



Newsletter 26th November 2020

Dear All,

This is a difficult time for everyone and we are continuing to work very hard to close gaps in pupil's learning while keeping our school community safe. We have recently had some wonderful messages of support from parents and families and we are truly grateful for these. Every member of the school community has a different experience of COVID-19 and everyone copes in different ways, please remember that school staff also have lives and loved ones outside of school and we are all doing our very best for the school and the wider community.

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

Christmas Presents and cards

While we are always incredibly grateful for the wonderful gifts you give us at Christmas, this year we want to suggest something different. As you know, due to the global pandemic we are minimising the number of items coming between home and school. We request this year that you don't buy us gifts, but instead, if you wish to you can make a donation to Mind the mental health charity. We have set up a just giving page if you wish to donate anything.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/emma-mcgill7>

Due to the continuing pandemic and our commitment to minimising the traffic between school and home we will not have our usual Christmas post box this year. We ask you not to send Christmas cards into school for your child to give to classmates.

Christmas Activities and Performances

Obviously, Christmas time in school is going to be very different this year. We are working very hard to plan activities and performance options which are manageable and safe.

Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

On Wednesday 16th December we will be having Christmas lunch and children can wear a Christmas jumper with their school uniform if they wish to. If your child does wear a Christmas jumper we would like to ask you to donate £2 towards the Save the Children Christmas Jumper fundraiser.

<https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/donate/single/donation-eventpay-00080>



Congratulations to:

Stars of the Week

Reception: Luna

Class1: Thea

Class 2: Luke and Alfie

Class 3: Harry and Lila



Dear Parents

Warning: For parents' eyes only

FOSS have been working incredibly hard with the North Pole Branch, and this year we can offer personalised letters delivered to your door from Father Christmas. Each letter will be tailored to your child(ren) and posted via Royal Mail to the address you supply. Simply give us the details to include and Father Christmas (or Santa) will write your child. Siblings can receive a joint letter, or one each, its entirely up to you. Letters to two or more siblings will be substantially different from each other, and each letter will be signed by whichever name you use for Father Christmas.

Each letter costs £3 or £5 for two, with subsequent letters being an additional £2. All profits go directly to FOSS, to help support the school in providing a safe, rich and engaging learning environment for all our children.

Either fill in the attached questionnaire [Christmas Letter Questionnaire](#) by December 1st, complete with a cheque made payable to "Friends of Sandon School" and drop in the red box outside the school office, or email foss.sandon@gmail.com with all the details and pay via bacs with the reference "santa and then your child's initial and surname" (eg santajsmith)

The bank details are:

Friends of Sandon School
30-94-30
00194461

To see a sample letter please email FOSS at the address above.

Christmas may be a little different this year, but we can still make it magical!

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FOSS (and Father Christmas)

P.S Don't forget to enter the raffle see details below. <https://www.bigptaraffle.co.uk/support/sandon-jmi-school-sg9>



The Big PTA Raffle 2020

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www.bigptaraffle.co.uk

Tickets cost £3 and each ticket gives you 12 chances 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

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

Spring Term 2021

Inset day	Monday 4 th January
Term Starts	Tuesday 5 th January
Half Term	15 th February to 19 th February
Term Ends	Friday 26 th March at 1pm

Summer Term 2021

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