



SANDRIDGE WEEKLY NEWS



Friday 6th November 2020

The attendance winners for this week are Year 1 with 100%



Number of lates in each class this week:

Early Years, Years 1, 2, 5 & 6 No lates – well done!

Years 3 & 4

4 lates



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

'Head'lines (Miss Lisa Roberts, Headteacher)

Well, who would have thought we would still be thinking about Covid in November, let alone be in another national lockdown?!

There has been much improved social distancing on the playgrounds at drop-off and collection times. Thank you for this. I know it is particularly hard to have very young children stay near to you whilst they wait but we need to do our very best to keep everyone safe.

Parent Forum

Please note, the first Parent Forum meeting this year will be held via Zoom on Thursday 26th November. Do speak with your class reps if there is anything you wish them to raise on your behalf at this meeting. Minutes will be made of the discussions held and sent out to all parents afterwards.

Thank you

Over the last year, thanks to your generosity and many donations, the PTA have raised a fantastic amount of money. Knowing we have an extremely limited budget, the PTA have agreed to fund the following resources and new equipment:

eight new Guided Reading sets, Maths resources that include shape sets, foam dice, clocks, interlocking cubes, tens frames and counters, SEND resources which include noise cancelling headphones, magnetic whiteboards and a subscription to a spelling programme, a range of teacher resources and children's books that will support PSHE and Protective Behaviours work along with some new computing software and hardware. These new resources will really support all that staff are doing to plug gaps and move children's learning on swiftly and effectively. Thank you.

Request

As I have already said above, we have extremely limited funds. The additional handwashing, in particular, is creating much additional expenditure on hand soap each term which is going to be increasingly hard to sustain over the coming terms.

We would really appreciate it if each child across the school could donate one box of tissues and one pump dispenser of hand soap that they could bring in to their classroom next week. This would mean each class would have enough to keep them going for the rest of this term. Of course, if you would like to donate more than one, please feel free – it would be much appreciated.

Have a great weekend – keep warm and keep safe!



School Photographs

Individual and sibling photographs will be taken on the morning of Thursday 12th November.

All children should wear their normal, smart school uniform to school.

Year 4 children who usually have PE on Thursdays, should not wear their PE kits that day and will not need to bring them to school.

NASAL Flu Immunisations – Reception to Year 6



Most children had their flu immunisations at school this week. The nurses will be returning on the morning of Thursday 3rd December to see the few children who were absent this week. If you have changed your mind and would like your child to be immunised, please email the school office to ask for a form.

Fundraising for the school – with Osprey (*just up the lane on Woodcock Hill*)

In partnership with Sandridge School, Osprey London and JJAM Café will be donating 10% of all their sales to the school for the duration of November - this includes all take-away food and drink and all Click & Collect orders.

The link to the 'Click & Collect' part of their website goes live on Tuesday 10th November:

<https://jjam-group-ltd.square.site>

Given we are in lockdown for the next month, this is the perfect opportunity to source some quality Christmas gifts and purchase a delicious take-away tea or coffee (and slice of cake) when you collect.

The best way to contact them if you are looking for something in particular is:

via Instagram - www.instagram.com/jjamcafe/

via email – info@jjamgroup.com , or

telephone – 01707 262601

So, go on, treat yourself...you know you want to!

Room on the Broom with Mr MacRae!

Early Years had a treat this week when Mr MacRae read them 'Room on the Broom' by Julia Donaldson in Scots (in the hall so he could socially distance from them all)!



Various children helped to perform and act out the story with tremendous confidence! The Scots version of the book included words like 'doon' for down, 'bizzum' for broom, 'nae' for no and 'puddock' for frog. A big thank you to Mr MacRae for his fantastic and rather dramatic reading skills!



“The Tiger Who Came to Tea” in Year 1

Last half term, Year 1 were learning about the story "The Tiger Who Came to Tea". They really enjoyed discussing what they would do if they hosted a tea party and they wrote invitations to their favourite toys to invite them to afternoon tea (without the tiger this time!)

In preparation for their tea party, they shared ideas about what they thought should be included, and of course it had to be cups of tea and scones with jam! They made their scones by following a recipe, and then wrote their own recipe using bossy words just in case anyone else would like to host their own tea party too. They had lots of fun at their tea party, some trying decaf tea with milk and eating the delicious scones they made.



Fireworks



Sadly, we will not be enjoying any large firework displays this year. If you are planning a small celebration in your garden, please be careful and follow the Firework Code (see link for details: <https://www.britishfireworksassociation.co.uk/firework-advice-for-consumers/>)

For those who will be staying in the warm, children might like to make some bonfire-night themed craft – see link for some ideas: <https://www.activityvillage.co.uk/bonfire-night-crafts>. They may bring their creations in to show their teacher, if they want to.

Other children might like to research how fireworks/sparklers work, what they are made from or why they were invented. As Science Leader, Mrs Hardie will be especially interested in what they find out!



PTA News

Smarties Challenge

Thank you to everyone who has already sent in their 20p-filled Smarties' tubes.

Do please keep them coming into classes. We would like them all in by Monday 16th November please.

Thank you for your support!



Christmas Cards

Christmas card proofs were sent out this week. Details of how to order are on the proofs, but you need to go to www.sforders.co.uk and input your child's personalised pin code which can be found on the template. All orders are placed and paid for online. Cards will be delivered to school by 3rd December. All orders must be placed by Tuesday 17th November.



Christmas Trees

Christmas Trees can now be ordered via this link:



<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/sandridgeschoolpta/#.X6RqvhbfWEed>

Trees cost £39 for a 5ft+ tree, £47 for a 6ft+ tree and £56 for a 7ft+ tree which is fantastic value for money!

All pre-ordered trees will be available for collection from the school playground on Saturday 5th December.

£10 from the sale of each tree comes back to the school so please tell friends and family too!

All orders must be placed by 29th November. Any questions, please ask Emma Burrows.

Virtual Wreath Making – cancelled

Sadly, this second period of lockdown means we will not be able to go ahead with virtual wreath making.

This week we celebrated the birthday of:

Spencer – Early Years
Faris – Early Years
Alice – Year 1
Franklin – Year 1
Isla – Year 1

Olivia – Year 3
Jennie – Year 4
Keenan – Year 4
Nathaniel – Year 4
Megan – Year 5
Abigail – Year 6



Phenomenal Phonics awards this week go to:

Year 2: Olivia
Year 1: Oscar
Early Years: Sara



This week's awards for Star Writer go to:

Year 6: Sophie
Year 5: Toby
Year 4: Amina
Year 3: James

Year 2: Albert
Year 1: Theo
Early Years: Stephanie



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



Persevering at trying to complete a rhyming activity more independently: Evie

Believing in and challenging herself in maths this week, using the resources given to help her answer tricky questions: Elsbeth

Showing fantastic perseverance in maths this week: Arisha

Showing fantastic perseverance and self-belief in maths this week: Annabelle

Showing perseverance and trying her best in all her written work: Millie

Consistently taking responsibility for her own learning and seeking further guidance when needed - you are showing more self-belief! Megan C

Being engaged and enthusiastic in class; what a lovely week you have had! Sorcha

Certificates of Merit



Early Years (Nursery) Superstar Award for amazing counting and speaking this week: Yunus

Amazing work as a scientist this week when he found out every magnetic part of the school with such relish, excitement and enthusiasm! Aras

Being a superstar in maths this week and having a go at every question! Anas

Being such a fantastic helper in class this week and always offering to tidy up the classroom: Charlie

Having a great attitude to your learning this week: Indiah

Really good understanding and reasoning during our work in maths on multiplying: Keenan

Being a focused learner this week - you have done so well and the adults have noticed your efforts! Bella

Working really hard in maths and using accurate vocabulary: Bailey

Sporting Certificates



Such lovely dancing with her friends during her own learning time this week! Aliza

Listening to and following instructions carefully in hockey this week, demonstrating fantastic control when moving the ball: Olivia S

Thinking carefully about his body positions and movements in dance: Henry

Showing wonderful knowledge and skill in netball. You were able to pass the ball accurately: Elsie-Rose

Excellent effort and dribbling skills during our basketball PE lesson: Adam R

Being an amazing Daily Mile runner - you never stop! Theo L

Excellent dribbling and passing in basketball: Salma