



Sandgate Primary School

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Newsletter

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Friday 25th April 2021

Welcome back and what a glorious first week back it has been. Nothing indicates the first sign of Summer in school better than the children being able to use the field at playtime once more! This small but welcome step is of great value to the children's wellbeing so I hope you all found similar ways to spend time together as a family during the Easter break. Changes in how the school is operating are minimal. Classes still operate in 'bubbles' and the Hands, Face, Space and Fresh Air message remains key, not just to the children, but to us all. To this end, your support in the continuation of distancing and wearing masks while on the school site is appreciated.

From Monday, children will be able to leave their bikes and scooters at school again, but please do read the letter that we are sending about this as each class will have a different area to use. Once children are through the school gates, bikes and scooters should be wheeled to the parking areas rather than ridden.

The staff began this week with a development day which focussed on reading. Our in-school analysis of reading during lockdown, both in terms of the quantity of reading and assessment outcomes, shows that partial school closures has had an impact in this area. Not only that, our research using historical school data shows a strong correlation between outcomes in reading to those in almost all other subject areas. To help with the children's 'catch-up', asking them to read every day at home will be of huge benefit to them. I know how difficult this can sometimes be to fit in with busy lives, but it is so important that children have this opportunity.

We have three new members of staff starting with us this term: Mr Walterus (year 5 teacher), Miss Ware (year 2 TA) and Miss Carter (MDMS). They will soon become familiar faces to you all I am sure.

Parent consultations take place during the last week of this term. These will be via Zoom as the feedback was so positive when we used this last time. If there is anything you wish to discuss with the class teacher before these meetings, we are always here to help.

Best Wishes

Matthew Green

THURSDAY 29TH APRIL 2021 CLASS PHOTOS

Year 6 Swimming will take place on the following dates:

Eagles: 22nd April, 6th, 20th May, 10th, 24th June, 8th July 2021

Gorillas: 29th April, 13th, 27th May, 17th June, 1st, 15th July 2021

PE DAYS - TERM 5
Monday - Year 4
Tuesday - Year 5
Wednesday - Year 3
Thursday - Year 6
Friday - Year R, Year 1, Year 2

Year 2 were so pleased to be back in school. The sun was shining so we were allowed to use the field too! Take a look at some of our observational drawings!



YEAR 5 CREATED VIKING HEADS OUT OF CLAY AS PART OF TERM 4'S HISTORY LEARNING. THE CHILDREN HAD TO SHOW GREAT PRECISION AND CREATIVITY TO BRING THEIR TERRIFYING WARRIORS TO LIFE!



The bears have been getting ready to go to witch school as part of our English learning this term!

Foundation had an anonymous delivery this week which turned out to be a huge egg! We think it must be a dinosaur, but we don't know where it is now. Keep your eyes peeled everyone!



Owls have been looking at non-fiction books and how they are different to fiction. We did problem solving by counting legs on penguins and polar bears. Look at our great maths!



Gold Book

Congratulations to the following children who were rewarded in the Gold Book this week:

Caspian B	Bumblebees	Poppy S	Bears
Evie C	Bumblebees	Arpan G	Bears
Arabella G	Butterflies	Oliver W	Seahorses
Pietro C	Butterflies	Chad A	Seahorses
Salvador E-M	Rabbits	Hollie A-G	Turtles
Jake S	Rabbits	Sumaya F	Turtles
Kyson-Jae H	Owls	Dexter B	Geckos
Tilly M	Owls	Ethan C	Geckos
Freddie K	Penguins	Frank K	Tigers
James S	Penguins	Gabriel A	Tigers
Ted F	Panthers	Alfie W-P	Gorillas
Emi D	Panthers	Mustafa K	Gorillas
Freya W	Wolves	Callum T	Gorillas
Charlie I-L	Wolves	Dylan N	Eagles
		Preston S	Eagles