



Newsletter 18th June 2020

Dear All,

We appreciate that these are challenging and anxiety provoking times for everyone. As we said yesterday, if we could welcome all of the children back to school now we would be delighted to do so. The sad reality is that currently we cannot do that. We know that all children would benefit from returning to school. The Government have asked schools to use their expert knowledge to decide which children would benefit most from coming back to school now. If we haven't contacted you by tomorrow then unfortunately, we are unable to invite you back this term. We know that this will be disappointing; however the safety of pupils and staff is our primary consideration during this on-going pandemic.

Social Distancing

If your child has returned to school we thank you for your social distancing efforts while lining up. Please ensure that these efforts continue when you leave the school site. It is still not safe to congregate out on the street as the pandemic continues.

School lunches

If your child is currently in school, Herts Catering are still offering a school meal in the form of a packed lunch. The lunch includes a roll, salad, carrot sticks and a cookie.

INSET and OCCASSIONAL DAYS

School will be closed on Friday 26th and Monday 29th June for the planned INSET and occasional day.

Home Learning

Please do let your teachers know what you have been doing at home. We have seen a drop in the number of children sharing their learning. We would love to hear about your projects, the things you have been doing on BBC Bitesize or Oak Academy and anything else you have been up to. Teachers cannot respond straight away, but will get back to you as soon as they can.

September

We, like you are still waiting to find out what will be happening in schools in September. We are currently researching the use of secure learning platforms such as Google Classroom and Microsoft Teams with a view to using these for Zoom type meetings. We have been asked not to use Zoom by Hertfordshire County Council as it does not have strong enough encryption. If any of you are particularly skilled in the use of Microsoft 365 or Google please do get in touch so that we can make the most informed choice for our school community. We will provide more information next week about staffing for September.

Assemblies this week:

Monday	Daisy and the trouble with zoos chapter 9
Tuesday	Daisy and the trouble with zoos chapter 10
Wednesday	Daisy and the trouble with zoos chapter 11
Thursday	Daisy and the trouble with zoos chapter 12
Friday	Daisy and the trouble with zoos chapter 13

We will be coming to the end of this book soon so look out to a new book vote on ClassDojo soon.

FOSS logo competition

The FOSS logo competition was supposed to close on May 31st however there have been very few entries. FOSS have decided to extend the competition until the end of June. Please do have a go.

FOSS needs you! We would like you to design us a new logo!

It needs to be bold and bright, and have both FOSS and Friends of Sandon School incorporated into the design. Maybe think about the things that make Sandon special, like our friendly community and the ways we help each other.

Submit your entries electronically to foss.sandon@gmail.com. They should be drawn or designed on A4 paper, and then scanned or photographed. Or maybe you want to design it all on a computer? You can enter as many designs as you like, but no more than one per person will be shortlisted. Get your design to us by midnight on June 30th 2020 to be in with a chance of having your logo represent FOSS.

Philosophy for Children

Thoughtful Conversations for Families Week 10

<https://dialogueworks.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Hometalk-week-10.pdf>

Activities for all ages from 3 years old upwards