



Sandgate Primary School

Everyone deserves the taste of success

Newsletter

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Just two days left of what has been another unusual academic year which, whilst challenging at times, has seen the children rise to overcome whatever has been put in their path; they are a credit to you all. The support you have given them throughout partial closures and to prepare them for returning to school has stood them in good stead. I appreciate that this has not been an easy year for families either so on behalf of all the staff I would like to thank you for your support of the children, school and of the difficult decisions that we have sometimes needed to make.

While preparation has already begun for the children returning in September, it is at this time of year that we, sadly, have to say good bye to our year six children many of whom have been at the school for seven years. Whatever stage of their primary life they may have joined, it has been a privilege to see them grow into a friendly, determined and happy group of children, and to witness the many individual successes they have had.

Although they may not be attending the school after next week, I truly believe that once you have been part of Sandgate Primary, you stay part of it. I wish them all the very best at their new schools and look forward to hearing of their continued success.

On Monday you will be receiving a full briefing of how the school will be running from September – these changes reflect the updated guidance under which schools operate – and will include removal of staggered starts and finishes in their current form, greater mixing between classes and different arrangements for when children need to isolate. The most asked questions from parents this week has been whether we will be reintroducing school shoes into our uniform policy, requiring them to be worn each day (apart from PE days). I can confirm that, yes, we will be reverting back to our traditional uniform policy, including school shoes, in the new academic year.

As for Monday and Tuesday next week, there will be no changes. Please continue to arrive and collect at your usual times, and wear a face covering (unless exempt) at all times.

Enjoy your weekend everyone.

Matthew Green

Third time lucky they say. This was certainly the case for Year 5 and their Sports Day. We all had a fabulous day and couldn't have wished for better weather.

Our Year 5 winners are: Francesca S, Rayne M, Oscar D and Jacob D



**WISHING YOU ALL A
WONDERFUL SUMMER
BREAK!**

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO
SEEING THE CHILDREN ON
THURSDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER
2021**

**CHANGE TO MENU ON
TUESDAY 20TH JULY
2021**

**FISH FINGERS AND CHIPS
WITH PEAS OR BEANS
OR
JACKET POTATO WITH
CHEESE OR BEANS**



Free summer holiday events - Telling the Otterpool Tale

Local arts organisation Strange Cargo will be running free workshops during the summer holidays as part of a community outreach project to encourage learning about the history and heritage of the site of the proposed new Garden Town at Otterpool Park.

The free, family events at local village halls offer people of all ages the chance to learn about Otterpool Park through arts and craft activities.

Make a range of crafts including a Roman Emperor Medal and a winner's rosette and have a go at learning rug making techniques to create a racehorse garland. Create a medieval headband and take a photo at the Otterpool Park 'head through hole' selfie board.

The fun continues with a Family Open Day at Westenhanger Castle on **21 August**. The castle will be open to the public and attendees can enjoy games and craft activities in the castle marquee. There will be a map display showing the historic finds that archaeologists have unearthed on the site during their assessments. You are invited to bring a picnic to enjoy in the castle grounds, with an exciting treasure hunt to finish off the day.

The full event details are:

Telling the Otterpool Tale workshops:

Sellindge Village Hall | 6 August | 11am-3pm

Lympne Village Hall | 12 August | 11am – 3pm

Family Open Day:

Westenhanger Castle | 21 August | 11am – 3pm

We hope to see you and your family there! You can find out more at www.otterpoolpark.org.

Congratulations to the following Year 6 children who were highly commended in the Junior Category of the Rotary Young Artist Competition

Samuel N

Dylan K

Kaspar D



RECONNECT

The Kent community is uniting to give children and young people a summer of fun and opportunities.

Discover more, visit: kent.gov.uk/reconnect

Owls made a bird feeder and then had to tell the instructions to a partner using bossy verbs. We hope the birds like them.



LOTS OF FUN WAS HAD BY YEAR 1 AT THEIR SPORTS DAY!



Gold Book

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

James B	Bumblebees	Molly R	Bears
Ava G	Bumblebees	Jack F	Bears
Freyja G	Butterflies	Chad A	Seahorses
Coral S	Butterflies	Isabella S	Seahorses
James M	Rabbits	Hannah W	Turtles
Rose K	Rabbits	Samuel B	Turtles
Harry S	Owls	Finn L	Geckos
Arham S	Owls	Sophie B	Geckos
Isla W	Penguins	Amelia D	Tigers
Henry P	Penguins	Frank K	Tigers
Amelie S	Panthers	Aisha F	Gorillas
Florrie M	Panthers	Lorenzo H	Gorillas
Avni P	Wolves	Ivy S	Eagles
Annie G	Wolves	Kalleigh B	Eagles