



Newsletter 24th September 2020

Dear All,

Thank you very much for your help with speeding up entry into and exit from school. The children continue to amaze us with their adaptability. We understand that it is a bit trickier for children to bring their things in without bags, but they are managing very well. Our Reception children have settled so well that from Monday 5th October we would like parents to drop their children at the main gate not the garden gate.

Reading

Please ensure that your child (Year 1-6), brings their reading book into school every day as reading is a crucial part of the curriculum. Please read with your child as often as you can. It is wonderful to share books and model reading to your child but as soon as children start to bring home reading books they need to read those books to you. For further advice on reading at home please follow the link below. <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/tips-and-advice/reading-tips/>

Allergy proofing and healthy snacks

We have two members of our school community who have severe allergies to nuts. Please do not send **any** food containing nuts to school. This includes Nutella snacks, spread and cereal bars with nuts in. Fruit is available every day for Reception and Class 1 children. Please send a healthy snack into school for your child to have at breaktime. <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/food-facts/healthier-snacks-for-kids/100-calorie-snacks#packaged-snacks>

School Meals

Mrs Brand renewed her Food Hygiene Certificate and passed with 100% well done Mrs Brand! Mrs Brand is also making some delicious packed lunches; these are free for reception and years 1/2 and cost £2.65 per day for the rest of the school.

Lunch Menu - Monday 28th September to Friday 2nd October

Day	Red	Green
Monday	Sausage roll	Cheese roll
Tuesday	Tuna baguette	Egg baguette
Wednesday	Roast Chicken roll	Cheese roll
Thursday	Chicken Strips wrap	Quorn Pattie wrap
Friday	Tuna roll	Pizza

COVID-19 update

Please see the attached letter from Professor Jim McManus, Hertfordshire Director of Public Health.

Entitlement to Free School Meals

In the current climate, family circumstances are changing please check; www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals to see if you are eligible for Free School Meals.

Community Gardening

Thank you so much to Olly Gilks-Stokes who has been helping our community by cutting the grass outside school. He is showing responsibility and independence, values that are really important to us at Sandon School.

Village Fete and Grand Draw

Even though the village fete did not go ahead, the Grand Draw did. The winner, Caroline Wickstead has very kindly donated £50 pounds to the school and the village have very kindly given us £100. We are very lucky to be part of such a kind community.

Harvest Festival

We are not able to go to the church for a harvest celebration this year, in order to keep us all safe. We will be collecting donations for the local food bank. If you wish to donate, there is a box outside the school office to put your donations in. The church will add to our donations after their service on Sunday 4th October.

Christmas Cards

Unfortunately, the children are not going to be able to design their own Christmas Cards this year due to the current COVID-19 guidance.

School Website

Mrs Robertson is busy updating and improving the school website. If you work in website design and would like to help with this, please contact the school office. We would be really grateful for any advice.

Congratulations to:

Stars of the Week

Reception: Jack **Class 1:** **Class 2:** Oakley and Hannah **Class 3:** Tomiwa and Sophie

School Calendar

Autumn Term 2020

Half Term	26 th October to 30 th October
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