

SANDRINGHAM NEWS

Nurture Enrich Inspire

Friday 23rd October 2020



Message from Mrs Money

We have reached the end of the first half term of this academic year and I would like to start by saying thank you to the whole community for supporting me in all of the modifications to school life within Covid government guidelines. We have managed to stay fully staffed and without any bubble closures, which is fantastic news within the current climate. This is down to everyone's efforts surrounding cleaning routines, handwashing, staying away from school when unwell and adhering to track and trace guidelines. Thank you.

After half term we are asking parents to wear masks at school drop off and pick ups. Whilst this is obviously your own choice as you remain outside and in control of your own social distancing, we do feel that this is in the interests of yourselves and other parents safety. As a staff team we have discussed this also applying to staff at drop off and pick up times. So much of the welcome and settling for children in the morning is based around facial expression and smiles so we have made the decision together that this remains a priority. Staff will therefore, for the time being, not wear masks. However, for us to be able to do this it is essential that parents remain socially distanced from staff at all times please. After half term our one way system will continue along with clearer drop off point signs for children and we ask that parents do not go past these in order to keep staff safe. Without healthy staff I am unable to keep the school open so hope that you will wholly support me in this.

Since the last newsletter we have held some events in school which have all been very successful. Parents evenings on teams/phone went smoothly and although meetings in person are of course preferable, feedback has been very positive. If you haven't yet spoken with your child's teacher please contact the school office to make an appointment for after half term. We had a whole school fire practise last week which ensures that the whole school community knows how to exit safely in the event of a fire. It was so lovely for all of the children to actually see different year groups, we really enjoyed lots of waving across the playground to each other!

Thank you all for your overwhelming donations for the harvest collection. The children came to the hall in their bubbles and added their donations to the harvest table. A huge thank you to Lucille Double and Chloe Webb for helping me to pack away the goodies which will be taken to the local foodbank after half term.

Today you will have been emailed a school fund donation letter outlining how we ask families to support us this year in funding all of the wonderful extras in school. You will also receive a KITE newsletter. Please take the time to read these and to complete the parents survey regarding the continuation of Friday afternoon school closure in January. Your views are essential in the decision regarding this.

A few weeks ago a promotional video was filmed for each of the KITE schools. This is primarily for prospective parents who are deciding which school to send their children to. However this is so gorgeous I really wanted to share it with all of you! I have already watched this lots of times as it makes me feel so incredibly proud of our special little school. I hope you enjoy it too. <https://youtu.be/Y0jYb6qav6k>

Wishing you all a wonderful half term with your families.

PLEASE REMEMBER

SCHOOL REOPENS
MONDAY 2nd NOVEMBER

SCHOOL DAY

Reception - 8.40 - 3pm

Year 1 & 2- 8.50 - 3.10pm

Friday - Reception: 12.45
Year 1 & 2: 1pm

Nursery - as per your
child's arranged sessions

Please be prompt for
drop off and collection
but only join the line at
your child's allotted time.

SCHOOL FUND DONATION

Please refer to today's
email regarding the
school fund donation.

NEW RECEPTION PHOTO

A photo of the new
Reception children will be
in the Aldershot News
and Mail on Wednesday
11th November. Don't
forget to buy your copy !

INSET DAYS

Friday 28th May
Monday 22nd February
Wednesday 21st July

1 further INSET date
for the Spring term TBC



Autumn Term diary dates

Friday 23rd October - End of Half Term

Monday 2nd November - Start of term

Week of 2nd November - Remembrance week

Poppy merchandise available in each class for the children to buy. Please send any money into school in a named envelope.

Week of 9th November - Diwali week

Children will learn all about the festival of light and how families celebrate Diwali.

Friday 13th November - Children in Need

Children are invited to come to school in mufti or children in need merchandise with a £1 donation towards the appeal if you would like to.

Monday 23rd November - Magical Maths Day

Whole day full of exciting mathematical themed activities for all the children.

Friday 27th November - Flu immunisations

Please refer to email already sent.

Friday 4th December - Reindeer Run in school event in aid of the Phyllis Tuckwell Trust. More information to follow after half term.

Thursday 10th December - Christingle celebrations and school Christmas lunch

More information to follow nearer the time.

Friday 11th December - National Christmas Jumper day

More information to follow nearer the time.

Reception Nativity - we are hoping that a Nativity in some form will still be possible but this will be dependant on Government guidelines nearer the time. We will keep you informed.

Wednesday 16th December - Christmas party day

More information to follow nearer the time.

Friday 18th December - End of term

12.45 - Nursery and Reception

1pm - Year 1 and Year 2

Please note this is for ALL children. There will be no 'Friday club' on this date.

HARVEST DONATIONS



GOLDEN TEA PARTIES



I was very excited to hold my first Golden Tea Party of this academic year. I was joined by children from each year group bubble who had been nominated by their teachers due to them having lovely manners, consistently positive behaviour and a great attitude to learning. It was such a privilege for me to talk about their experience at Sandringham over a hot chocolate and a yummy cake!

