



# SANDRIDGE WEEKLY NEWS



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## 'Head'lines (Miss Lisa Roberts, Headteacher)

Hello everyone. I hope this newsletter finds you safe and well.

We have decided to re-start our weekly newsletters this half-term as we begin to welcome back additional pupils and SLOWLY work towards some normality once again.

It has been fantastic to welcome back children in Early Years, Year 1 and Year 6 this week. Working towards this particular phase of re-opening has taken a lot of planning, re-planning and consideration of a wide range of factors. I'm in no doubt this has been the case for all schools up and down the country as we all struggle to take on board the vast amount of documents and other guidance that is published. We are still waiting to know if children in other year groups will be expected to return in a couple of weeks' time. If this is the case, this will require further planning within quite a tight time-frame which we would then cascade out to you as soon as is feasible.

Children returning to school this week were eagerly queuing outside the main gate (and adhering to social distancing) with enthusiasm and a big smile. Oh how we have missed those smiles!

Despite the significant changes inside the building and the clear difference on the playground and field with regard to division of space and 'zoning', the children displayed amazing resilience and adapted well to the more stringent infection control measures in place. Even our very youngest children did well to ensure they kept in a safe space to learn and play with their friends. It was actually really moving and made the staff feel really proud. Well done everyone!

Non-bubble based staff have been busy disinfecting books and a wide range of equipment and resources alongside beginning to create displays of home learning; one for each class. When all children do eventually return to school it will be nice for them to see photographs of themselves and their work on display – something we want to make sure is being acknowledged and celebrated continually.

Over the next couple of weeks, we will begin to put more and more photos and write-ups in the newsletters about what is happening at both home and school. Do make sure you continue to send in examples of your child's learning to the home learning email account that is being monitored daily. We love seeing what you are up to.

In the meantime, stay well, stay safe (and stay dry)!

Here's hoping we can all meet again really soon and the children can continue their learning journeys with each other and side by side.

Have a good weekend ☺

**REPS Certificates (Respect, Equality, Perseverance, Self-belief)**  
have been awarded to:

**Sam - Reception**

**James - Year 2**

**Harry - Year 6**

**Aaron - Reception**

**Olivia F - Year 4**

**Cassie - Year 6**

## At School...

**We asked our key worker children how they have found coming to school during lockdown...**

"School has been surprising. It was fun, weird and sometimes strange but mainly it has been amazing! We have made fires, dens as well as new friends and the arts and crafts have been great. It has been hard for the people with no friends here from their year group. Sometimes the zones are annoying but the teachers make it fun!"

Lucas – Year 6



"I liked seeing my friends and having a BBQ – we roasted marshmallows!"

Emily – Reception

"I liked seeing my friends and writing and going outside!"

Reagan – Year 1



"I've been at school for the last two months. It's been a bit strange but I do have a lot of good memories. I have really enjoyed making fires and especially eating the marshmallows. We have been doing lots of Forest School activities and I have enjoyed myself loads!"

Lucia – Year 4

**...and we asked our children who were now able to return to school how they felt about coming back!**

"We liked seeing friends, having a tea party outside, hunting for bugs and doing caterpillar and butterfly dancing!"

Roxy and Orla  
– Reception

"I like being able to see my friends rather than speak to them over a phone."  
"There's more space here to work than at home."

"I like being able to play with other people and not be lonely at home."

"It's also good that we have friends to be with that are our age rather than our siblings who are younger/older."

"There's not much to distract you at school from doing your work so it's easier to get on with it!"

"I like the routine of school; it's much easier than being at home as I got bored more easily!"

All the children liked the smaller class size and said that although they would prefer a few more people, they wouldn't want to be in a huge class of 30 where you don't have as much space and time as you do when there's less people.

Year 6



Socially distanced PE!



Year 6 showing their artwork off in their socially distanced classroom



### At School...

This week, some of our younger children received a letter from Mrs Rabbit who had lost Peter! They searched in the garden outside Year 1 where Hannah eventually found him hiding under a flowerpot! When they got back to their classroom, they wrote a letter to Mrs Rabbit saying that he had been found eating our carrots and cucumbers, but that he is safe now. One child even suggested that Mrs Rabbit got some security cameras so next time she'd know where Peter was!



Nursery and Reception children have been learning about 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' at school and in their home learning this week. At school the children read the story, sang the days of the week song, counted caterpillars, looked at the foods that the VHC ate and made some fruit kebabs to eat themselves!



### At Home...

Oliver and Albert had an ice cream sale from their driveway last Saturday to raise some money for the NHS. They only invited close friends and socially distanced all the sales by using their 2.1m garden sofa as a spacer and a fishing net to deliver the ice creams! It was great fun and the boys loved being part of something social, after such a long time!

Most importantly, they have raised £250 for the NHS – well done Oliver and Albert!

