



SANDWICH INFANT SCHOOL

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Newsletter October 2021

Dear Parents,

Harvest Festival

You are all welcome to join us for Harvest Festival in St Mary's Church (opposite the King's Arms) at 2.00pm on Thursday 21st October. The Friends will be serving tea and coffee in the church after the event. We collect gifts to give to Deal Foodbank; this year they have particularly asked for donations of UHT Milk, Squash, Nappies size 5 and 6, Pot Noodles, Instant Mash Potato, Sweets and Ketchup. They do NOT need tins, pasta, pasta sauce, tea, biscuits or cereal. If you want any more information their website is: www.dealarea.foodbank.org.uk. Donations will be collected on the playground on Thursday morning.

Jeans for Genes

We raised £217.50 so thank you for your generosity. Our next charity fundraising event will be Christmas Jumper day.

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I hope you read the recent newsletter from The Friends. They raised an incredible £3,233.99 over the past academic year. We are extremely grateful for their hard work as we took delivery of a new interactive screen for the hall last week. They are also buying four new ipads for the children and contributing donations of £500 towards the school garden and £500 for new guided reading books. Please contact them if you want to get involved. I gather most of their meetings take place either in the pub or at Costa so they are clearly a sociable group! friendsofsandwichinfantschool@gmail.com

Staff Development Day on Monday 1st November

I just want to clarify that the children return to school on Tuesday 2nd November after the October break. On Monday 1st the teachers will be working with the teachers from

Sandwich Junior School on both our curriculums to ensure that the children have a smooth academic journey across the two schools.

Parents Evenings

Parents Evenings will be taking place on Tuesday 9th and Thursday 11th November. These do not take place in school. You will soon receive information about signing up for an on-line meeting with the class teacher. Please read the instructions carefully as parents whose meetings did not work at first were using an incompatible browser. If you are not able to use video please sign up asking for a telephone consultation, including the number on which you want to be called. We have found parents evenings work so much better like this as you do not have to wait around for your appointment or come into school in the evening with your child. The meetings are also not able to overrun as you have a strict 10 minutes time slot.

Parent Representatives

Would you consider becoming a Parent Representative for your child's class? The parent reps meet with me about five times a year over a cup of tea or coffee. The idea is that you can ask questions on behalf of the other parents in the class, pass on anything that parents would like me to know and act as a sounding board for us. It is not the forum to raise concerns regarding children that should have gone directly to the teacher or a member of the school leadership team. It is obviously best that you are on the playground either before or after school on a couple of days a week so that other parents get to know who you are and are able to talk to you. It would also be expected that you are happy to share your e-mail address and/or a telephone number with other parents. If you are interested, please email to let me know.

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Upcoming Dates

Thursday 21 st October 2021	Harvest Festival – parents are invited to join us in St Mary's church.
Friday 22 nd October 2021	End of Term One
Tuesday 2 nd November 2021	Beginning of Term Two for children
Thursday 4 th November 2021	Diwali
Tuesday 9 th November and Thursday 11 th November 2021	Parents Evenings
Thursday 11 th November 2021	Remembrance Day
Monday 15 th November 2021	Beginning of Anti-Bullying Week
Wednesday 22 nd November 2021	Flu Vaccinations
Tuesday 7 th and Wednesday 8 th December 2021	Nativity Performances – parents are invited to join us in St Mary's Church
Friday 10 th December 2021	Christmas Jumper day in aid of Save the Children
Friday 17 th December 2021	Christmas Parties and end of Term Two
Wednesday 5 th January 2022	Beginning of Term Three for children