



Newsletter 14th November 2019

Remembrance Service

Well done to all the children for the beautiful service in church last Friday. The children behaved very well and sang sweetly. Thank you to all the staff for their help and hard work with this. Thank you also to those of you who were able to come to the church.

Super Singing

A huge well done to Ruby S in Year 5 who sang at the Baldock wreath laying last Sunday morning. She showed great bravery and independence, singing in front of a large crowd of people.

Changes to Morning drop-off

As a staff we have been discussing our current morning drop off and lining up arrangements.

We all want the beginning of the day to be as calm as possible both in the road outside school and within the school grounds.

From next Monday we are going to change the way we do things and would really appreciate your support. We will talk to the children about the changes and the reasons for them.

The changes will be:

- We will no longer line up at 8.55am when the bell rings.
- Parents will now be able to drop their children off at the classroom/cloakroom door from 8.50am. There will not be a bell
- Classrooms - the junior cloakroom will not be accessible before this time except in order to use the toilets (in the junior block).

Drop-off points:

- Reception - classroom back door – (the same door as pick-up). We will be laying a path into the EYFS garden.
- Class 1 - classroom back door – (the same door as pick-up).
- Juniors – main junior door.
- Children attending breakfast club will be taken to their classroom by breakfast club staff.

Staff will still be able to respond to short inquiries or messages in the morning but will be unable to conduct long conversations. If you have a long message to deliver please write it down, send it on dojo or arrange to speak to the teacher at the end of the day.

The playground gate will be locked by 9am. Anyone missing the gate will need to come through the front entrance and sign the late book. If your child is late twice within the same week you will receive a reminder about punctuality. If your child is late twice the next week you will need to have a meeting with Mrs McGill in order to identify strategies to ensure punctuality.

National Ant-Bullying Week

ABA are official organisers of Anti-Bullying Week. Anti-Bullying Week 2019 is happening from Monday 11th November - Friday 15th November 2019 with the theme 'Change Starts with Us'.

<https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week>

<https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/tools-information/if-youre-being-bullied/i-am-being-bullied>

The Knights Templar School (KTS)

We have been asked to pass on to parents some information from KTS regarding a possible formation of a Multi-Academy Trust (MAT) with Hitchin Girls' School. (please see separate attached documents).

British Heart Foundation Heartstart Training Session

There are still a couple of places left for this session on Monday 18th November at 7pm at Sandon Village Hall. The course is 2.5 hours and covers how to manage heart attacks, bleeding, choking, using an AED and how to perform CPR. They are asking for a suggested donation of £5 per attendee and all funds raised will go the BHF

District Boccia Competition



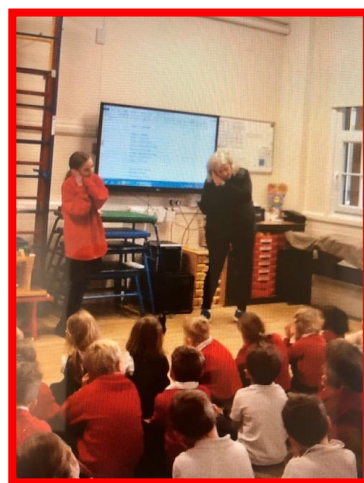
Well done to our Sandon team who had lots of fun at this event on Tuesday.

"The Boccia competition at Highfield School was amazing and Sandon came 6th" - Elijah

Assemblies this week:

Monday	We talked about prosocial behaviours and how we can work together to look after our learning environment. The conversation moved on to making sure we are thinking of others, ensuring that we are flushing toilets and washing our hands very carefully to maintain high standards of hygiene. We talked about ensuring that we leave all areas of the school as we wish to find them.
Tuesday	We talked about what bullying is and what to do if it is happening to us or someone we know. We listened to all three Andy and the Odd Socks anti-bullying songs which are about being unique, showing respect for everyone and this years' song, which is about the importance of making a change in our behaviours and never standing by quietly if you see someone who is upset or someone being unkind. https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/odd-socks-day/andy-and-odd-socks
Wednesday	We talked about the importance of a calm start in the morning. The children were told about the changes to entering school that will come into effect next Monday morning.
Thursday	Singing assembly
Friday	No assembly due to school photos

Singing Assembly – Philippa taught everyone the first verse of Away in a Manger in sign language today. Well done Philippa!



Online Safety

Most social media platforms stipulate that young people need to be 13 years old to have accounts, some like WhatsApp have ever higher age restrictions. This is in line with privacy laws and can also help to keep children safer online. Follow the link to a helpful article which can assist you in deciding whether to allow your children to use social media.

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/age-restrictions-social-media-services>

December Productions

This year we will be performing Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs. The performances are on Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th December.

Class 3 auditioned yesterday for the main acting roles.

Class 2 will be our choir.

Year 2 will be scientists.

Year 1 are stars.

Reception are woodland animals.

In the next week we will be sending home information about costumes and audience tickets along with raffle tickets.

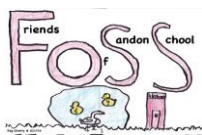
Reception Class will be leading our traditional nativity in Sandon Church on Wednesday 18th December at 9.30am. School will provide all of the costumes for this.

Spare socks and pants

From time-to-time we need spare socks and pants in school. If you have any socks or pants that your child has grown out of, which are too good for the clothing bank, please donate them at the school office. Thank you

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.



This month the 100 Club winners have shared £25.50, and we have more numbers available for anyone who would like to join! The proceeds to the school from the 100 Club are on target to cover the cost of a coach trip this year which goes towards bringing the cost down for individual trips such as the panto.

We will be running a Christmas jumper rail on 29th November after school, it will be an opportunity to pick up a snazzy number for Christmas jumper day this year, without facing the crowds on a Saturday!

And last, but by no means least, save the date in your diary for our Winter Wonderland Market on Saturday 7th December. There will be all the usual stalls plus a few seasonal extras to browse for gifts, biscuit decorating, a fun festive trail and lots more!

Diary Dates

November

Thursday 14 th	: Nasal Flu – All years : Netball vs Hartsfield (away)
Friday 15 th	: Individual School photos : Children in Need (Cake sale after school)
Monday 18 th	: Netball vs Lordship (home)
Tuesday 19 th	: Football v St Chris (away, after school)
Thursday 21 st	: U9 Festival at Highfield – Times TBC : Travelling Books (Book Fair) arrives at school for 4 days
Monday 25 th	: Netball vs Lordship (away)
Thursday 28 th	: Rapid Fire Cricket at Fearnhill – Time TBC
Friday 29 th	: Christmas Jumper Sale : Non uniform day in return for a Christmas raffle item

December

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

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