



SANDY LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER JULY 2023



A MESSAGE FROM MRS NEWSOME

Dear families,

It is hard to believe we are almost at the end of another academic year!

The final term is always full of exciting events and this year is no different, with the Bollywood Summer Fair, Black Hills Residential, end of year trips and leavers party. Please make sure you check the diary dates on the next page to see the full list.

This week the children will be finding out about their new classes. We are holding a three day transition to provide the teachers and children to find out all about each other and to make the September start a little easier. The children will bring home an introduction booklet on Wednesday to show parents. This booklet provides all the information you will need for your child's new class.



CAR SAFETY

It has been brought to my attention that many children are not wearing their set belts in the car. I find this very worrying as we all know wearing a seat belt can save your life. Here are a few useful links about how best to keep our children safe when travelling by car:

[Child Car Seat Safety](#)

[Good Egg Car Safety](#)

[Child Car Seats The Rules](#)

WATER SAFETY

As the weather warms up many children may look to the local rivers and lakes to cool off, this can cause a huge safety issue. We will be talking to the children in school about the dangers of swimming in open water but also ask our parents to read the attached letter and keep the children safe..



HOLIDAY ACTIVITY AND FOOD CLUB

This summer we are really excited to be able to offer our families a chance for your children to attend our HAF. The summer HAF will run for 3 weeks and offer children the chance to get involved in lots of different fun activities plus have their dinner. We have 30 places for any children who are Free School Meals and then many paid places at only £10 per day. Please see the letter attached to the newsletter to book your place.



BIRTHDAY SWEETS

Over the last few weeks we have seen some of the children bring in many items such as, birthday cakes, buns, goody bags, drinks and crisps to share with the children in their class for their birthdays. Although this is a super generous thing for families to do the staff are finding this hard to manage as we need to be really careful around allergies, finding time to give all of these things out and then the raise expectation from the children of their parents also being able to bring all of these things has meant we are having to ask children to only bring in sweets please.



EARLY COLLECTION FROM SCHOOL

We have had an increasing number of children being collected early from school which causes a huge amount of disruption for all the children in school. Parents will no longer be able to collect their children early so please do not request to do so.

Children would only be able to leave early if there was a medical emergency.



SEXUAL HARASSMENT IN SCHOOL

Sadly thinking that sexual harassment does not happen in a primary school because the children are only young is incorrect and it is the responsibility of staff and parents to work together to educate our children to ensure this is not something that happens in our school.

What is harmful sexual behaviour?

Harmful sexual behaviour (HSB) is developmentally inappropriate sexual behaviour displayed by children and young people which is harmful or abusive.

Peer-on-peer sexual abuse is a form of HSB where sexual abuse takes place between children of a similar age or stage of development. Child-on-child sexual abuse is a form of HSB that takes place between children of any age or stage of development.

At school we use SCARF to teach the children about relationships. For each year group, there are six suggested themed units which provide a complete health and wellbeing curriculum. They are:

Me and My Relationships

Explores feelings and emotions, develops skills to manage conflict, helps identify our special people and equips children to recognise the qualities of healthy friendships and how to manage them.

Valuing Difference

Supports children to develop respectful relationships with others, recognise bullying and know their responsibilities as a bystander.

Keeping Myself Safe

Covers a number of safety aspects from statutory RSHP including being able to identify trusted adults in their lives, what to do when faced with a dilemma and recognising appropriate and inappropriate touch.

Rights and Responsibilities

Explores broader topics including looking after the environment, economic education and the changing rights and responsibilities children have as they grow older.

Being My Best

Includes a focus on keeping physically healthy, developing a growth mindset to facilitate resiliency, setting goals and ways to achieve them.

Growing and Changing

Has age-appropriate plans to cover the physical and emotional changes that happen as children grow older, including changes at puberty and how to approach this with confidence. Age-appropriate lessons on relationships and sex education are also included.

SANDY LANE PUPIL PASSPORT

This year Sandy Lane Primary School has been working to produce a pupil passport that will provide both school and parents with a resource to support the development of children's capital culture and broaden their opportunities at school and home. Please look out for our website launch before the Summer holidays and parent involvement day in the Autumn Term.



DIARY DATES

- 5th July - NHS Non-uniform Fundraiser - children can wear own clothes to school for a donation towards the NHS
- 5th - 7th July - Transition Days
- 20th July - Summer Fair (donations are still needed)
- 18th July - KS2 Sports Day
- 19th July - KS1 Sports Day
- 10th, 11th & 12th July Year 5/6 residentials to Blackhills
- 12th July - KS1 trip to Ilkley
- 13th July - Reception Trip to Thornton Hall Farm
- 7th July - Nursery Trip to the park
- 25th July - Yr 6 Leavers assembly (more info to follow)
- 24th July - Yr 6 Leavers Party (more info to follow)

HOLIDAY AND ATTENDANCE FINES

Unfortunately, despite explaining to parents the importance for children being in school everyday and having good attendance, many families continue to take their children out of school for holidays or are allowing them to stay at home when they should be in school. We have now fined 26 families for poor attendance and 32 families for taking holidays in term time, with each fine costing parents £60 per parent per child. This is not something the school wants to do but unfortunately we find we have no choice.

FAMILY HUB LINKS

As we approach the summer holidays we know the difficulties many families have keeping their children busy over the long 6 week period and knowing where to go for help and support when school is not open. Please see the attached poster from our Bradford family links hub.

PARENT CLASSES

Please look out for our school Ping advertising the many parents classes that are available for you. For the ones we have most interest in we will run them at school or at our partnership school at Steeton so please respond with your favourite choices and then look out for more information in the Autumn term.

PARENT PERMISSIONS

We would just like to remind parents that you are able to change the parent permission for photos and videos that the school might use of your child. We will send a new request sheet out in September but permissions can be changed at any time.



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