



Newsletter 22nd October 2020

Dear All,

I would like to take the opportunity to thank all Sandon JMI School and Cygnets staff for working even harder than usual to welcome our pupils back to school and helping them settle. I hope they all manage to rest and relax during the half term break. It is wonderful to work with dedicated professionals who always do their best for our pupils. Things in school are not back to normal but all of our staff have done an amazing job to make school as normal as possible. We are working hard to help the children build their independence and understand their responsibilities as learners, trying hard especially when things feel difficult. Please continue to support us by reinforcing this message at home. It is crucial that we work in partnership to ensure the best outcomes for all of our learners. All of us are adapting to life under a pandemic and it is crucial that we all show compassion and empathy towards one another.

Free School Meals

If you are eligible for free school meals, please do sign up as this will enable us to receive extra funding to the school. During this pandemic we want all families in our school community to be able to receive any extra help they are entitled to.

All infant children are entitled to a free school meal. If you are a low-income family you could register for free school meals (even though you are entitled because of the age of your child) and we could get extra funding to help the school.

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/at-school/free-school-meals/free-school-meals.aspx>

Register for free school meals (reception, year 1 and 2) have your National Insurance number or Home Office number to hand when you apply.

https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/ufs/CHSERV_FSMREG.eb?ebd=0&ebz=2_1603275687900

Children in Year 3 or older can get a free school meal if you receive any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (as long as you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and you don't get more than £16,190 a year)
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Universal Credit (with annual earned income of no more than £7,400 after tax and not including any benefits you get).

Apply today if you receive any of these benefits. It takes 5 mins and in most cases they can tell you straightaway if your child can get free meals at school. Check your eligibility, then apply (Year 3 and older)

https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/ufs/HCWH.eb?ebd=0&ebz=3_1603275738680

Fundraising Run

One of our parents, Fiona Cannon is raising money for Breast Cancer Now. See below for details on how to donate to this worthwhile cause if you would like to:

This October I'm on a running challenge in aid of Breast Cancer Now. I took the challenge on partly to kick me into action but also when a friend was diagnosed with Breast Cancer earlier this year (hopefully with a relatively good prognosis) October is Breast Cancer Now month and the challenge is to run 100km through October (I'm currently up to 72 km) if anyone would like to donate to Breast Cancer Now here's my Just Giving page

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/fionac100km?utm_source=whatsapp&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=fionac100km&utm_campaign=pfp-whatsapp&utm_term=cfc5736101eb40b7ba11a9fa1b984b1a

Coronavirus Symptoms

If you have any of the main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), get a test as soon as possible. Stay at home until you get the result and inform the school once the result is received.

Main symptoms

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms.

What to do if you have symptoms

If you have any of the main symptoms of coronavirus:

1. Get a test to check if you have coronavirus as soon as possible.
2. Stay at home and do not have visitors until you get your test result – only leave your home to have a test.

Anyone you live with, and anyone in your support bubble, must also stay at home until you get your result.

How long to self-isolate

If you have symptoms or have tested positive for coronavirus, you will usually need to self-isolate for at least 10 days.

You'll usually need to self-isolate for 14 days if:

- someone you live with has symptoms or tested positive
- someone in your support bubble has symptoms or tested positive
- you've been told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace

Parent Consultation Meetings

Don't forget to book your parent consultation via the online booking system. Meetings will take place online, with SEND meetings on Monday 2nd or Tuesday 3rd of November and all other meetings taking place on Tuesday 10th or Wednesday 11th of November.

School meals

Next week we are starting to provide hot school dinners, you do not need to order in advance as they can be ordered on the day. Please see the attached menu [School Menu](#)

Year 6 – Secondary School Applications

The closing date for secondary school applications is Friday 23rd October 2020. Please ensure you have applied via the Herts County Council admissions page <http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions>

Congratulations to:

Stars of the Week

Reception: Nefertariah

Class 1: Charlie

Class 2: Harley and Lydia

Class 3: Ethan and Daisy

School Calendar

Autumn Term 2020

Half Term	26 th October to 30 th October
SEND Parent Consultations	Monday 2 nd November
SEND Parent Consultations	Tuesday 3 rd November
Parent Consultations	Tuesday 10 th November
Parent Consultations	Wednesday 11 th November
Term Ends	Friday 18 th December at 1pm

Spring Term 2021

Inset day	Monday 4 th January
Term Starts	Tuesday 5 th January
Half Term	5 th February to 19 th February
Term Ends	Friday 26 th March at 1pm

Summer Term 2021

Inset Day	Monday 12 th April
Term Starts	Tuesday 13 th April
May Day	Monday 3 rd May
Half Term	31 st May to 4 th June
Inset Day	Friday 25 th June
Occasional Day	Monday 28 th June
Term Ends	Wednesday 21 st July
Inset Day	Thursday 22 nd July