



# Sandwich Junior School NEWSLETTER



## Term 2 – Newsletter 2- 10<sup>th</sup> November 2021

### *Dear Parents,*

Term 2 is upon us and the children are now fully settled into school life after a very successful first term back.

The Curriculum is moving forward apace and the children are developing a great deal of independence as they get to grips with the routine of school life. In a knowledge based curriculum model, the children are really impressing us with the amount of information that they are able to recall and link together to their previous learning. It was lovely to work with our colleagues from Sandwich Infant School during our Inset Day on the 1<sup>st</sup> November.

Moving forward, we would appreciate your ongoing support with homework, reading, spellings and learning times tables; all of these support learning and help build confidence.

### **Tags of Love**

The Christmas Tree will be arriving in the School Hall shortly and we are once again hoping to be able to hold our Tags of Love Assembly on Wed 1<sup>st</sup> December. This is a lovely way to start our festive countdown and entails the children taking home a tag to complete by sharing a dedication to a special person who they may not be physically seeing this Christmas. In the past, children have dedicated tags to loved ones who may no longer be with us (including pets in some cases) or simply relatives and friends who may live somewhere distant. The school asks for a voluntary donation of a pound which raises much needed money for the Macmillan Cancer Charity. When completed, the children bring their tags back to school in time to hang them on our tree in our Tags of Love Assembly. Tags will be sent home with the children for completion on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November.

### **Family Fun Run**

We would like to thank all the children for the fantastic fundraising job that they did at this event. Not only did the children absolutely love being able to have their parents and carers present at this event – they also managed to raise an incredible sum of money (over £2,400) for the school. This money will be well used in providing enrichment activities such as theatre groups and also in supplementing the School and Class libraries with a wide range of up to date and varied books.

### **Christmas Service**

The school is hoping to hold a Christmas Service comprising of carols and drama / poetry vignettes in St Mary's Church on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December (10:15am). This is of course dependent upon any restrictions being put in place due to COVID between now and the date. In the past, this has been a joyous whole school event which parents have attended to bring together our whole school community at this festive time of year. Details will be sent out shortly about booking tickets for this event as numbers may need to be somewhat limited this year.

### **St Mary's Festival of Trees**

The school will be entering a tree into this community celebration so keep an eye out locally for details of when this event opens. Miss Dutton's Decorations Club are currently making our entry as we speak.

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### ***Staff Changes***

As announced to parents in a letter this term, Miss Roberts has left the school due to ill health. Mr Dyson will be in position as Acting Headteacher. Miss Angela Franklin has joined the school and will be teaching Year 4.

### ***Dates For Your Diary***

Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Nov – Anti Bullying & Road Safety Week  
Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Nov – Be Bright Be Seen Dress Up Day (to tie in with Road Safety Week)  
Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov – Tags of Love sent home.  
Fri 26<sup>th</sup> Nov – Non school uniform day (in return for chocolate or bottles for Xmas Fayre)  
Mon 29<sup>th</sup> Nov – Year 4 Canterbury Cathedral Trip  
Wed 1<sup>st</sup> Dec – Tags of Love Assembly  
Wed 1<sup>st</sup> Dec – Xmas Fair (3:15-5:00)  
Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec – Pantomime.  
Tues 7<sup>th</sup> Dec – PTFA Xmas Movie Night (3:15-5:30)  
Wed 8<sup>th</sup> Dec – Year 3 & 4 Xmas Party (Afternoon)  
Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Dec – Xmas Production at St Mary's (10:15 am)  
Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Dec – Year 5 & 6 Xmas Party (Afternoon)  
Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Dec – Xmas Reading Week  
Wed 15<sup>th</sup> Dec – School Xmas Dinner  
Wed 15<sup>th</sup> Dec – Interim Reports sent to parents.  
Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Dec – Reading in pyjamas day (with Mad Hats and Socks)  
Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Dec – End of term.  
Tues 4<sup>th</sup> Dec – Inset Day  
Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Dec – Inset Day  
Thu 6<sup>th</sup> Dec – Term 3 starts.

### ***Christmas Fair***

As you can see from the diary, this term is very busy with Christmas events. I would particularly like to draw your attention to the Xmas Fayre on Wed 1<sup>st</sup> December. This will take place directly after school and is organised by our wonderful PTFA (Friends of Sandwich Junior School). There will be a variety of stalls and a visit from Santa Claus in his grotto. This is a joyful event and will take place within the school (obviously allowing for any instruction on COVID precautions from DFE). The two non school uniform days (Be Bright Be Seen Day on 19<sup>th</sup> Nov and the non school uniform day on 26<sup>th</sup> Nov) are given in the hope that parents can possibly contribute Jars and Chocolate / Bottles respectively to equip the raffles and stalls at this event.

### ***Harvest Festival***

It was lovely to be able to share our Harvest Festival celebrations with the Year 3 parents this year. The children (and especially the Year 3 pupils) put a lot of work into this event and were wonderful in our assembly. This was also a valuable learning experience as the Deal Food Bank delivered some valuable insight to the children on the necessity for this wonderful organisation. I would like to thank Mrs Clark and Mrs Blaydes in particular (and the Year 3 team in general) for the effort they put into this assembly and of course all our amazing parents and carers for their generosity in the donations they gave. The representatives from the Deal Food bank were genuinely humbled by the scale of your offerings.

### ***Themed Weeks***

By the time this letter arrives, the school will have already undertaken a Maths Week where children are able to exercise their Maths ability in a range of tasks utilising both the indoor and outdoor space. There will also be a Maths Advent Competiton.

The week of 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> November is Anti Bullying and Road Safety Week where the children will explore a range of PSHE topics, raising awareness of inclusion and safety.

The final week of term is our Christmas Reading Week where children will access a range of texts on all aspects of Christmas. The final day of term is our Pyjamas, Mad Hats and Socks Day (details to follow).

### ***Christmas Dinner***

This year, Christmas Dinner will be served on Wed 15<sup>th</sup> December. Details will be sent out closer to the event and booking forms included should your child wish to have this meal.

### ***School Dinners***

School dinners must be paid for in advance by the Monday of the week in which the meals are being taken. If your circumstances have changed and you believe you may qualify for Free School Meals, then please access the link via our school website.

### ***Medical Requirements***

Could we remind parents that if your child suffers from Asthma and requires an inhaler, then it is very important they have their inhaler in school and that it is in date. On the website, there is a school asthma card which must be completed and returned to the school office. If you are unable to access this, then the Class Teacher will be able to arrange for a hard copy of this to be completed.

Also, as the weather is getting colder, could parents please ensure that children have a coat for Break and Lunch times as well as the end of the day.