



January 2025

# Newsletter



## THIS MONTH...

- Mon 6th** • Book Share
- Fri 10th** • Dog's Trust workshops
- Tues 28th** • Reception visit Gazen Salts

## NEXT MONTH...

- Mon 3rd** • Children's Mental Health week
- Young Carers assembly
- Fri 7th** • Lenny the letter
- Open afternoon
- Mon 10th** • Community week
- Tues 11th** • Safer Internet day
- Weds 12th** • Library visits



## WELCOME BACK!

Welcome back to a new term and a very Happy New Year to you all! We hope that you had a relaxing Christmas holiday and are feeling refreshed for the new term ahead.

Last term the children became fully immersed in the Christmas spirit and enjoyed taking part in the Christmas Show, festive lunch and other fun activities. Squirrels were very excited to see if they could make a paper chain long enough to go from their classroom to my office.

## CHRISTMAS SHOW

Thank you to each and every one of you that attended our Christmas Show last month. We were once again incredibly proud of the children for having the courage to stand up and share their songs and poems with you. Thank you also for the donations towards the cost of the venue hire.

## FOREST SCHOOL

This term Squirrels will have the opportunity to participate in Forest School on Friday afternoons. Foxes gained such enjoyment from these sessions last term with the chance to use tools in a safe way, to climb trees, toast smores around a camp fire and to participate in so many more activities.



## YOUNG CARERS

As a school we are continuing our work on identifying our Young Carers as part of a government/ KCC initiative to allow children and young people to access outreach support and services. If you would like more information or for us to support in making a referral, please email [senco@sandwich-infant.kent.sch.uk](mailto:senco@sandwich-infant.kent.sch.uk).

# LUNCHTIMES

There will be a slight change to lunchtime this term with all children eating in the school hall, on a staggered time slot. We would like to continue building independence and therefore routines that were established last term will continue. This will include moving as a class to wash their hands prior to eating, Years 1 and 2 collecting their own cutlery, and sitting around tables to give more of a ‘family’ feel. This has been a success in encouraging conversation and less food wastage.



## ROTARY CLUB

Mrs Russell and myself joined members of Sandwich Rotary Club last month to share the challenges and successes of our school. This was a fantastic opportunity to talk about all of the fantastic teaching and learning that our children receive. We were incredibly grateful to receive a cheque for £5, 000. This money will be spent on resources and experiences for the children.

## PANTO

M&M Theatrical Productions will be visiting our school on Tuesday 21st January 2025 to perform ‘Robin Hood’. The school are asking for a contribution of £6.89 per child towards the cost of this event. Sadly, if we do not receive enough contributions, we will be unable to invite the theatre company back in the future.

## ATTMAN



Attman kindly donated seven laptops to the school which are now linked to the school network so the children can use them as curriculum resources. A big thank you to them for their donation.

## FOSIS

A reminder that our pre-loved uniform is still available to purchase when needed. FOSIS would like to ask for any volunteers that would be available to sell uniform occasionally at the end of the school day, but to also help plan and deliver any future events. This is a much needed source of additional funding for the school that will enable us to provide resources and experiences that the school budget does not allow for. Please email [FOSISfundraising@sandwich-infant.kent.sch.uk](mailto:FOSISfundraising@sandwich-infant.kent.sch.uk) if you are able to support.

## OPEN AFTERNOON

Our next Open Afternoon will take place on Friday 7th February at 2:00 pm. You are welcome into your child’s classroom to look at the work in their books. Pre-loved clothing will be available to purchase in the school hall.



## LUNCH CLUBS

There are a number of lunchtime clubs on offer to the children this term including:



- Mindfulness
- Ball games



- Scooters
- Junk modelling



- Drawing
- Colouring



- Board games
- Lego



- Scooters