Sandwich Junior School

Newsletter

Term 1 Issue 2

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

It is difficult to believe that we are already almost at the end of Term 1 of this academic year, although it is clear from looking at the work in books, just how much has been covered in this first part of the year. The children have really settled well into school life again and we have been incredibly impressed by the enthusiasm of our Year 3 Wolfpack – their confidence is amazing and a variety of visitors have commented upon how well they appear to be coping with the transition to a new school.

Next term is a very busy one, especially as we approach the Christmas period. Whilst it is a very exciting time for the children, with a range of events, the term is also a long one (almost 8 weeks) and so it is important that the children are able to recharge their batteries over the half term break.

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCT

- **17th** End of Term 1
- **27th** Inset Day (no school for children)
- **28th** Start of Term 2
- **29th** Year 2 Open Morning 9.30am

NOV

- **10th** Start of Anti-Bullying Week: 'Power of Good'
- **11th** Armistice Assembly
- **13th** Michael Rosen Day
- **21st** Be Bright Be Seen Day: more information to follow

YEAR 2 OPEN MORNING

On **29th October**, we will be welcoming the parents of the current Year 2 children to visit the school, and I am sure the children in Year 3 will spot some old friends as the parents and children tour the classrooms on that morning. If any of our current parents know parents who may be looking for a school place next September but are not at Sandwich Infant School, please feel free to tell them about the Open Morning as they would be very welcome (there are still spaces in Year 3 available).

NEW MENU

Whole School Meals have created a new menu, which is now available to book via ParentPay. As always this will follow a 3 week cycle, although please note that the last week of term **(w/c 15th Dec)** a special Christmas menu will be available to book.

Can we please remind parents that **all meals must be booked by midnight the night before,** otherwise a packed lunch will need to be provided for your child.

Please discuss the menu with your child before booking them a meal, as we still have a lot of wastage.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

The School Council have been hard at work this term, creating posters and presenting a special assembly with Miss Smith and Deal Area Food bank, in order to help raise awareness about the types of products needed to support this worthy cause.

Thank you to everyone for your generous donations during our Harvest Festival celebrations.

SMARTPHONE FREE CHILDHOOD

Sandwich Junior School is supporting the Parent Pact – Smartphone Free Childhood. Mrs Flower, who is also a parent of a junior school aged child, has signed up as the School Organiser.

The Smartphone free childhood pact is a growing community of parents who choose to wait to give their child a smartphone until at least aged 14 and social media until aged 16. There are already over 5000 parents who have signed up in the Kent area. As a school we can see how potentially dangerous smartphone access can be to young children. We have sent home leaflets with year 5 and 6 children. Please see the attached information with further details.

If you want to sign up:
https://www.smartphonefreechildhood.org/sign-the-parent-pact

PTFA

During Term 2, the PTFA will be running their annual **Christmas shops on the 8th, 9th and 12th December.**
They will also be building up towards the **Christmas Fair on November 28th.**
If anyone is available to help on stalls at this event then we know they would greatly appreciate any offers. Please contact the PTFA directly by putting your details in the Postbox in reception or simply give your details to the Office and they will pass it on to Jo and the team.
The PTFA have also recently provided the school with a range of craft books and Top Trump cards for the Breakfast Club to enjoy.

...CELEBRATIONS...

MONEY MATTERS WORSHOP

Year 5 were extremely lucky to take part in a workshop aimed at understanding how to prioritise spending depending on your income. Children chose from a rather obscure list of professions, including snake milker, panda cuddler, frozen pea tester, roller coaster designer and human statue. Each of these roles came with a different salary which they were then able to spend on a variety of essentials and luxuries. Children practised budgeting to include what is absolutely necessary, such as energy, food and water, whilst considering how to use money they had left over for more exciting items like technology, pets and holidays.

Thank you to Ootiboo for providing this workshop - all of the children had a fabulous time and appreciated it a lot.

3 RS ASSEMBLY

Year 4 received a fabulous assembly on the 3 Rs - reduce, reuse and recycle - presented by Jolene from Countrystyle Recycling. They learnt a vast amount of information and the children proved to be very knowledgeable during the question and answer session. Following the assembly, a number of children joined Jolene for a litter picking session on the school grounds.

Thank you to Miss Smith for organising this.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

It was lovely to see so many parents of our Year 3 children able to come to the school to watch the Harvest Festival Assembly. The Wolf classes were amazing and demonstrated so much maturity and enthusiasm in presenting their information and poem, along with some excellent singing. It is always nice to see the children's faces as they strive to impress parents in the audience and I can certainly say that they did you proud.

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TURNER CONTEMPORARY

Our small group of Year 4s had their first day at Turner Contemporary in the penultimate week of term of school as part of their YELs project (Young Environmental Leaders). They met representatives from the railway, Thanet Coast Project, Thanet Council, Geopark and Birdwise with the aim that the children will pick a group to work with throughout the year. We look forward to being able to share more about this project with our school and local community over the coming months.

YEAR 5 LOCAL HISTORY TOUR

As part of their history unit, Year 5 went on a walking tour of Sandwich, led by the wonderful guides from the Sandwich Local History Society. They were fascinated to discover about the incredible events from the past that took place so close to home, including the earthquake that toppled St Peter's church, a visit from Queen Elizabeth I and the arrival of the first elephant to England. The children asked a lot of insightful questions and involved themselves in discussion with enthusiasm, before creating their own posters jam-packed with information when they returned.

YEAR 3 TRIP

Year 3 ventured out to Monkton Nature Reserve on Thursday 9th October, and what a wonderful day it was! The children had a fantastic time exploring the Reserve, spotting an array of different species of animals and plants. They also had the delightful opportunity to handle artefacts from our natural world, which truly sparked their curiosity. To top it all off, the students got creative by drawing a variety of insects cast in resin. It was a tad noisy, but the joy and enthusiasm on their faces made it all worthwhile!

NEXT TERM EVENTS

NOV

27th Christmas Panto (No swimming for Salmon B)

28th Trees of Love Assembly

PTFA Christmas Fayre (3.30 - 5pm)

DEC

4th Christmas Production at St Mary's

5th Flu Vaccine

8th Start of Christmas Reading Week &
PTFA Christmas Shops (8th, 9th & 12th)

17th Christmas Dinner day

19th Mad hats, sock, tights and Christmas jumpers

19th End of Term 2

JAN

7th Start of Term 3