let's go with the first one... \*not\*! Anyway, here is what we were up to on Monday.

First, we went outside to make a human timeline, we know that sounds strange, but still, it's true! We arranged ourselves, with a little help from Mrs Barrasso (ok, fine, a lot!) in time period order. Then we had a class photo taken, after that we had separate pictures with our era, as you can see.

Not long after, we went back inside to get on with the exciting day that was waiting for us. When we got inside, we played, Guess What Era Your Teacher is from (that's not the real name of the game, we just made it up!). Mrs Barrasso was from the 1920s, Mrs Pearcy was from the 1980s and Miss Fowle was a 1970's hippie.

Next, we were given a long piece of masking tape and a pile of pictures of dresses. On the tape, we were told to predict what time periods they came from. It was harder than it seemed!

In the afternoon, we had an open gallery of homework.

History Dress-up Day was very beneficial for Year 6 and we're sure years to come will agree with us. Thank you for reading our recount of THE DAY (we put THE DAY because we said History Dress-up Day too many times)! ☺

Tiffany and Dinari





**This week's awards for  
Neat Presentation go to:**

Year 6: Sebbi  
Year 5: Molly  
Year 4: Evie  
Year 3: Sophie  
Year 2: Adam  
Year 1: Leia



**This week's awards for  
Star Writer go to:**

Year 6: Jake  
Year 5: Olivia  
Year 4: Abigail  
Year 3: Erin  
Year 2: Alyssa  
Year 1: Noah  
Recep: Olivia



**Phenomenal Phonics awards this week go to:**



Year 2: Nathaniel  
Year 1: Deni  
Recep: Mason

### **Certificates**

**Nursery Superstar Award, for great designs, plans and creative projects: Oscar**

**Working hard in his adult and own learning times and still always being so helpful!  
Charlie H**

**Showing perseverance when she was worried about a new situation: Kimi**

**Being such a kind and compassionate peer and looking after any classmates that are  
feeling blue: Leila**

**Her fantastic fraction work throughout our lessons this week: Smallone**

**Being a brilliant "fix and find" learning partner: James**

**Having another really positive week - well done! Leo**

**Making links in her learning with maths - what lovely progress! Isabel**

### **School Dinner Reminder**

**School dinners for KS2 are £2.45 per day, payable in advance.**

**Our preferred method of payment is via School Gateway.  
The minimum payment is for 5 meals but they do not have to be taken consecutively.**

**Dinners for Reception and KS1 children are free of charge.**