



SANDWICH INFANT SCHOOL

Where everyone is valued and learning is fun

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Newsletter July 2022

Dear Parents,

Summer Fair

A big thank you to everyone who attended the school fair last Friday. It was lovely to get back to normal again! The event raised £652.17. If you haven't already bought some, raffle tickets are still available in the office until Friday. Could you also make sure all money and ticket stubs have been handed in? There are some amazing prizes to be won!

FOSIS

I would like to thank both Kate Barber Perez and Christina Sharples who have worked tirelessly for FOSIS whilst their children have been in the school. Sadly, they will no longer be parents here in September and neither will Sarah Forde who joined us in March last year. In addition, thanks must go to Katie Reeves, Julie Shaw, Ellie Smith and Megan Trevellion.

Leavers' Party

All the Year Two children are invited to stay until 4.00pm on Wednesday 20th July. Please speak to the class teacher if your child has an ice-cream/ice lolly related allergy. (Please keep that as a surprise for the children.)

Last Day of Term

There will be no Team Theme on the last day of term – Thursday 21st July. Please send your child in normal school uniform on that day.

Leavers Assembly

This will take place on Thursday 21st July in the school garden. Year Two parents are welcome to make their way there after dropping off the children in the morning and we will join you as soon as we have registered them and got ourselves organised.

Staff changes

As you know, from September Miss Bennett will be Head of School and Mrs Russell will be Assistant Headteacher. We have a new teacher, Miss Hancock joining the team in Reception and Miss Woodhams joining the staff in Hedgehogs.

Goodbye

Finally, I would like to say goodbye and thank you. It doesn't seem possible that it is nearly sixteen years since I wrote my first newsletter. I estimate that approximately 850 children have passed through the school during that time and quite a number of staff too! I am proud that most staff have moved on to promotion in other schools and that we have encouraged former teaching assistants into the teaching profession (including Miss Dutton at the junior school). With Miss Bennett's new role in September, three of my former staff have moved to headship.

There have certainly been a lot of changes during the last sixteen years. The curriculum has changed several times, the entire school was redecorated, we had new children's toilets throughout the school (as this was their biggest complaint when I arrived!), the introduction of Fun Club, the mosaic to celebrate the age of the school and lots more.

The most challenging changes were those we had to make in response to Covid-19. These last couple of years have certainly stretched all of our resources. I am so proud of the way in which we all coped during that difficult time and we could not have done it without the support of the parents.

What has not changed is the friendly atmosphere which pervades the school. As I have said before, the staff love their job, they laugh every day, they support each other and want only the best for the children in our care. I will miss them and the children very much. I wish you all the very best for the future. Take care,

Libby Wood

Dates for your Diary

Monday 18 th and Tuesday 19 th July 2022	Year Two Production for parents
Wednesday 20 th July 2022	Year Two Leavers' Party after school
Thursday 21 st July 2022	Leavers' Assembly – parents are invited to join us at school 9.15 a.m. End of Term Six
Friday 22 nd July 2022	Holiday in lieu of Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday
Thursday 1 st September 2022	Staff Development Day
Friday 2 nd September 2022	Staff Development Day
Monday 5 th September 2022	Beginning of Term One for Years One and Two children