



Newsletter 23rd January 2020

Reading Helpers

We are always looking for volunteers to help us hear readers at school. If you have around an hour a week free and would like to come and volunteer at school, please email the school office admin@sandon.herts.sch.uk. Reading takes place from 1pm and it would be most helpful if you could come in every week. Safeguarding is very important to us; therefore, we would need to complete a DBS check on anyone offering to volunteer to ensure that they are suitable to work with children.

School Equipment

Please ensure your child comes to school wearing a coat every day during the winter. We strongly believe in the importance of fresh air and we go outside at playtime unless we are experiencing torrential rain. We have noticed over the last couple of weeks that some children are not bringing warm enough clothing for Forest School. Please ensure your child has plenty of layers, warm socks, a hat, gloves and waterproof outerwear. The children spend a long time outside during their sessions. Thank you.

If your child has grown out of their wellingtons, please ensure they are removed from the rack. You could help us raise funds by putting them in the school clothing bank.

Free School Meals

Did you know that school receives extra funding for children who are eligible for free school meals? You can use the link below to check your eligibility. <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/at-school/free-school-meals/free-school-meals.aspx>
If you find that you are eligible and apply, please do let the office know.

Diarrhoea and sickness

We have had several cases of sickness this week and would like to remind everyone that our policy on sickness and diarrhoea is in line with NHS recommendations. It is crucial that they do not return until 48 hours after the last episode of sickness or diarrhoea. Many thanks for your co-operation with this.
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/diarrhoea-and-vomiting/>

Parents Evenings

We will be holding SEND parent consultations the week straight after half term and the rest of the parent consultation the following week. This is a change to the previously published dates. Sorry for any inconvenience caused by this. Sign-up sheets will be available in the office from 3.2.20

- 24.2.20 – Class 1 and Class 3 SEND parent consultations
- 25.2.20 – Reception and Class 2 SEND parent consultations
- 3.3.20 – All classes parent consultations
- 4.3.20 – Classes 1, 2 and 3 parent consultations

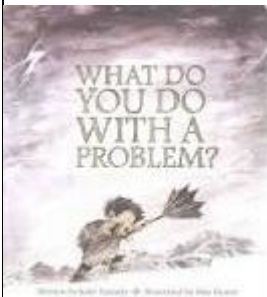
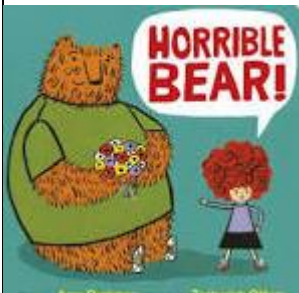
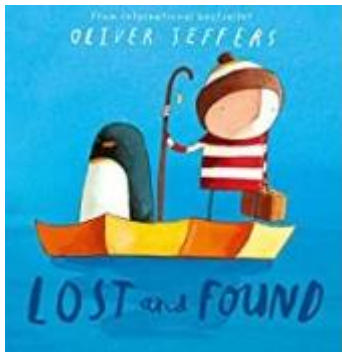
Class 1 Australia Fundraising

As we told you last week Class 1 are raising some money for the WWF koala appeal and will be doing a sponsored obstacle course. Amanda Ledster has kindly agreed to make one of her excellent cakes, which we will raffle at the parent assembly on Friday 31st January. Nicola Church has now very kindly donated a personal training session to the prizes for the raffle. Raffle tickets will be on sale for £1 each in the school office from Monday 27th January.

Extra Parent Assembly for Science Week

We would like to invite parents to join us on Friday 14th February at 9am for a Science themed celebration assembly.

Assemblies this week:

Monday	<p>We the read this book and talked about the way we can sometimes turn problems into opportunities.</p> 
Tuesday	<p>We read this book and discussed the fact that we need to be careful about the way we react to situations. We thought about the fact that the bear actually hasn't done anything horrible.</p> 
Wednesday	<p>We read this book and talked about the emotions the penguin was feeling.</p> 
Thursday	Singing assembly
Friday	Celebration assembly

Small Schools' District Sportshall Athletics

Last week a team of year 5 and 6 represented our school at this event. Every single one of them ran, threw and jumped their hearts out. There were some excellent performances, none more so than our boys' relay team who gave an exemplar lesson to all there on how to change the baton, winning their race by a huge margin. Overall, we came 5th out of 13 schools. Well done Phillipa, Lia, Olivia, Sophia, Lewis, Tom, Charlie and Olly.



Design a Mascot Competition

The design a mascot competition deadline is next Tuesday (28th January 2020). Your child will bring home the entry form today and they need to return it to the office by Tuesday.

Club Cancellations

Parents will be informed via the School Gateway (email) when clubs are cancelled. Please use the School Gateway App if you wish to see if a club is running or not.

Congratulations to:

Stars of the Week

Reception: Beatrix

Class1: Lily

Class 2: Oscar

Class 3: Isabella

Writers of the week

Reception: Lucy

Class1: Izak

Class 2: Oscar

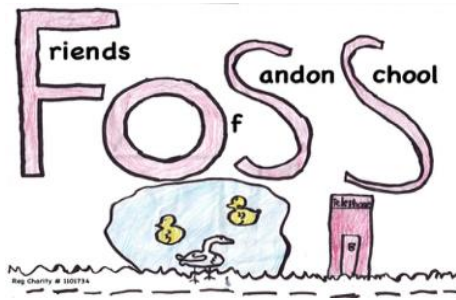
Class 3: Phillipa

Sports Person of the Week

Kayden

Swimmer of the Week

Matthew C



Quiz Quiz Quiz! The FOSS quiz is back in 7th March at 7pm, so get your thinking (or drinking) caps on, get a team together and come along! A fun night of puzzling questions, great food and plenty of drink available from the bar. £10 per person, including dinner, in teams of up to 6. Entry forms will be available from the school office.

The FOSS AGM is taking place on February 27th at 7.30pm in the school hall. All parents are invited along to hear how the funds you have helped raise are used to support the school, and to have your say in who should form the committee. Our committee is composed of the Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer and Secretary, and all these positions are open for nominations. Any nominations for committee positions should be made and seconded via email to foss.sandon@gmail.com, before the AGM.

We have decided not to run the Grow a £1 project this year, to make space in the time table for a separate fundraising event. We try not to overload you all too much with requests for money, whilst at the same time trying to raise funds for the school. Grow a £1 will be back in Spring 2021!

Diary Dates

Spring Term Dates

January

Thursday 30th : B Team Netball at St Francis 3.45pm – 4.45pm
Friday 31st : Celebration Assembly

February

Monday 10th : 10th – 14th, Science Week
Monday 10th : Cambridge Science Trip Classes 2 and 3
Tuesday 4th : District Speed stacking at KTS 3.45pm – 5.30pm
Thursday 6th : Netball at St Francis 3.45pm-4.45pm
Wednesday 12th : STEM Discovery Centre Class 1
Friday 14th : Celebration Assembly
Friday 14th : Last Day of Half Term
Monday 17th : Half Term (17th – 21st February)
Monday 24th : Class 1 and Class 3 SEND Parent Consultations
Tuesday 25th : Reception and Class 2 SEND Parent Consultations
Wednesday 26th : Rural Schools Football Tournament at Hitchin Football Club
Thurs 27th : FOSS AGM
: Yr 5/6 Archery 3.45pm – 5.45pm at Priory school
Friday 28th : Celebration Assembly

March

Tuesday 3rd : All Parent Consultations
Wednesday 4th : Classes 1, 2 and 3 Parent Consultations
: KS1 District Gym Competition @ KTS 9.15am – 11.15am
Wednesday 4th : Parents' Evening
Thursday 5th : World Book Day
Saturday 7th : FOSS Quiz Night
Tues 10th : Reception Balance Bikeability 11am – 12pm
Friday 13th : Yr 3 and 4 Football vs Pixmore (Venue to be decided)
Tuesday 17th : Reception Balance bikeability 11am – 12pm
Friday 20th : Year 3 and 4 Football Vs Pixmore (Venue to be decided)
Saturday 21st : Village Market
Tuesday 24th : Reception Balance bikeability 11am – 12pm
Friday 27th : Celebration Assembly

April

Thursday 2nd : Tag Rugby at Letchworth RFC
Friday 3rd : Last day of term – 1pm finish
Monday 20th : Inset day
Tuesday 21st : Pupils back to school
Friday 24th : Celebration Assembly
Wednesday 29th : Governor Meeting 7.30pm

May

Friday 8th : VE Day – School closed
Monday 11th : Yr 6 SAT's (11th-14th May)
Saturday 16th : Family Forest day

Diary Dates continued

July

Friday 3 rd	: Sports Day & Summer Fayre (After school)
Tuesday 7 th	: Cream Tea Afternoon for villagers
Thursday 9 th	: Y6 - Secondary Transfer Day
Monday 13 th	: Arts Week (13th - 17th July)
Wednesday 15 th	: Summer Concert 2pm
	: Governors Meeting 7.30pm
Monday 20 th	: Summer Party
Tuesday 21 st	: Last Day of term (1pm finish)

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