

Dear Butterflies and Bumblebees,

We hope you had a super first week at school!

We are very busy thinking of lots of fun home-learning challenges to set you this term. You will find your first challenge here next week.

Have a great weekend!

Love Benny and Bertie



Week beginning 14th September 2020

Dear Parents,

Firstly, we would like to welcome you all to Sandgate Primary School. We have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know you and your children over the last couple of weeks. The children have had an excellent start to their school journey so far and we are very proud of them.

From today, we will be sending home your child's home-school diary and a book for them to read. At this stage the books may have very few or no words, this is because we would like the children to tell their own stories using the pictures. Please read with your child as often as possible. If your child reads a book please note this in the home school diary, including any comments about how they got on with the book, so that we know when to change it. The home school diary and reading book should come into school in the book bag each day and we will ensure they are sent home again each evening. You will also find a pack including the sounds we have been learning at school this week. These are for you to keep at home and practice quick recall with your child. We are hoping to share further information about the teaching phonics soon.

Just a few of things to make you aware of:

- As a matter of routine, the school will text parents to inform them if their child has had any type of **bump to the head**. This is purely to keep parents informed. If the injury is of a serious nature we will telephone you immediately. The text will be a standard message: "Your child has bumped their head today. Appropriate first aid has been administered". They will also bring home a first aid slip which gives further details.
- Birthdays are a special time that the children should enjoy with their friends and classmates. In previous years children were often bringing in sweets or cakes to share and while this is a very generous thought we do promote healthy eating in school. It is important that children still have the opportunity to celebrate their birthday in school so we now ask that instead of sweets and cakes (which will no longer be handed out) children can donate a book to the class. The school will provide a presentation name plate for the front cover and the book will be shared with the class where it will remain as a reminder of the day.
- Please send your child in with water bottle each day (containing only water, not juice or squash).
- In Foundation it is preferred that the children do not bring in toys from home.
- Please make sure everything is named, including shoes, tights, socks, PE kits (including plimsolls/trainers), coats, hats and water bottles.
- Play equipment – Please note that the play equipment in our Foundation playground is only to be used by the children during the school day. This is to ensure there is no cross contamination between the two Foundation bubbles. Thank you in advance for your support with this.
- Just to remind you that we are a nut free school, so any items in packed lunches should not contain any form of nuts.

We are really looking forward to enjoying our first full week together from Monday, with all children in from 8.50am – 3.00pm. Have a lovely weekend and should you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask, you can either write it in the home school diary or arrange to speak to us when convenient.

Mrs Brown, Mrs Uttley, Mrs Fawcett-Jones and Mrs Coates