



SANDRIDGE WEEKLY NEWS



Friday 25th September 2020

The attendance winners
for this week are
Year 1 with 98.8%



Number of lates in each class this week:

Early Years, Year 1, 2, 5
Year 6
Year 3
Year 4

No lates – well done!
1 late
2 lates
5 lates



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

'Head'lines (Miss Lisa Roberts, Headteacher)

You will have seen on the 'Autumn 2020 dates' sheet we sent out in the first week back that, due to Covid, we are conducting parent consultations digitally this term.

We had planned to use Google Meet but we have now decided to use the video conferencing platform (School Cloud) that links to the online booking system we have used for the last couple of years. It makes more sense to use a platform that links to the booking system already in place.

To make this manageable for both yourselves and staff, each teacher is going to do their consultations on a different day offering video appointments between 9:15a.m and 6:45p.m. With so many more parents working from home again this approach should mean that everyone can manage to find 10-15 minutes in their day to speak to their child's class teacher (and you don't even need to leave home!).

Days/dates are as follows:

Monday 5th October – Y6: Miss Pratchett
Tuesday 6th October – Y4: Mr Robbins
Wednesday 7th October – Y5: Mrs Barrasso
Thursday 8th October – Y3: Miss Overall
Monday 12th October – Y2: Miss Allard
Tuesday 13th October – Y1: Miss Clothier
Wednesday 14th October – EY: Mrs Hardie & Mrs Beard

For information and instructions about how to book an appointment, please see the information below as well as the separate guide being emailed out with this newsletter.

Have a great weekend 😊

Parents Teacher Consultations – How to Book

To book your appointment time, please go to <https://sandridge.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Please see the separate guide sent with this newsletter for help with booking appointments.

Click on this link for details about how video calls will work:

<https://support.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/article/801-video-parents-how-to-attend-appointments-over-video-call>

If you would like to speak to Mrs Thompson, our SENCO, and have not already had an appointment with her this term, please email her via admin@sandridge.herts.sch.uk.

Harvest Celebration

This year we will not be able to go to St Leonard's Church to celebrate Harvest as we usually do. We will still be creating displays for the Flower Festival next week, and we will be collecting donations for the FEED food bank which will go on display at St Leonard's Church over the festival weekend.

If you are able to contribute to FEED, please choose an item from the list below and send them into school with your child any morning next week, where they will be collected by their teachers. All items will be taken to the church next Friday. Thank you.

Coffee

Hot chocolate

Fruit juice/squash

Small bottles/cans of soft drinks/water

Large bottles of water

Tinned meat

Rice/instant noodles

Cooking sauces e.g. for pasta

Microwave meals

Tinned meat

Biscuits

Non bio washing liquid/powder

Deodorant spray

Nappies: size 7

Pull-ups

Baby wipes



Pencil Cases/Stationery



Thank you to all those parents who have paid for pencil cases and/or stationery top ups. We finally received the delivery of pencil cases and these have been distributed to children now.

Top ups will only be handed out if the item in question has run out – it should not be necessary for your child to have a new ruler every year, for example.

If you have not yet paid for your child's stationery could you please do so via School Gateway. If you are not able to make a payment, please let us know. Children on Free School Meals will receive their stationery as part of their pupil premium grant and do not need to make a payment.

Please note children should not be bringing their own pencil cases and items from home. We have carefully selected the necessary stationery for each key stage which is also an easier and cheaper option for parents! Thank you.

Free School Meals

If your circumstances have recently changed and you are in receipt of benefits (including Income Support, Income-based Jobseekers Allowance, Income-related Employment and Support Allowance, Child Tax Credit, Working Tax Credit run-on) you may be entitled to Free School Meals.

Please go to www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals to check your eligibility. It only takes 5 minutes and in most cases you will be told straightaway if your child can get free meals at school.

Science in Year 5

Year 5 made the most of the recent good weather to conduct their science experiment outside on the playground.

They looked at testing how many cubes a 'boat' could hold before it sank under the weight. The focus was to make the test fair and ensure results were reliable – there was some amazing thinking with children saying:

The cubes have got water inside them now so if we use them again, they will be heavier than last time.

If there is any dirt on the cubes, this would make it different each time - can we clean them?

Our results are pretty much the same every time, so it must be reliable.

I wonder if we can fit more on if we stack it before we put it in the water?

This result is really different from the others, I think we should do it a few more times to make sure.

The way we have stacked them has made a difference. It tips one side more.



This week we celebrated the birthdays of:

Avarie – Early Years
Oscar L – Year 1
Albie – Year 1
Adriana – Year 2

Kenny – Year 5
Elizabeth – Year 5
Alfie – Year 6

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Phenomenal Phonics awards this week go to:

Year 2: Sayfoddine
Year 1: Malak
Recep: Matty

This week's awards for Star Writer go to:

Year 6: Salma
Year 5: William
Year 4: Elsie
Year 2: Henry
Year 1: Orla
Early Years: Aras



REPS Certificates (Respect, Equality, Perseverance, Self-belief)



Developing more self-belief this week and showing increasing confidence when approaching new activities: Hadley

Really persevering in maths this week: Isla

Having a fantastic attitude to learning and persevering with work even if its tricky! Courtney

Showing brilliant perseverance this week in his English, you have worked really hard on your poetry: Max M

Showing great perseverance and determination when working on her maths this week: Leila

Demonstrating so many of our values this week, working well with others and being helpful around the class: Freddie

Showing more self-belief in his ability; working hard in all subjects and being a pleasure to have in the classroom: Oliver P

Certificates of Merit



Early Years (Nursery) Superstar Award for trying hard with all her activities and listening well during story time: Avarie

Saying so many more words this week: Yunus

Being really kind to his friends this week: Oscar P

Always being such a kind and helpful member of the class: Adriana

Fantastic enthusiasm for learning his times table: Amr

Showing good understanding of the parts of the digestive system in science: Jasmine

Focus and achievements in maths this week and doing so well: Yana

Being incredibly engaged in Guided Reading and using his inference skills well: Griff

Sporting Certificates



Enthusiastically joining in with all sports activities and showing stamina especially when getting new bedding out for the chickens! Stephanie

Being a great team player in football this week, cheering on his team: Theo C

Fantastic passing skills in football this week: Olivia L

Doing really well at defending your football in PE, keeping the ball under control: Chloe M

Showing determination and good skills in our PE session: Lacey

Engaging fully in all physical activity - the amount you achieve in the Daily Mile is amazing!
Lucia

Working well as part of a team and passing accurately in hockey: Talya