



Newsletter 5th September 2019

New Playground

The school has been a hive of activity over the holiday. We now have a new, much larger playground and Reception and Cygnets have a new larger canopy which will provide extra outdoor learning space. There is also a new raised bed and enclosed patio area in the EYFS garden. The new fence will arrive next week and the fitness equipment will also be installed then. Line painting will soon be completed and a new traversing wall will be installed by the end of the month. Many thanks to Mrs Reynolds, Mr Darcy and all of the contractors for their hard work on this project.

School Garden and Produce

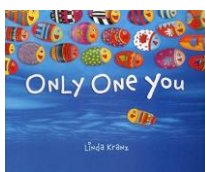
Don't forget about our produce stall. The garden is full of tomatoes, pumpkins, chillies and rhubarb. Children can come and help in the garden every lunchtime and they harvest the produce to put on the table. Any small donation to our garden fund will be gratefully received. If you have extra produce from gardens or allotments you are welcome to add it to the table. Yesterday we were also busy collecting sunflower heads so that we can provide some seeds for birds in the winter and also grow some sunflower plants for sale in the spring.



Whole School Art Project

On the last day of term we put all of the beautifully painted stones out on the pebbles at the front of the school. The children chose where to put theirs. We managed to take a photo of them all.

Unfortunately due to a combination of factors some of the paint has bubbled and faded a little. Mr Darton kindly brought all of the stones inside and over the next few weeks we will restore them to their former glory and get them back outside!



As we always tell the children, things don't always work out on our first attempt. Therefore we need to be resilient and try again.

Assemblies this week:

Wednesday and Thursday	We talked about prosocial behaviours. See our new prosocial learning agreement attached to find out more.
Friday	Celebration Assembly

Staffing update

We are really pleased to be welcoming Ms Laura McLauchlan to Sandon. She will be working in the office on a Thursday and Friday. We are also delighted to welcome Mrs Rebekah Lucas, our new Class 3 teacher and English Subject Leader.

Mr Darcy is leaving us at the end of next week and we all wish him good luck. He has a full-time position at Hartsfield. He will still be around occasionally to help us out. Mr McGill will be temporarily helping us out until we recruit a permanent replacement.

September events

Start of term parent meeting.

Please join us on Monday for our start of term meeting. Pupils (not younger siblings) will be supervised outside while we all meet in the hall between 3.30pm and 4.00pm. At 4pm there will be time to look at classrooms and to sample some school dinner menu items.

If you cannot attend the meeting, information will be sent home with your child on Tuesday and will be available on the school website.

Community Choir

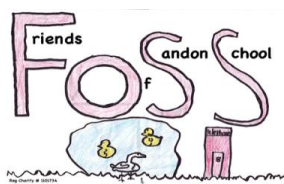
Next Tuesday we will hold the very first session of our new Community Choir. This is intended to be a fun activity for adults with links to the school and the village. Please come and join us in the school hall at 7.30pm.

Sandon Fete

We have been invited to sing at Sandon Fete on Sunday 22nd September. If you are able to come along your support would be greatly appreciated. Time to be confirmed.

Macmillan Coffee Morning and 80th Birthday Celebration

On Friday 27th September we will be holding a joint Macmillan coffee morning and a celebration of the school being on this site for 80 years. The festivities will start at 10 o'clock and anyone with a connection to the school is welcome to attend and share their memories of their time here.



Welcome back to a new term of events and fundraising to support the school. Every penny donated to FOSS throughout the year goes directly to benefiting the children.

The first FOSS meeting of the year should be on 12th September, at 7.30 in the school hall. This is currently only a provisional date, but we will let you know as soon as it is confirmed. This meeting will mainly focus on the calendar for the year ahead. It would be lovely to see some new faces alongside the familiar ones, and hear all of your wonderful ideas!

Our first 100 Club draw will be held this month. Please make sure you have purchased your numbers by the 13th of the September to be in with a chance! You can join at any point throughout the year, but the sooner you join, the sooner you can win!

We also have School Camping coming up on Saturday 14th September, and we will be supporting the Macmillan Coffee Morning on September 27th, so keep an eye out for cake requests!

If you have any questions please get in touch at foss.sandon@gmail.com

Diary Dates

September

Monday 9 th – 3.30pm	: Welcome to the new academic Year meeting – all parents : Herts Catering Ltd – Taster Session
Wednesday 11 th – 7.30pm	: Governors Meeting
Thursday 12 th – 7.30pm	: FOSS Meeting (tbc)
Saturday 14 th	: FOSS Camp Out
Sunday 22 nd	: Sandon Fete
Friday 27 th – 9am 10am	: Celebration Assembly : Macmillan Coffee Morning & joint Sandon School 80 th Birthday Celebration

October

Monday 7 th	: SEND Parents Meeting (C1 & C2)
Tuesday 8 th	: SEND Parents Meeting (C3)
Tuesday 15 th	: Parents Evening
Wednesday 16 th	: Parents Evening
Friday 25 th	: Last day of half term

December

Friday 6 th	: Mum's and Dad's Stall for pupils
Saturday 7 th	: Village Christmas Market
Wednesday 11 th	: 2pm – Whole School Performance to family and friends : 6pm – Whole School Performance to family and friends
Thursday 12 th	: 6pm – Whole School Performance to family and friends
Wednesday 18 th	: Governor's meeting
Friday 20 th	: Carols for the village : End of Term (1pm finish)