



SANDWICH INFANT SCHOOL

Where everyone is valued and learning is fun

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Newsletter September 2020

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the new academic year 2020-2021 which I hope will be happy and rewarding for us all despite the strange start. I particularly want to welcome the new Dragonflies and Bees, Hugo in Lemurs, Blake in Swans and their families. We really believe in our school vision, "Where everyone is valued and learning is fun", and hope that you will see that during your children's time with us. The teachers and I are available to talk briefly before school on the playground but if you need a longer or private conversation please send an email or telephone the office. I would like to thank parents again for being so respectful of the new arrangements at the beginning and end of the school day.

Jeans for Genes Day

On Friday 18th September we will be raising money for Jeans for Genes. This is a charity which raises money to change the lives of children with genetic disorders by providing vital support and equipment. Please send your child to school that day in jeans or other casual trousers (with school shirt and sweatshirt) and a donation of £1 in a sealed envelope.

Absence from School in Term Time

Please do not request absence from school during term time as we are not able to authorise holidays or leave except in exceptional circumstances. Requests should be made on the form available from the office or the school website and submitted at least two weeks before the first date. If you remove your child without permission it will be recorded as unauthorised and could lead to a penalty notice being issued by Kent County Council. Medical appointments are obviously an exception.

Office Opening Hours

The office is open between 8.30am and 4.00pm to receive telephone calls or visits by

parents. Messages can be left on the answer machine outside those hours. If you need to get in contact with Fun Club before or after school, their direct telephone number is 07379 894315.

Coats

As the weather starts to get colder please send a coat to school with your child. It is better to have a coat that spends all day hung on a peg than teachers trying to find a spare coat for a child because it is too cold outside. The children do play outside in light rain so a coat with a hood is preferable.

Parking

If parents are dropping off or picking up from Fun Club, parents are able to use the school car park between 8.00am and 8.20am in the morning and after 4.00pm. Outside these times please be mindful of the school staff and our neighbours and do not block the roads around the school.

Clubs

We have taken the decision not to run clubs this term, except the Team Theme club which is invitation only. Clubs are offered to children in Years One and Two as we have found the Reception children are too tired. Fun Club is an exception.

Mental Health

I have been asked by the government to share a link to www.mentallyhealthyschools.org.uk. It includes resources for parents which you may find useful if your child is feeling anxious about being separated from you.

Reception Parents – email

This is the last time the parents from Dragonflies and Bees will receive a paper copy of the newsletter. Once you are on the SIMS system we send information out by email or text. Please check your junk email regularly so that you don't miss out. Texts will come from 'Home Connect'.

Contact details

Please make sure that the office are kept up-to-date with your mobile number and email address now that these are our chosen forms of contact with parents. A lot of information including term dates and past newsletters are also on the school website.

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2020-21 Dates

Friday 18th September 2020

Jeans for Genes – Children wear jeans or casual trousers/skirt with school sweatshirt for a donation.

Monday 5th October 2020

Individual School Photos

Tuesday 13th October 2020

Harvest Festival Food Bank Collection - Due to COVID, we will not be having a Harvest Festival at the church as normal.

Friday October 23rd 2020

End of Term One

Monday 2nd November

Beginning of Term Two

Tuesday 10th November 2020 and Thursday 12th November 2020

Parents Evenings

Monday 16th November 2020

Beginning of Anti-Bullying Week

Monday 23rd November 2020

Flu Vaccinations

Friday 11th December 2020

Christmas Jumper day in aid of Save the Children

At this time we cannot anticipate whether we will be able to have a Christmas Production or the Christmas parties as usual.

Friday 18th December 2020

End of Term Two

Monday 4th January 2021

Beginning of Term Three for Staff (Staff Development Days)

Wednesday 6th January 2021

Beginning of Term Three for Children

Friday 5th February 2021

Number Day

Monday 8th February 2021

Beginning of Safety Week

Thursday 11th February 2021

Safer Internet Day

Friday 12th February 2021

End of Term Three

Monday 22nd February 2021

Beginning of Term Four for Teachers (Staff Development Day)

Tuesday 23rd February 2021

Beginning of Term Four for Children

Thursday 4th March 2021

World Book Day – Children will be asked to dress up as a book character

Monday 8th March 2021

Beginning of Art Week

Tuesday 16th March 2021 and Thursday 18th March 2021

Parents Evenings

Friday 19th March 2021

Red Nose Day

Thursday 1st April

End of Term Four

Monday 19th April 2021

Beginning of Term Five

Monday 3rd May 2021

Bank Holiday (no school)

Friday 28th May 2021

End of Term Five

Monday 7th June 2021

Beginning of Term Six for Teachers (Staff Development Day)

Tuesday 8th June 2021

Beginning of Term Six for Children

Monday 14th June 2021

Beginning of Sports Week

Friday 18th June 2021

Sports day

Thursday 1st July 2021

Move Up (Transition) Day

Wednesday 21st July 2021

End of Term Six

We cannot anticipate whether we will be able to have our usual end of year celebrations.

Details of each event will be sent nearer the time - dates are correct at 10.09.20