



Newsletter 23rd April 2020

Dear All,

We hope this letter finds you safe and well.

Home Learning

As we find ourselves still in lockdown it has been lovely to see what many of you are doing at home.

Learning at home instead of at school is new for all of us. Please don't be too hard on yourselves if things aren't going according to plan. From what we can see our families are doing their very best. We are not expecting you to replicate school at home, that simply isn't possible. We are really pleased that so many families are engaging with the activities we are posting on ClassDojo. Different children will be interested in different activities, some will be more engaged than others. The vast majority of you are not qualified teachers (however you are the first teachers your children ever had!) so please be kind to yourselves. We are aware that the majority of parents are working as well as supervising their children's learning, keep doing the best you can.

The teachers are working hard to find activities that the children are able to do at home. Older children can check the answers of their maths learning; as they do at school, teachers are sending the answers out to you. Teachers will answer any questions you or your child have over ClassDojo, during school hours. We are not able to mark every piece of learning your child does, you can however send photos of learning for teachers to comment on. The teachers have been posting a lot of ideas on ClassDojo and they are there for your information and for you and your child to choose what interests them.

The BBC in conjunction with the DfE (Department for Education) has launched a huge number of resources to help children learn at home. Please follow this link to access the resources:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>

July School Leavers

If your child is not in Year Six and is leaving our school at the end of this academic year, please can you email the office admin@sandon.herts.sch.uk to let us know. If you have already notified us there is no need to tell us again. Many thanks.

Assemblies this week:

Monday	INSET
Tuesday	Oliver's Vegetables and I am an artist – we listened together over Zoom.
Wednesday	Oliver's Milkshake
Thursday	Handa's Surprise
Friday	TBC

Online safety

We are, as a nation doing a lot more online. Safeguarding is very important and children can be vulnerable online. Please find below links to some helpful articles.

Keeping children safe online

Source: NetAware

Visit the Net Aware website: In the news <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/news/>

Read the press release: Children at increased risk of harm online during global COVID-19 pandemic
<https://www.unicef.org.uk/press-releases/children-at-increased-risk-of-harm-online-during-global-covid-19-pandemic/>

Read the guidance: Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) and its implications for protecting children online
https://www.unicef.org/documents/covid-19-and-implications-protecting-children-online?utm_campaign=coronavirus&utm_source=referral&utm_medium=media-

Read the BBC news story: TikTok bans under-16s from private messaging
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-52310529>

Coronavirus and Wellbeing

These are strange times for all of us and now more than ever it is important to focus on wellbeing. Below are links to some information you might find helpful:

<https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/coronavirus-covid-19-anxiety-tips/>

<https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/looking-after-children-and-young-people-during-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/>

<https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/for-your-body/>

<https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/coronavirus/coronavirus-and-your-wellbeing/>

Mrs Reynolds has been busy thinking up activities for you to do at home. Look out for these on ClassDojo. Below is a link to the latest activity: <https://vimeo.com/410118259/ecace48c16d>

Thank you to Matthew and Hannah for their help too!

The children who went to the O2 for Young Voices will know all about the dance group Urban Strides. They perform amazing, high energy street dance routines. Their founder Andy Instone is running a live session every Wednesday at 10am, the link is below. <https://www.facebook.com/urbanstridesdance/>

School Garden

The school garden is coming on well and if you are walking or driving past school there are some flowers and vegetables on the community produce table.