



SANDWICH INFANT SCHOOL

Where everyone is valued and learning is fun

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Newsletter September 2021

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the new academic year 2021-2022 which I hope will be happy and rewarding for us all. I particularly want to welcome the new Dragonflies, Bees, Aviv in Swans and their families. We really believe in our school vision, “Where everyone is valued and learning is fun”, and hope that you will see that during your children’s time with us. The teachers and I are available to talk briefly before school on the playground but if you need a longer or private conversation please send an email or telephone the office.

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Jeans for Genes Day

On Friday 17th September we will be raising money for Jeans for Genes. This is a charity which raises money to change the lives of children with genetic disorders by providing vital support and equipment. Please send your child to school that day in jeans or other casual trousers (with school shirt and sweatshirt) and donate via our just giving page:

[*https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/sandwichinfantschooljeansforgenes*](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/sandwichinfantschooljeansforgenes)

Individual School Photos

If you want a photograph of your child with siblings who are not in our school, please come at 8.30am on Monday 4th October. We will organise siblings within the school.

Absence from School in Term Time

Please do not request absence from school during term time as we are not able to authorise holidays or leave except in exceptional circumstances. Requests should be made on the form available from the office or the school website and submitted at least two weeks before the first date. If you remove your child without permission it will be recorded as unauthorised and could lead to a penalty notice being issued by Kent County Council. Medical appointments are obviously an exception.

Office Opening Hours

The office is open between 8.30am and 4.00pm to receive telephone calls or visits by parents. Messages can be left on the answer machine outside those hours. If you need to get in contact with Fun Club before or after school, their direct telephone number is 07379 894315.

Coats

As the weather starts to get colder please send a coat to school with your child. It is better to have a coat that spends all day hung on a peg than teachers trying to find a spare coat for a child because it is too cold outside. The children do play outside in light rain so a coat with a hood is preferable. Please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly labelled so they can be returned to the rightful owner as soon as possible.

Parking

If parents are dropping off or picking up from Fun Club, parents are able to use the school car park between 8.00am and 8.20am in the morning and after 4.00pm. Outside these times please be mindful of the school staff and our neighbours and do not block the roads around the school.

Reception Parents – email

This is the last time the parents from Dragonflies and Bees will receive a paper copy of the newsletter. Once you are on the SIMS system we send information out by email or text. Please check your junk email regularly so that you don't miss out. Texts will come from 'Infant Sch'.

P.E.

P.E. is part of the national curriculum so all children are expected to take part. Children in Koalas, Lemurs and Swans need a full P.E. kit in school (shorts, T-shirt and plimsolls) throughout the term. The kit will be sent home at the end of each term to be washed. **Earrings MUST be removed on P.E. days as they are a health and safety hazard. This takes precedence over the equality law (religious or cultural reasons). We do not accept children having their ears taped as an alternative to removing earrings.**

Contact details

Please make sure that the office is kept up-to-date with your mobile number and email address now that these are our chosen forms of contact with parents. A lot of information including term dates and past newsletters are also on the school website.

Libby Wood

2021-22 Dates

Friday 17th September 2021

Jeans for Genes – Children wear jeans or casual trousers/skirt with school sweatshirt for a donation.

Monday 20th September

Beginning of Recycle week

Monday 4th October 2021

Individual School Photos

Tuesday 5th October

World Teacher Day

Thursday 7th October 2021

National Poetry Day

Thursday 21st October 2021

Harvest Festival – parents are invited to join us in St Mary's church.

Friday 22nd October 2021

End of Term One

Tuesday 2nd November 2021

Beginning of Term Two for children

Thursday 4th November 2021

Diwali

Tuesday 9th November and Thursday 11th November 2021

Parents Evenings

Thursday 11st November 2021

Remembrance Day

Monday 15th November 2021

Beginning of Anti-Bullying Week

Monday 22nd November 2021

Flu Vaccinations

Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th December 2021

Nativity Performances – parents are invited to join us in St Mary's Church

Friday 10th December 2021

Christmas Jumper day in aid of Save the Children

Friday 17th December 2021

Christmas Parties and end of Term Two

Wednesday 5th January 2022

Beginning of Term Three for children

Friday 21st January 2022

Sleeping Beauty pantomime

Friday 28th January 2022

Big Garden Bird Watch

Monday 1st February 2022

Chinese New Year

Monday 7th February 2022
Beginning of Safety Week

Thursday 10th February 2022
End of Term Three for children

Monday 21st February 2022
Beginning of Term Four

Monday 28th February 2022
Beginning of Art Week

Thursday 3rd March 2022
World Book Day – Children will be asked to dress up as a book character

Tuesday 8th March 2021 and Wednesday 9th March 2022
Parents Evenings

Friday 18th March 2022
Red Nose Day

Friday 1st April 2022
End of Term Four

Tuesday 19th April 2021
Beginning of Term Five

Friday 22nd April 2022
Earth Day

Monday 2nd May 2022
Bank Holiday (no school)

Friday 27th May 2022
Queen's Platinum Jubilee Party in School
End of Term Five

Monday 7th June 2022
Beginning of Term Six for Children

Monday 13th June 2022
Beginning of Healthy Eating and Sports Week

Friday 17th June 2022
Sports day – parents are invited to join us at school

Thursday 7th July 2022
Move Up (Transition) Day

Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th July 2022
Year Two Production for parents

Thursday 21st July 2022
Year Two Leavers' Party

Friday 22nd July
Leavers' Assembly – parents are invited to join us at school
End of Term Six

Details of each event will be sent nearer the time - dates are correct at 13.09.21.

We still have to arrange an additional day's holiday in lieu of the Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday during the May holiday.