

SANDRINGHAM NEWS

Nurture Enrich Inspire

Friday 26th February 2021



Message from Mrs Money

I hope that you all had a relaxing half term break and managed to get outside despite the rainy weather. This week it really feels like Spring has sprung and that new beginnings are on the way. I was so delighted to hear that school is going to re-open completely on 8th March and can't begin to tell you how much I am looking forward to having the whole school together again. Staff are busy planning the first week back to allow plenty of opportunities for all of the children to have fun, re-adjust and enjoy being with their friends and teachers again. Staff will gently assess the children to see how they are doing socially, emotionally and academically to enable catch up programmes and interventions to commence as soon as the children have settled.

For many children (and parents) this return is being met with excitement and relief, however for some it may be creating feelings of worry and anxiety. If you have any concerns about how you or your child is going to manage this return to school please contact me, the school office or their class teachers so that we can support you. Please remember that everyone's experience of lockdown has been very different and to be kind to yourselves and each other.

Drop off and collection timing arrangements remain the same. Please continue to be prompt but only enter the school gate at your child's allocated timings. We ask parents to continue to wear masks on the school site and to socially distance from each other and staff at all times. We haven't had any cases at school to date, however I really need you to support us to ensure that this success continues.

We are remaining in year group bubbles and have kept routines the same as when the children were last all in school. This will hopefully help them settle back into a familiar routine quickly. The expectation is that children return in full uniform, however I realise that growth spurts and the continued closure of shops may make this a challenge for parents. Please just do what you can...it is more important that the children are back in school with us!

Huge Congratulations to our site manager Mr Cooper and his wife Emma, on the safe arrival of their 5th 'little Cooper' Archie Robin, who was born during half term.

Thank you for all of the gorgeous photos of your 'holiday heart hunters'. The children discovered an amazing array of hearts whilst out on their walks. I have included some in this newsletter and will be creating a display of hearts in school to share their discoveries.

Also thank you for all of your notes of thanks for the Sandringham bears which aimed to remind all of the children that they are very much loved and are part of our school family, wherever they are. And thank you to Mrs Green for co-ordinating deliveries of the remaining bears over the half term holiday.

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PLEASE REMEMBER

INSET DAY

DATE CHANGE

A reminder that the INSET day scheduled for 22nd February, has been moved to Monday 22nd March. School is closed to all children on this day.

Drop Off Times

8.40am Reception arrive
8.50am Yr 1 and Yr 2 arrive
9am - Nursery arrive
(8.45 on a Wednesday)

Collection Times

3pm - Reception collection
3.10pm - Yr 1 and Yr 2 collection
3pm - Nursery collection
(3.15 on a Wednesday)

COVID UPDATES

Please keep us updated of any positive test results within your households during the half term break.

INSET DAYS

Mon 22nd March
Fri 28th May
Mon 7th June
Wed 21st July



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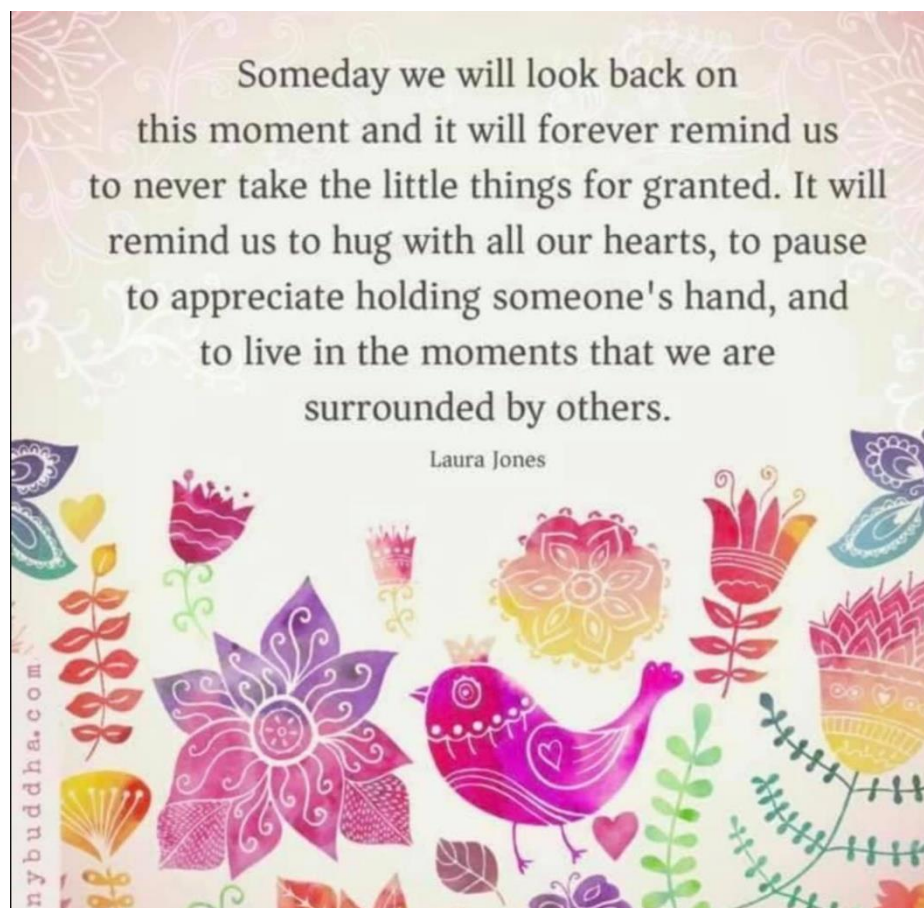
Please book your child's lunches for 3 weeks in advance to ensure the kitchen can plan catering numbers. We have had a few issues of children not liking what parents have chosen for them so if possible do this with your child and remind them what they are having in the mornings so they aren't surprised by their choices. Please ensure you have booked lunches for up to the Easter holidays and then after that it will be on a 3 weekly cycle in line with the school 3 week menu.

If you are using our Woodlands breakfast and after school club well in advance to help us to plan for staffing. Children remain in their year group bubbles within the club and we ask parents to ring the club mobile when you arrive for collection and wear masks at the front door.

Included in this newsletter are a list of events for this half term. Unfortunately, guidance still doesn't allow for audiences in school but I am hoping that this will change in the summer term allowing for some events to take place. I will of course keep you informed.

World book day - despite this being celebrated nationally on 4th March we have moved this in school to Thursday 11th to allow all of the children to take part. Children are invited to dress up in their favourite book characters for the day. Obviously with many shops being closed and pressures of home schooling and working, I am aware this may be difficult. Please don't worry! If this isn't possible we ask children to come in mufti with their favourite book to share with their friends in their bubbles.

Have a relaxing weekend and I am looking forward to seeing you all soon...only 10 sleeps to go 😊



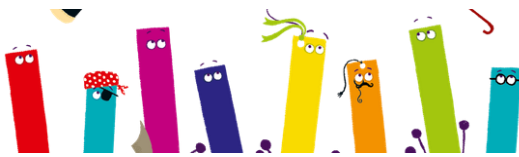
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WORLD BOOK DAY!

On Thursday 11th March, we will be celebrating World Book Day by inviting the children to come dressed either in home clothes with their favourite book or in costume as their favourite book character.

The school day will be filled with lots of exciting activities about fiction books, non-fiction texts, reading and celebrating the work of famous authors and illustrators.

Please Note: This is a change to the Nationally recognised day as we have chosen to celebrate with the whole school community!



COMIC RELIEF APPEAL

On Friday 19th March, we will be acknowledging Comic Relief by inviting the children to come into school dressed in RED and in exchange for a small donation towards this appeal. Throughout the day, the children will be reading and writing their own jokes to put together a class joke book that will be shared with each other.

For younger children, please could you talk to your child about jokes and perhaps have one written down for them to share in school on this day.

COMIC RELIEF

LOTS OF SOCKS DAY

On Thursday 23rd March, we will be acknowledging World Down Syndrome Day by inviting the children to come to school wearing their brightest coloured socks as a celebration of us all being unique.

The following link has merchandise socks available if you wish to send a donation direct to the 'lots of socks' appeal:

<https://www.downs-syndrome.org.uk/product/lots-of-socks-socks/>



SANDRINGHAM BEARS SENT LOTS OF LOVE AND BROUGHT LOTS OF SMILES!



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HOLIDAY HEART HUNTERS



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DIARY DATES

Monday 8th March: School re-opens fully for all children!

Thursday 11th March: World Book Day

WB. 15th March: Amazing Authors/Wonderful Writers Week!

Friday 19th March: Comic Relief

Monday 22nd March: INSET DAY (school and nursery closed to all children)

WB. 22nd March: Golden Egg Week

Tuesday 23rd March: Lots of Socks day

Wednesday 31st March: End of Term at 1.30pm for all children
(No ASC on this day!)

Monday 19th April: Back to School for all children

