

Newsletter 12th November 2020





Yesterday we observed the 2 minute silence at 11am outside, in our bubbles. We listened carefully for the church bells striking 11 and then paid our respects.





All of the adults in school were very impressed by the maturity and respect shown by all of the children.



COVID-19 update

To protect the more vulnerable members of our school community we are asking parents to wear face coverings when dropping off or picking up child/ren.

Please be advised that families who car share could have to self- isolate if there is a positive case within their 'bubble'. All cases are assessed individually by Public Health England. If you report a positive case to us we also need to know about car sharing arrangements.

If you or anyone that you live with have cause to take a test, the whole family/'bubble' should isolate until the test result is received. Please do not send your child/ren to school.

Please report any positive cases — Testing@sandon.herts.sch.uk

Coronavirus Symptoms

If you have any of the main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), get a test as soon as possible. Stay at home until you get the result and inform the school once the result is received.

Main symptoms

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- **a high temperature** this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms.

What to do if you have symptoms

If you have any of the main symptoms of coronavirus:

- 1. Get a test to check if you have coronavirus as soon as possible.
- 2. Stay at home and do not have visitors until you get your test result only leave your home to have a test.

Anyone you live with, and anyone in your support bubble, must also stay at home until you get your result.

How long to self-isolate

If you have symptoms or have tested positive for coronavirus, you will usually need to self-isolate for at least 10 days.

You'll usually need to self-isolate for 14 days if:

- someone you live with has symptoms or tested positive
- someone in your support bubble has symptoms or tested positive
- you've been told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace

Children in Need

If they wish to children can wear something spotty or yellow tomorrow. Nothing too elaborate please as we will be joining Joe Wicks for a work out! It would be wonderful if we were able to raise some money for this very worthy cause. Here is the link to our just giving page so that we don't have to handle lots of cash in school: https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/emma-mcgill6



Wellbeing

These are testing times for children and adults alike. Attached to the newsletter is a document from Hertfordshire County Council aimed at school staff and parents.

Subsidised Counselling

The Letchworth Centre for Healthy Living is able to offer 6 sessions of counselling at a maximum cost of £5 per session to adults, young people and children who have been adversely affected by COVID. This scheme has been made possible through a grant from North Herts District Council. All referrals or enquiries should be directed to counselling@letchworthcentre.org or to 01462 678804.

Community Agreement

This week we sent home our updated Community Agreement which outlines expectations for all members of our school community. In these unprecedented times it is especially important that we all understand our roles within the community, and we help our pupils understand that they have responsibilities too. Please take the time to read this document carefully and discuss it with your child/children. When you have read and signed the document please return it to the red letterbox outside the office.

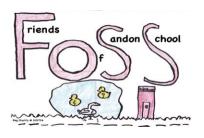
Parent consultation meetings

Thank you for joining us to discuss how the children have settled back into school. The new online system worked well for a first run and there were not too many technical glitches. Thank you for your kind words of support, even more than ever your trust and partnership are crucial for the wellbeing and academic progress of all of our learners.

Congratulations to:

Stars of the Week

Reception: Lennon Class 1: Thea Class 2: Mia and Felix Class 3: Rex and Ollie G.S



Dear Parents,

This year we can't run our normal Christmas raffle, so we've joined up with other PTAs and Friends associations to take part in the Big PTA Raffle!

https://www.bigptaraffle.co.uk/support/sandon-jmi-school-sq9



The Big PTA Raffle 2020

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Tickets cost £3 and each ticket gives you 12 chances to to win up to £5,000! For every ticket sold for FOSS we get £1.50!

So please do join in today if you can, buy your tickets now, and then get family and friends to buy some too!

School Calendar

Autumn Term 2020

Wednesday 16th December Friday 18th December at 1pm Christmas Dinner Day Term Ends

Spring Term 2021

Monday 4th January Inset day Term Starts

Tuesday 5th January 15th February to 19th February Half Term Friday 26th March at 1pm Term Ends

Summer Term 2021

Inset Day Monday 12th April Tuesday 13th April Term Starts Monday 3rd May 31st May to 4th June May Day Half Term Friday 25th June Inset Day Monday 28th June Occasional Day Term Ends Wednesday 21st July Thursday 22nd July Inset Day