



## Newsletter 21<sup>st</sup> November 2019

### Start of the day arrangements

The new start of the day routine has worked really well. Thank you all for your help with this and your positive feedback. The children have adapted well to this change and the school has felt much calmer at the start of the day. Parents have also reported that the road outside school has also felt calmer and safer.

### Our Curriculum

We are constantly reviewing our curriculum to make sure that we are providing the very best learning experiences for our pupils. Ofsted now have a new, sharper focus on all schools having a broad and balanced curriculum which ensures all children can find their talents and have a real passion for learning. For a long time, we have been incredibly lucky to have a specialist PE teacher, Mrs Reynolds, and we now also have a specialist art teacher in school, Miss Curtis. All children have a weekly art lesson. If you wish to read more about Ofsted inspection changes, please follow this link.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/ofsted-is-changing-how-it-inspects-schools>

All teachers in our school lead different subjects and act as advocates for their subject areas. Because we are a small school most teachers lead at least two subjects. The National curriculum stipulates what we must teach, and subject leaders work with other teachers to ensure the correct sequence for introducing new concepts.

### Snow White Performance Costumes

There will be whole school performances of our production Snow White on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> of December. We are aiming to send tickets out tomorrow.

Raffle tickets for the performance will also go out tomorrow. If you wish to buy more, you can ask the office or purchase some at the performance you attend.

Children will be wearing simple costumes for the performance, listed below: -

Year Group	Role	Costume
Reception	Woodland animals	Black leggings or joggers. Black t-shirt. School will make masks.
Year 1	Performers	Black leggings or joggers. Black t-shirt. School will make hats
Year 2	Scientists	Black leggings or joggers. White shirt. Black socks. School to provide lab coats.
Year 3 and 4	Choir	Sandon school uniform.
Year 5 and 6	Various	A message has gone out on ClassDojo.

**Please name all costume items and send them into school by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December.**

### Non-uniform Day

Don't forget that next Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November the children can come in their own clothes in exchange for items to go in the Christmas hampers. These hampers will be the prizes for the raffle.

### Items we would like you to donate:

Reception – chocolates

Class 1 – biscuits or crackers

Class 2 – jams/preserves/chutneys

Class 3 - bottles

Thank you so much for your help with this.


### Children in Need

Thank you so much for all the cake donations that were brought into school last Friday. Your efforts and kind donations raised £133.34. THANK YOU!

### Travelling Book Fair

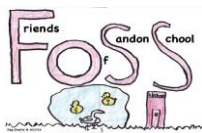
The Travelling Book Fair is in school and will be open every lunch time and after school from tomorrow for browsing and purchasing books. Children have been given a £1 gift token which can be put towards any purchase.

### Assemblies this week:

Monday	We read this book:  We talked about the love and respect our families and friends have for us being like an umbrella that we can shelter under.
Tuesday	Singing assembly
Wednesday	Singing assembly
Thursday	We talked about the different subjects we study at school and why they are important
Friday	Celebration Assembly

### 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.



Our Christmas jumper sale is after school next week, on Friday 29th November. We want to reduce waste and spread Christmas cheer at the same time! Any donations of children's Christmas jumpers are welcome before then. Jumpers will be on sale for a donation to FOSS, we recommend £2 but please just give what you can, our aim is primarily saving jumpers from landfill, and saving your pocket from more expense during the Christmas period.

The Christmas market is coming up on December 7th. It will be full of festive fun, gifts and produce, and children will be able to visit Father Christmas!

If you are doing your Christmas shopping (or any shopping!) on Amazon please do use our Amazon Smile link. You'll need to use it every time you go to Amazon, but for each qualifying purchase they will donate a nominal sum to FOSS. One easy change to make is to update any shortcuts you use for Amazon to the smile link.

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1101734-0>

If you want to get in touch with FOSS about anything else, just drop us an email at [foss.sandon@gmail.com](mailto:foss.sandon@gmail.com).

## Diary Dates

### November

- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> : U9 Festival at Highfield
- : Travelling Books (Book Fair) arrives at school for 4 days
- Monday 25<sup>th</sup> : Netball vs Lordship (away)
- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> : Rapid Fire Cricket at Fearnhill – Time TBC
- Friday 29<sup>th</sup> : Christmas Jumper Sale
- : Non uniform day in return for a Christmas raffle item

### December

- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> : Trip to Panto at Hertford Theatre (1pm – 4.30pm)
- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> : Mums' and Dads' Stall for pupils
- Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> : Village Christmas Market
- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> : 3.45pm to 5.45pm - U11 Zone Basketball at Knights Templar
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> : 2pm – Whole School Performance to family and friends
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- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> : Christmas Jumper Day
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> : Christmas Jumper Day
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> : Nativity at the Church – 9.30am (changed from 19<sup>th</sup> Dec)
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> : Christmas Dinner Day
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> : Governors' meeting – 7.30pm
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> : Christmas Movie Night (3.15pm – 4.30pm)
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> : Carols for the village
- : End of Term (1pm finish)

## Spring Term Dates

### January

- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> : Inset Day
- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> : First Day of Spring Term
- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> : Governor Meeting 7.30pm
- Friday 31<sup>st</sup> : Celebration Assembly

### February

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

### March

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

Please see the school website for more dates throughout the year [www.sandon.herts.sch.uk](http://www.sandon.herts.sch.uk)