



# SANDRIDGE WEEKLY NEWS



Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2020

The attendance winners  
for this week are  
Year 4 with 97.9%



Number of lates in each class this week:

Early Years, Year 1, 2, 3, 5, 6

Year 4

No lates – well done!

3 lates



Attendance figures do not include those children having to self-isolate/quarantine due to Covid.

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

I am pleased to say we have survived the first full week back at school!

The children have all got stuck into new topics this week and continue to enjoy being back in the classroom and learning alongside their friends once again. There is a great atmosphere throughout the school – children are smiling, enthusiastic and grateful to be here.

We have talked a lot in class assemblies, this week, about appreciating the small things we have as well as the big and not taking things for granted.

Children have told me that now they really appreciate having the opportunity to come to school each day whereas before they never really thought about it.

I think we all feel the same.

Today, your child will bring home their Google Classroom log-in details in an envelope.

Please ensure you log-in over the weekend so that you are set up and ready to go from the start of next week.

On Monday evening at around 6:00p.m, teachers will send out their 'Meet the Teacher' presentations along with any relevant attachments linked to that year group – these replace the 'Meet the Teacher' 15 minute sessions we normally do at the start of each academic year.

Following receipt of this, if you have any questions, please contact [admin@sandridge.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@sandridge.herts.sch.uk) who will forward your question(s) to the appropriate teacher.

Along with the newsletter, this week, you will receive a copy of the revised Homework Policy (which will also be on our website from Monday). Our remote learning plan is the appendix to this policy so please have a good read so you know when to expect remote learning and how it will work.

*Our plan states 'Where a class, group or small number of pupils need to self-isolate or quarantine, or there is a local lockdown requiring pupils to remain at home, we will offer immediate remote education. This will be via the Google Classroom platform (hard copies of learning tasks will be made available for the small minority of families that may not have access to the internet).'*

We need to make it clear that, unlike last term, there is now an expectation that all children in receipt of remote learning complete all tasks to the best of their ability and return it to school (via Google Classroom ideally) for the teacher to mark and provide feedback.

Please note: children will not receive remote learning if they are unwell (for obvious reasons). It is only if they are self-isolating or quarantining.

It is, therefore, especially important that we know the reason for your child's absence (otherwise we won't know whether to provide them with work).

Thank you.

Have a good weekend ☺

## COVID update

There are a number of things we would like to cover in this section:

**Punctuality at drop-off and pick-up:** the staggered start and finish times continue to ease the flow of human traffic through the school site so, again, this is much appreciated – thank you. From next week, however, we do need to tighten up on punctuality at both ends of the day.

Children need to be in their classrooms by the start times of 8:30a.m/8:45a.m/9:00a.m so please come just 5 minutes before that time so they are not late.

We also ask that you pick up promptly at the end of the day so that teachers can get on with their after-school tasks and meetings.

**The wearing of masks:** can we please remind you that if you are entering the lobby area outside the office you **MUST** wear a mask (unless you are exempt). This applies even if you are just putting an envelope in the postbox or bringing a child to Breakfast Club. This is for the protection of everyone. From Monday, any staff at the classroom doors will wear a visor. Wherever possible we ask that you refrain from speaking to staff on the door and try to provide information and other messages via email or telephone. Again, this is for health and safety reasons.

**Government guidance:** Children and young people may be back at school and placed in class bubbles with other Covid secure measures, however, this does not affect the guidance for staying safe outside of school.

You can still only meet outdoors in groups of up to 6 people from different households, or in a group of two households in any location.

Attendance at parties, sleepovers and social gatherings are increasing the number of positive cases in Hertfordshire; this is unacceptable and anyone breaking the rules could be fined.

**Playing your part:** Linked to the above paragraph; we have been concerned to hear of all the play dates, sleepovers and social gatherings that children have been talking about this week in school. We have worked hard, as have thousands of other schools, to put risk assessments in place to ensure we are meeting Government guidance and keeping you, your children and ourselves as safe as we possibly can. This has been challenging and it has taken time to put systems and controls in place but we have done it because it is vital for, at least, the foreseeable future. We ask that you work with us and try to keep your children from mixing with children from other classes before and after school (including on the playground whilst you're waiting) otherwise these controls are fruitless.

You may have heard that a number of very local schools have had to send whole classes home this week to self-isolate for 14 days (Skyswood being one of many). We have already had a number of children in our school who have been off this week being tested for Covid (fortunately, these have been negative).

**This pandemic has not gone away. We cannot relax. We are not back to normal.**

Please play your part and help keep schools open and safe for everyone – don't plan or attend activities that break the rules.

Please don't burst the class bubbles by mixing on the playground, after school and during weekends. We appreciate how hard this is with very young children – we really do – but we need to keep everyone safe and well.

Thank you for your co-operation and support. We know this can all sound very negative but, ultimately, we just want to stay open and stay safe!

## **This week we celebrated the birthdays of:**

Lacey – Year 4

Jasmine – Year 4

Erin – Year 4

Lois – Year 4

Artie – Early Years

A colorful graphic with the words 'HAPPY BIRTHDAY!' in large, multi-colored letters. The word 'HAPPY' is in blue, yellow, and red, and 'BIRTHDAY!' is in green, blue, yellow, and red. There are small flower icons to the right of the word 'HAPPY'.



## Sandridge 10k and Fun Run Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September – tomorrow!



It's your last chance to sign up today at [www.sandridge10k.co.uk](http://www.sandridge10k.co.uk) to run or walk 10k or 1 mile, wherever you like tomorrow.

Collect your medal from the Rose and Crown pub garden between 10:00a.m and 6:00p.m.

You can also raise sponsorship via [www.justgiving.com/sandridgepta](http://www.justgiving.com/sandridgepta)

All profits go to Sandridge Primary School.

Thank you for your support!

Please send photos of your children (or you!) running, walking or collecting your medals to [admin@sandridge.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@sandridge.herts.sch.uk) to appear in next week's newsletter – thank you!

### Early Years

Children in Early Years have been settling into their new environment this week. They have explored the areas and resources in both rooms and the outside too. They have painted their portraits, listened to stories and number rhymes, played hide and seek with cones with Mr Sinclair for PE and even made jelly!

Our chickens are also settling in well after their summer holiday with the Burrows family. We have collected eggs from them already!



Phenomenal Phonics awards this week go to:

Year 2: David  
Year 1: Aaron  
Recep: George



This week's awards for Star Writer go to:

Year 4: Lily  
Year 3: Henry

Year 2: Arisha  
Recep: Matilda



## REPS Certificates (**R**espect, **E**quality, **P**erseverance, **S**elf-belief)



Settling in so well to full days in Reception and showing respect to others by being so polite and sharing toys - well done! **Harry**

Persevering in every lesson this week, especially English: **Alex**

Really persevering with his times tables this week and showing such confidence: **Spencer**

Respecting both adults and children in the class by always listening and being ready to learn:  
**Michael**

Showing great determination and perseverance during all classroom activities: **Nathan W**

Engaging so well in all learning this week: **Smallone**

Persevering in maths and being kind to her classmates: **Aimee**

## Certificates of Merit



Early Years (Nursery) Superstar Award for staying all day and enjoying all the activities: **Gigi**

Displaying increasing confidence to try to work through new challenges throughout the week:  
**Aliza**

Being such a fantastic listener and following every instruction given this week. She has been a role model to the rest of the class - well done! **Olivia S**

Creating a fantastic information book about the Great Fire of London: **Kai**

Creating a fantastic poster for homework to show where we see different numbers in the world: **Ava M-N**

Being kind, helpful and organised when working at his table: **Adam R**

Showing brilliant understanding of our book "Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief": **Ella**

Having a positive week back and being engaged in all lessons: **Lyndon**

## Sporting Certificates



Fantastic climbing skills up the rope ladder outside! **Imogen**

Demonstrating controlled rolling of the ball in PE this week: **Emily**

Showing great throwing and catching skills this week in PE: **Mason**

Showing fantastic skill and control when dribbling the football in PE: **Deni**

Excellent effort in the Daily Mile and showing good skills in our PE session: **Adam A**

Demonstrating great sportsmanship during PE with Mr Sinclair: **Theo L**

Good ball control in hockey and football: **James B**