

# SANDRINGHAM NEWS

Nurture Enrich Inspire

Friday 17th September 2021



## Message from Mrs Money

It is wonderful to see how well the children throughout Sandringham are settling into school life. They are amazing us all with their independence and enthusiasm for learning...as parents you are playing an important part in this too, thank you so much for your support.

Well done to our Hedgehogs and Moles who have just completed their first week of full time in Reception. This is a big step and is exhausting for them so please ensure that they have plenty of rest this weekend in preparation for next week. If your child is still finding separation difficult, please don't despair! This is a phase which will pass even though I completely understand and can remember well the awful feeling of leaving your little ones upset. Be reassured that the staff here have an abundance of experience both as professionals and parents, in encouraging, distracting and comforting children (and their parents) during the early days of school separation.

Please can I remind you to follow the one-way system for leaving school at drop off and pick up times. Follow the path along the front of the school building and exit via the car park gates. Thank you for your support. Please can Nursery families line up along the path leading up to the main office and wait until called over by Mrs Wells. This avoids too many parents and children being on the path at the same time.

Over the last 18 months we have been unable to hold our usual fundraising events in school organised by our FRIENDS of Sandringham (PTA). This year we are really looking forward to holding a variety of events which will not only raise funds for the school but also bring the school community together again. We desperately need more parents to join this friendly group, either helping at events, keeping records of finances or just coming up with new ideas. Please contact the school office if you would like to help or come along to our **FRIENDS AGM on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm** in school.

As guidance gradually changes, some of you may be looking to book family holidays again. There are 190 days a year where children are legally required to be in school and 175 non school days a year to spend on holidays, shopping and days out. Please do not book family holidays in term time as I am unable to authorise these. Please see the below statement from Surrey regarding penalty notices.

*The issuing of a penalty notice for unauthorised leave of absence may be considered appropriate in the following circumstances :Unauthorised leave of absence in term time (5 days/10 sessions or more within a three month period – this need not be consecutive) without the authorisation of the school. In the case of separated parents, the penalty notice will be sent to the parent requesting leave of absence and/or taking the pupil out of school. No written warning will be given where it can be shown that the parent/carer had previously been warned of their liability to receive a Penalty Notice.*

Finally, a huge thank you to Year 1 and 2 parents for providing the children with their wellies and waterproofs for our new initiative 'Forest Fridays'. The children had a great time last week exploring the grounds, collecting sticks from the 'forest' at the park and hunting for minibeasts. We are looking forward to introducing this to the Reception children once they have settled into school a little more. Also included with this newsletter is a short powerpoint which we have used with the children to explain Forest Friday which you may find useful too.

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### PLEASE REMEMBER

#### SCHOOL TIMINGS FOR REC/Y1/Y2

8.50 am – 3.10pm

Gates open at 8.40am.

After dropping your child please exit school via the one way system along the front of the school building and out via the car park gates.

#### NUT FREE SCHOOL

We have children and staff with severe nut allergies. It is very important that packed lunches must not include any spreads, cereal bars or snacks with any nut content. Thank you.

#### EARRINGS

We prefer that earrings are not worn to school. Parents will be asked to sign a disclaimer to accept all responsibility for injury and ears must be taped at home for PE sessions.

#### INSET DAYS

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

1 further date for a KITE trust INSET TBC



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## AUTUMN TERM DIARY DATES

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September** - FRIENDS (PTA) AGM meeting - 7.30pm

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September** - Reception parents coffee/info meeting - 9am

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October** - Foxes class parent lunch - 12pm

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October** - Harvest Assembly - in school event - no parents

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October** - Parents Evening - times to be confirmed

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October** - Owls parent assembly - 9.10am

Rabbits class parent lunch - 12pm

Parents evening - times to be confirmed

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October** - End of half term - 3.10pm (Friday is a bank holiday)

**OCTOBER HALF TERM HOLIDAY - Monday 25<sup>th</sup> - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October**

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November** - Start of term - 8.40am

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November** - Magical Maths Day

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November** - Flu immunisations - Reception, Year 1 & Year 2

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November** - Children In Need day

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November** - Reception parents coffee/info meeting - 2.15pm

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November** - Happy Bags drop off 8.30am-9.00am

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December** - Squirrels parent assembly - 9.10am

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** - Reindeer Run

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December** - Outerspace workshop - in school event - no parents

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December** - Christmas Jumper day / Christmas lunch / Christingle

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December** - Reception Nativity Dress Rehearsal -am - no parents

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December** - Reception Nativity Dress rehearsal - am - Reception parents invited

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December** - Class Christmas parties

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December** - End of term - 1.30pm