

Dear Ladybirds 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 Buzz and Lola



Week beginning 5th September 2022

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 during our transition process. The children have had an excellent start to their school journey so far and we are very proud of their enthusiasm and attitude. This term, we are learning all about transport and we will begin with some activities around the story of 'The Naughty Bus'.

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, noting 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. This will be supplemented by us reading with your child at school. 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. These are for you to keep at home and practice quick recall with your child. This only needs to be for a few minutes each day, and can be done as a game. Please don't worry if you are unsure of the sounds and how phonics works; our parent phonics workshop will take place on Wednesday 28th September at 5.30pm. 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. This is a lovely, lasting reminder for the children of their birthdays.
- Please send your child in with 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 and socks.
- Play equipment – Please note that the play equipment in our Foundation playground is only to be used by the children during the school day, rather than used at the end of the day. Thank you in advance for your support with this.
- We are a **nut free** school, so any items in packed lunches should **not contain any form of nuts**.

We look forward to seeing all the children on Monday morning when they stay for lunch and are collected at 12.45pm. This is the same on Tuesday, before they start full time on Wednesday, from 8.30am-3.10pm.

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 at the end of the day, or call the school office.

The Foundation Team

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