



Newsletter

September 2017

Attendance

We are now a few weeks into the new school year and I am closely monitoring children's attendance and punctuality. If you feel there is an issue with either getting your child to school or getting them here on time, please don't hesitate to contact me. All children need to have at least 95% attendance and only a couple of missed sessions can greatly affect this. Please support the school in making this year the best attendance yet!!

Headteacher

What a busy start to the new school year we have had! Children have settled into their new classrooms and have got to know their new teachers very well in the first few weeks. Years 5 and 6 have been making themselves at home in the new build and Year 1 are enjoying their new outdoor provision area in the courtyard.

I would like to thank all parents and carers who attended our Friends of Sandbrook and MacMillan Coffee Mornings – it was a pleasure to see so many of you supporting the school and helping to raise money for a great cause.

Class 11

In English, we have been learning about mythical stories and how to make our writing sound more interesting. We started by reading Pandora's Box and painting an image of what we thought the box would look like. Then we added adjectives to describe our box. Some examples included the words mysterious, delicate and antique. We discovered that there can be different versions to the same story and we were able to pick out similarities and differences from two versions of the story of Icarus. Yoma said "the text version was more interesting than the dance version because there was more details about Icarus and his father escaping from the prison tower with feathers and wax."

Also this week, we have been writing the end of a mythical story. We started with the story Perseus and Medusa. Lily ended her story where Perseus defeats Medusa by taking her head and the king didn't get married after all.

Extended Schools

Join us for Dads, me and tea on 19th October.
Look out for the October Holiday Club leaflet which will be going out shortly.
Please join us for our Harvest celebration assemblies on 18th October at 9.10am for KS1 and 1.30pm for KS2. More information to follow

PE

Class 11 have made a fantastic start to the year in PE. They show great enthusiasm for all the games we have played so far and are very keen to learn. They have been taught how to warm up correctly including appropriate stretches to make sure they are ready to participate. We have started off the year with dodge ball whereby they have learnt a new variation to this game and they are fabulous at working together as a team and being honest with each other. Over the next few weeks we will be looking at various tactics that can be used in dodge ball and move onto the game that is played in competitions nationally.

Family Support Officers
We are continuing to hold the drop in sessions for parents and carers on a Wednesday morning from 9am. These sessions are a chance to share any ideas, worries or concerns you have as well as have a cuppa and meet other parents.
Hope to see some of you there.

Class 1
The children in Reception have been brilliant at settling in to the school routine. We have been learning all about Nursery Rhymes and have made some lovely crafts. This week we have started going to our Read Write Inc. groups; we can't wait to practise lots of sounds!

Early Years
All of the children are now in their Reception Classes and they have settled very well. A big thank you to all the parents who supported the staggered start and also who came to dinner. All of this has helped the children to settle. The nursery children have all started also and they have settled well due to our policy of home visits. The Reception parents will have received a letter about a meeting for 'Read Write Inc' which is the sounds programme which we follow in school. The meeting is on Friday 6th October in the community room at 9.00am or 2.30pm. Please come to one of these sessions, it is really important for you and your child. We look forward to working in partnership with you all throughout the year.

Reminder
Please can parents not park in the car park at the top of Hartley Lane during drop-off and pick-up times as it is for residents only.

PE

Class 1 have participated in 2 PE lessons since starting their new year. They have been taught how to use the outdoor play area safely and they did a fantastic job of keeping each other safe. The class have also had a lesson in the dance studio whereby they learnt how to move and travel in different ways. Over the next few weeks they will be using equipment such as bean bags and a variety of different balls and learn how to improve their throwing and catching skills.

Class 6

In Class 6 and in all of year 1, our Topic for the term is Toys. We have been enjoying reading 'Lost in a Toy Museum' and doing lots of wonderful writing about the characters, particularly Bunting the old toy cat. In maths we have been working hard with number, counting forwards and backwards to 100 and counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. We are very much looking forward to designing and making our very own toy!

PE

Class 6 have been able to use the hall this year for their PE lessons and they have been learning how to warm up correctly by playing games such as Sun and Ice and stuck in the mud. They have done a great job so far to make sure everyone is kept safe in the lesson. Over the next term they will be improving their throwing and catching skills and techniques and developing their skills to include pair and group work whereby this will lead onto games such as bench ball and handball.

Main School Office.
Dinner money is £2.10 daily and £10.50 weekly.
You will have received a contact sheet for your child. Please check all the details and inform us of any changes in phone numbers, addresses etc. Please return the form even if there are no changes to be made.
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