

SANDRINGHAM NEWS

Nurture Enrich Inspire

Friday 13th January 2023



Message from Miss Randles

Welcome back to the Spring Term, to 2023 and a big Sandringham welcome to the three new families who have joined us in school and to our new nursery families whose little ones have enjoyed their stay and play sessions this week. We are delighted how happy and settled all our children have been returning to school and nursery. In addition to our new children, we have also welcome some new staff to the team. Miss Dootson and Miss Harris are enjoying getting to know their new classes. The children and staff said goodbye and good luck to Mr Dwane this week who has moved to work at Cross Farm full-time. Mr Cooper has returned to Sandringham as our maintenance technician (previously known as a site manager). Our Child Governors interviewed each of our new staff this week. Please find out a little bit more about each of them on the next page!

With it being a New Year and a time for reflection and a review, I have led a team meeting with staff this week to celebrate what we do well at Sandringham and consider what we could introduce or remove to improve things further. I have named this "STICK - START - STOP" and as a new Headteacher I value the input of the whole school community. Please refer to the feedback form I have left in each child's book bag today (Ladybirds on Monday!) if you would be willing to share your thoughts with me too. We pride ourselves on being a family of children, staff, parents and Governors at Sandringham so I would really love to hear your views. I will collate the feedback by the end of January so please return your forms via book bags or the school office as soon as you can. Thank you.

Thank you for your support today with our 'Snuffly Day'. The children and staff have loved coming to school in their pyjamas or onesies and tissues are now well stocked up ready for the next few months of changing seasons and possible coughs and colds.

Ship Ahoy! I am so excited to share that over the Christmas holidays as promised, the soft surface for our new pirate ship structure has been laid. It is currently sectioned off whilst we wait for the ground to dry out a bit more and for the surface to be sealed around the edges. We have been given the thumbs up for the ship to be ready for its official opening on Friday 20th January so all children and staff are invited to come dressed in their pirate costumes next Friday! Each class will be enjoying a wide variety of swash buckling activities throughout the day, as well as their first go on the mighty ship itself! We look forward to a fantastic fun day!

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Miss Randles

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

This week we have had a meeting and register check with our KITE attendance officer whose role it is to support Mrs Green and myself in ensuring that children are in school for as many school days as possible.

There are 190 days a year where children are legally required to be in school and 175 non-school days to spend on holidays and days out. I am not permitted to authorise absences for holidays. **Please note:** I am also required to send out letters to families whose children's attendance has raised concern for a certain time period. For most this will just be for monitoring purposes.

I appreciate your understanding with this important matter.

Attendance Matters



Every Day Counts....



SPRING TERM - DIARY DATES

Friday 20th January - Pirate Dress Up Day

Monday 23rd January - Chinese New Year celebrations - in school event

Wednesday 25th January - Moles Parent Lunch at 12.30pm

Thursday 26th January - Phonics Information Meeting at 5pm (YR + Y1)

Wednesday 1st February - Owls Parent Assembly at 9.15am

WB. 6th February - Parents Evenings - 3.30-6pm - exact days TBC

Tuesday 7th February - Internet Safety Day

Friday 10th February - Break up for Half Term / Report portal opens for Y1+2

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Monday 20th February - Back to School and Nursery

Tuesday 21st February - Pancake Day

Wednesday 1st March - St. David's Day (club uniform can be worn today)

Thursday 2nd March - World Book Day (book character dress up)

Wednesday 8th March - Squirrels Parent Assembly at 9.15am

Thursday 9th March - Amazing Adventurers Day - in school event

Wednesday 15th March - Mother's Day Celebrations - timings TBC

Friday 17th March - Comic Relief Day

Tuesday 21st March - Odd Socks Day

Wednesday 22nd March - Hedgehogs Parent Lunch at 12.30pm

Thursday 23rd March - Foxes Parent Assembly at 9.15am

Thursday 23rd March - Year 2 SATs Meeting for Parents - time TBC

Wednesday 29th March - iRock Concert to Parents (iRockers only)

Thursday 30th March - Siblings Day Celebrations

Friday 31st March - Break Up for Easter Holidays at 1.10pm

WELCOME TO NEW STAFF



Miss Dootson

What is your job at our school?

I am a teacher in Year 2. I teach Rabbits class.

What is your favourite book?

Green Eggs and Ham

Do you have any hobbies?

Yes... I love to dance!

What is your job at our school?

I am Hedgehogs Class teacher in Reception.

What is your favourite food?

I like chocolate milk and pizza.

Do you have any hobbies?

I like reading and baking cakes.



Miss Harris

What is your job at our school?

I am an LSA in Reception and Year 2.

What is your favourite animal?

I love dogs because I have a pet dog called Hero.

Do you have any children?

Yes I have twins... a boy and a girl.



Mrs Pearce

What is your job at our school?

I am the site manager and I make sure the school site is safe for all the children and adults.

What is your favourite colour?

Blue - because I am a Chelsea fan!

Do you have any pets?

Yes I have a puppy called Elsie.



Mr Cooper

PTA MEETING

Our PTA meeting this term will be on **Wednesday 25th January at 7pm** in school. We will be discussing this term's fundraising and fun activities for the children.

Everyone is very welcome whether or not you've previously been involved in the PTA. We are aiming to keep the meeting to an hour with tea, coffee and cakes provided!

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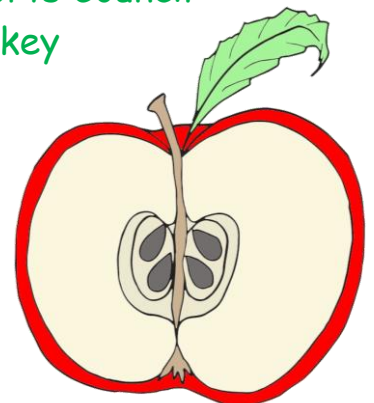
RESPONSIBILITY

This half term our core value is **Responsibility**.

We are encouraging the children to take responsibility for their themselves, their belongings, their behaviour and the world around them.

In school, our VIPs, Eco-Warriors, Child Governors, Sports Council and Sports Leaders have been reflecting on what their key responsibilities are.

Please support us at home by reminding your child about this important word and how they can continue to be responsible at home... keeping their bedroom tidy, looking after any pets etc.



RECEPTION



We were very excited to start our 'Forest Friday' sessions last week and had lots of fun exploring our outside areas, investigating what we can learn from the world around us.

