



Newsletter 9th January 2020

Happy New Year

It is lovely to see all of the children back at school and see them settling back into excellent learning behaviours.

Curriculum

During our INSET day on Monday the teachers worked really hard to review our curriculum and continue to ensure that we are providing the very best learning opportunities for all pupils. In the next few weeks we will be slightly adjusting the year overviews and then putting new versions on the website.

Globes

If you have a globe at home that you are no longer using we would be very grateful if you would consider donating it to school. Thank you.

Fitness Equipment

The children are now able to use the fitness equipment during at playtime and lunchtime. All of the children are queuing brilliantly and they are being really prosocial with their turn taking.

The fitness equipment is not for use before or after school.

Equipment

Please make sure that your child has their PE kit in school every Tuesday and Thursday.

Infants will have Forest School every Friday unless we tell you otherwise. Class 3 need to bring Forest School kit every Friday until half term and Class 2 need to bring swimming kits every Friday until half term. All children should have wellingtons in school all the time.

If you have bought new wellingtons for your child over the holiday please ensure that you take their old one home or put them in the clothing bank. Many thanks.

Sweets

We have noticed that some children have started to bring sweets for snack time and also for birthdays. This does not fit in with our ethos so please refrain from doing this.

Lets Pretend After School Club

Starting next Thursday Starlight stars are introducing a new after school club called Lets Pretend.

Each lesson, the children will be taken on a new drama adventure using interactive games and improvisation exercises to expand their imagination and confidence. Let's Pretend topics such as The Seaside and Camping have been carefully designed and structured to enable to children to really believe they have been transported somewhere other than their school hall! Let's Pretend and have some fun!. The first session is free of charge.

Staffing Update

Welcome to our new members of staff:

Mrs Holly Robertson is working in the office on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Mrs Louise Deards has joined our team in Reception.

Mrs Sarah Congrave has taken the difficult decision to leave and we would like to say a huge thank you to her for all of her hard work during her time here. We wish her luck in the future.

Parent Workshop

On Wednesday 22nd January at 7.30pm, we have a parent workshop on online safety and appropriate use.

Theme Day Menu Thursday 16th January 2020

We are having a Hot Dog themed lunch on Thursday 16th January. Children can choose from a Sausage or Vegetarian Posh Dog served with mayonnaise, ketchup or pizza sauce, with a choice of sweetcorn or baked beans with tomato and herb potato wedges.

Free Piano

A village resident has offered a Bluthner upright overstrung piano, if you are interested please contact the school office.

Assemblies this week:

Monday	INSET DAY
Tuesday	We talked about coming back to school and how to behave in a prosocial way, making sure we are respectful and kind.
Wednesday	We talked about the importance of reading and the new books that have recently been added to the reading scheme. In the library there is a new suggestion box where children can write the names of books that we don't have in school which are on the scheme. Your child can look up books on their level using AR Book Finder.
Thursday	Mrs Bowden started teaching the children two new songs in singing assembly.
Friday	Celebration assembly

Childline launch Calm Zone

Childline has launched Calm Zone – an online hub of calming techniques and resources for young people to help them feel better when they feel anxious, scared or sad.

Visit the webpage: [Calm Zone](#)



FOSS is looking forward to a brand new year full of opportunities to raise money in order to continue supporting the school and all of our children.

Our first meeting will be held next Monday, January 13th, at 7.30pm in the school hall. The minutes from the previous meeting are attached, along with the agenda for the forthcoming one. Everyone is very welcome to attend, we love to see new faces and hear your fabulous ideas.

Our fledgling venture recycling Christmas Jumpers got off to a good start, and we plan to make this an annual event. If you have any out-grown jumpers that you would like to pass on then please bring them in to the office, and watch this space for a sale at the end of the year!

If you want to get in touch with FOSS about anything at all, just drop us an email at foss.sandon@gmail.com.

Diary Dates

January

Tuesday 14 th	: 3.05pm to 4.30pm - Netball vs St Francis
Wednesday 15 th	: Governor Meeting 7.30pm
Wednesday 22 nd	: 7.30pm - Parent workshop
Friday 31 st	: Celebration Assembly

February

Monday 10 th	: 10 th – 14 th , Science Week
Friday 14 th	: Valentines Disco
	: Last Day of Half Term
Thurs 27 th	: FOSS AGM
Friday 28 th	: Celebration Assembly

March

Tuesday 3 rd	: Parents' Evening
Wednesday 4 th	: Parents' Evening
Thursday 5 th	: World Book Day
Saturday 7 th	: FOSS Bingo Evening
Saturday 21 st	: Village Market
Friday 27 th	: Celebration Assembly
	: Grow £1 launch day

Please see the school website for more dates throughout the year www.sandon.herts.sch.uk