

Sandy Lane News!

December 2021



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Christmas Day at Sandy Lane

This Thursday Sandy Lane will be holding its Christmas celebrations. For £3 the children can come dressed in their Christmas jumpers or non school uniform, they will be having their Christmas dinner and joying in with lots of fun games and activities. All money raised will go towards our Forest Schools area. Please see the attached posters for full details.

A message from Mrs Newsome

Dear Families

You will be aware of the emergence of the new Covid-19 variant. We continue to navigate a path through all of the challenges that the ongoing pandemic brings. As we approach the Christmas break, I would like to provide you with an update and make some additional requests. These are in line with guidance for schools from the Department for Education, principally around the use of face coverings in school.

Reception Nativity and Carol Concerts

- Do not attend if you are unwell or have symptoms of Covid-19
- If you are able, please take an LFT test before attending
- Wear a mask or face covering when inside the school building

We will have the hall windows open to improve the ventilation. It might be colder than normal, so please come dressed accordingly.

We will film these events so if you are not comfortable with attending, you will still be able to view the performance online.

Mask wearing

Adults in school are, once again wearing masks in communal spaces. While we are not asking families to wear masks in the playground, we do request that visitors to school do so.

Attendance

Unfortunately the schools attendance is at an all time low of 92.7% and this is very worrying. As we are all aware the last 2 years have meant the children have missed a huge amount of time in school due to COVID, and many children are still struggling to catch up academically because of this. Every day is so important to them and will help them to reach their full potential. Please make sure your child is in school everyday. We have 81 children on our persistent absence list which means these children have missed more than 10% of their schooling so far this year. Last week Mrs Green our Attendance Consultant planned 6 attendance meetings to discuss this issue with parents face to face. Sadly, only 2 parents turned up for the meetings. Failure to improve your child's attendance will result in a fine being issued. You will be receiving a letter from the school governors expressing their concerns and support to the school to improve the school attendance.

Diary Dates

- **Reception Nativity :-**
- Wednesday 8th December 9.30am arrival for drinks and mince pies in the hall the performance will start at 9.45am
- Wednesday 8th December 1.45pm for drinks and mince pies in the hall the performance will start at 2.00pm
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- Christmas Day at Sandy Lane—Thursday 9th December (see attached poster)
- Christmas Secret shop—Thursday 9th December (parent's need to have signed the form on PING and sent £2 in a named envelope to school)
- Reception Christmas Party—Thursday 9th December PM
- Key Stage 1 Carol Concert—Monday 13th December 9.00 arrival for drinks and mince pies in the hall the concert will start at 9.30am
- Key Stage 1 Christmas party— Monday 13th December PM
- Lower Key Stage 2 Carol Concert— Wednesday 15th December 9.00 arrival for drinks and mince pies in the hall the concert will start at 9.30am
- Lower Key Stage 2 Christmas Party— Tuesday 14th December PM
- Upper Key Stage 2 Carol Concert— Thursday 16th December 9.00 arrival for drinks and mince pies in the hall the concert will start at 9.30am
- Upper Key Stage 2 Christmas Party— Thursday 16th December PM

Crossing Patrol

Bradford council are looking to recruit a new crossing patrol person, which is great news for the school. They have asked us to send out the a contact number for anyone who may be interested in the role.

Please contact Sue Heaton on 01274 439458 if this is something you would be interested in. Thank you



**From all the
staff at Sandy
Lane Primary
School**

