

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 Bobby and Bertie



Week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021

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.

This week, we have sent 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 their 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. We will change their books as often as needed. 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.

From next week, you will also find a pack containing the sounds we have been learning at school each week. These are for you to keep at home and practice quick recall with your child. Please don't worry if you are unsure of the sounds and how phonics works, our parent phonics workshop will take place on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September. This will be held virtually and we hope this will make it easier for more of you to attend. The zoom link will be sent to you via email closer to the time. There are few changes this year so please try your best to attend even if you have siblings within the school.

Just a few 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 then remain as a reminder of their special day.
- Please send your child in with a water bottle each day (containing only water, not juice or squash).
- In Foundation, we ask that the children do not bring in toys from home, as we wouldn't like them to get lost amongst the resources we have here. We are always happy for children to bring in a book to share at story time if they wish though.
- 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. 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. From then, children should arrive at school **from 8.30am** (with the school gate closing at 8.45am) and should be collected at **3.10pm**. On both drop off and pick up, we ask that you follow our one way system, entering via the car park to the right of the school office, walking across the playground and then leaving via the gate between our two school buildings. We would be very grateful if you could continue to create a queue outside of your child's class when dropping off and collecting, as this makes it easier for the children and the adults! Thank you very much for your support with this.

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, speak to us in the morning or at the end of the day, or call the school office.

Mrs Uttley, Miss Ralph, Mrs Fawcett-Jones, Mrs Coates and Mrs Wade

P.S. We hope you liked seeing your child's first day photo.