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Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to school and to the spring term. Everyone here at Sandringham would like to wish you a happy and healthy new year!

It has been impressive to see how quickly the children have settled back into our day-to-day school routines; it was



almost like they didn't have a two-week holiday at all! As we always do at the start of the term, we have been revisiting our expectations for the school day and have focussed on revisiting how we can all play safely and respectfully on our playground. If you do have any questions about anything your child reports to you at the end of the day, we would ask that you speak to your child's teacher at the end of the day or send an email to the office instead of reporting this on a parent Whatsapp group.

We are delighted to let you know that we will be holding our first set of parent lunches this term! We know how much you and the children look forward to these special events. Dates for each class will be shared by the end of next week.

Thanks to your feedback last term, we introduced email notifications for all first aid incidents at school to ensure that you are made aware of these ahead of collecting your child at the end of the day. These notifications will now include your child's class so that, if you have more than one child at the school, you know exactly who the notification is for.

This half-term, we are exploring the possibility of running our after-school club every Friday until 6pm, in line with the other days of the school week. In order to assess whether this would be feasible, we would really appreciate your feedback on whether you would make use of a Friday session. Please complete the survey below by the end of the day next Wednesday to share your views:

https://forms.office.com/e/iJMCcS5CrJ

Take care,

Mr Lodge

Star of the Week and Core Values Awards

A huge well done to all of these superstars for winning a Star of the Week or Core Values award!

Star of the Week

Taylor, Alexander, Elsie-Mae, Emery, Harry, Millie <u>Core Values</u>

Charlie, Scarlett, Lewis, Henry, Alex, Phoebe







General updates

Diary updates:

Spring 1

Monday 15th January 2024—INSET day (Nursery and academy closed to all children)

Thursday 1st February 2024—parent information afternoon (2:00pm)

Friday 2nd February 2024—NSPCC Number Day (further details to follow)

Friday 9th February—Sports for Schools athlete visit and workshop (children wearing PE kits all day)

Friday 9th February 2024—end of half term

Staffing update

We are delighted to have Miss Stephanie Goren joining us from next Monday until Friday 15th March! Miss Goren is a trainee teacher and will primarily be based in our year 2 classes. She will also be gaining experience teaching and supporting in other year groups.



Attendance

Whole school target: 97% Year-to-date whole school attendance: 95.9%

Class group attendance:

Moles —94.3% Hedgehogs – 96.5% Squirrels – 96.6% Owls – 94.9%

Rabbits – 96% Foxes – 95.9%



Parent governor nominations

We are excited to announce that we are looking to recruit a parent governor to join our academy council. The academy council is responsible for providing confident and strategic leadership, and creating robust accountability, oversight and assurance for the academy's educational and financial performance.

If you are interested in applying for this role, please request a candidate form from the school office and complete and return this by Friday 26th January at 4pm. If we receive more than one application, a secret ballot will be carried out and I will write again to inform you if this is necessary.

If you have any queries about this process or would like to find out more about the role, please contact the school office.



Paralympic athlete visit Friday 9th February

We are very excited to be welcoming top athlete and Paralympic gold medallist Kylie Grimes to Sandringham on Friday 9th February 2024!

Kylie will be at school all afternoon, leading a sponsored fitness circuit with all children, followed by a motivational assembly and Q&A session. The aim of the event is to inspire our children to be more physically active, but just as importantly, to encourage them to discover and pursue their passion in life.

Next week, we will send home an optional sponsorship form for your child to use to help raise money for the event. Please note that this is not compulsory and all children will take part in the entire

afternoon regardless of how much money they raise.

If children do raise some sponsorship money, as a thank you, they will receive the following thank-you gifts for meeting these milestones:

- Raise any money: an A5 sheet of motivational stickers
- Raise £5 or more: a blue Sports for Schools wristband
- Raise £15 or more: a blue wristband, and a red wristband with Kylie's signature
- Raise £30 or more: all of the above, plus a signed Kylie Grimes poster

Please ensure that the sponsorship form and money are returned to the school office by Monday 20th February 2024.





Out of school achievements

Bodhi was awarded 1st place at Woking Dance Festival in the Pre Junior Classical Ballet section, which means she has now qualified to the All England Dance regional finals in May. We are so proud of this amazing achievement, Bodhi! Well done for all of your hard work and commitment to practising.





Spotlight on EYFS...



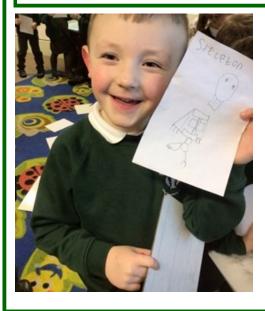
This week, the spotlight is on our Nursery and Reception classes.

In Nursery, we have enjoyed learning about the story of The Three Little Pigs, where we have engaged in lots of fun activities, including puppet making, story sequencing, role playing as well as learning about the number 3. We have also been practising our pre-writing skills, using long strokes to make a cross symbol.





In Reception, we have begun our new topic of 'People who help us'. We have enjoyed learning about how doctors and dentists help us and have had lots of fun engaging in doctors role play! We have also been reading the story 'Funnybones' and enjoyed engaging in a drawing challenge, learning how to draw a skeleton. Check out our amazing directed drawings!













Don't forget, if you are applying for a place in Reception for September 2025, the deadline for applications is <u>Monday 15th January 2024.</u>

If you live in Surrey, you can find further information about school admissions and apply online here (https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions) or you can call 0300 200 1004. If you live in Hampshire, you can find further information about school admissions and apply online here (https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/admissions) or you can call 0300 555 1377.



Kite Academy Trust Kite Family Hub

Transition Support Videos

A pre-recorded workshop for parents and carers,
offering practical advice and strategies to support children to
prepare for school transitions

This is a three part workshop:

- Part 1— Introduction/general information regarding transition
- Part 2—Transition to Infant/Primary School
- Part 3—Transition to Secondary School

These practical strategies focus on preparing children for transitions (i.e. moving to a new year group or school) but will be transferable to other changes and periods of transition children may face



The recordings are available on our website and can be accessed by clicking on the links below:

Part1

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https://kiteacademy.sharepoint.com/:v:/s/homelearning/ EaKCXCsEevFLvQr2yOzeYkiB9rkk8JvKUP1L7MY9hiSD7Q?e=UEU0kF

Part3

https://kiteacademy.sharepoint.com/:v:/s/homelearning/EVTTACQF-15DobQx-FhLkQQBLgpuWQHvrk5aebG81uLk1A?e=pM9kMT

If you have any further questions on transitions or would like to discuss anything else, please contact us on: fsw@kite.academy

You can also book onto a Come & Ask session, which is a one hour appointment that can be held face to face, over the phone or virtually. Please email our team on fsw@kite.academy and we can arrange a convenient date and time

The Kite Family Hub is located next to Mytchett Primary & Nursery Academy, Hamesmoor Road,
Mytchett, GU16 6JB



Kite Academy Trust Term Dates & Holidays

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Please note: Additional INSET days are to be added