



SANDRIDGE WEEKLY NEWS

Tuesday 21st December 2021



Children return to school on Thursday 6th January 2022

'Head'lines (Miss Lisa Roberts)

If someone had told me this time last year, that this year would be even more challenging and that we would have to endure a second period of lockdown and remote learning, I'm not sure I would have believed them.

2021 has been, by far, harder than last year as the pandemic continues to impact everyone across the globe. Rather naïvely, schools re-opened fully in September with plans to return to normal...except, what really is 'normal' now? Over the last couple of years, we have had to adapt to working very differently, learn new skills and develop increased resilience. The lack of socialisation for both children and adults has taken its toll and the impact can clearly be seen; especially in young people.

Many people have lost jobs, homes and, more tragically, loved ones. It really has been the most challenging of times for everyone.

I am proud of what we have achieved; particularly this year and how hard the children have worked to embrace and adapt to changes in routines, the way we (and they) now work and the continuing restrictions placed upon us at home and in school. The pressure is very much on schools to plug gaps and catch up on lost learning – we can only do this when children are receptive and families are supportive and behind us. Thank you for your ongoing care, kind words and support – not just for your children but for us, as staff too. It really does mean a lot.

Thank you to staff and governors for their incredible hard work and enthusiasm; always striving to do their absolute best for the children and families of Sandridge.

Lastly, and most importantly, thank you to our brilliant children. They never cease to amaze me with their resilience, perseverance and positive outlook on life. They have had to ensure such a lot over the last couple of years and still, they try their absolute hardest and with a smile on their faces.

However, you celebrate this Christmas period, I hope you can enjoy some quality time with loved ones and find a sense of peace and calm during what feels, once again, like an increasingly overwhelming time.

Stay safe, full of hope and, most importantly, healthy.
Here's to a happier and more positive 2022.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year ☺

Covid Procedures over the Christmas Holidays

If your child tests positive for Covid over the Christmas holidays, please do let us know by emailing admin@sandridge.herts.sch.uk, especially if they will not be back at the start of term (Thursday 6th January). Contacting tracing is done by NHS Track and Trace, so we will not need to alert anyone, but it is helpful information for our records.

We hope to see all children back at school after Christmas. If the Government's position changes, we will email all parents with any updated restrictions.

Certificates of Excellence were presented to the following children for their outstanding work and positive attitudes over the course of the Autumn term:

Nursery **Marnie, Samuel**

Reception **Ralph, Sofia**

Year 1 **Evie, Aliza**

Year 4 **Amr, Indiah**

Year 2 **Elsbeth, Lilly**

Year 5 **Dave, Lois**

Year 3 **Mason, Adriana**

Year 6 **Elsie, Bella**

The Headteacher's Achievement Award was presented to: **Noah PK**



The attendance winners for December are Year 1 with 98.7%.



Year 1's reward will be a non-school uniform day on Friday 7th January.

The attendance winners for the Autumn Term are Year 3 with 97%.

Mrs Barrasso and the children will discuss a suitable reward in the New Year!

We have not presented individual certificates to children with 100% attendance this term.

We recognise that this has been a challenging time for attendance, and that sometimes children have had no choice but to be absent from school due to the need to have a PCR test or self-isolate.

Thank you for your support in following the ever-changing Government guidance.

