



SANDY LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2023



A MESSAGE FROM MRS NEWSOME

Dear families,

I hope you have all had an amazing summer!!! It has been a great start to the year so far with the children running and skipping into school each morning which is such a pleasure to see.

This week has seen the start to our aspiration work with the children and today and tomorrow we are working with own futures to put on two 'World of Work' days. On these days the children are meeting lots of different professionals from many varied places of work, opening their eyes to the thousands of possibilities that are out there for them. Leaving them with new and exciting ideas about what they might want to be when they grow up.

This work will continue over the school year as we focus on the school FUN ethos (Fulfilling potential, Unlocking opportunities, No one left behind). A big thank you to the parents who have already said they would be happy to come into school and talk to the children in their child's class about the work they do. Any more parents who feel they would be able to do this to help support the school in it's drive to raising the children aspirations please fill in the attached form.



FUNDRAISING

Over the last few years our old trim trail has sadly had to be taken down due to the wooden beams becoming rotten. This year the school would like to fund raise for a new trim trail in the playground that will benefit all the children and many more children to come in the future. Please look out for the many school fund raising events led by our school council and help us achieve our goals.

ATTENDANCE

I will not need to tell you how important it is that your child is at school every day! This year we are aiming to see the whole school attendance figure improve dramatically. Over the next week all parents will be receiving a letter outlining the school attendance policy and expectation, please take the time to read this. Mrs Walker will be contacting any families whose child's attendance was below 90% last year and they will be starting the school year on a monitoring period.

PARENT EVENT

Please do not miss out on this Friday's parent event. All parents are welcome from 9am, please drop your child off as usual and then come back into school via the main entrance. We will be serving tea and coffee in the hall while you listen to a short presentation about our new Pupil Passport after which you will be able to visit your child's new class, meet the teacher and get involved with a fun and exciting activity. The session will finish around 10.30am.

PARENT PAY

As a school we have been working towards being cash free for sometime. All school payments now have to be sent via ParentPay. If you do not have a ParentPay account please set this up immediately so it is ready to use should you need to pay for anything in school



THE SCHOOL DAY

Our school day starts at 8.45am and finishes at 3.15pm. Children must not be late, late marks can be classed as unauthorised absences.

Children are not allowed to be collected before 3.15pm, please ensure appointments are made outside of this time. Children who are collected before 3.15pm will be marked as having an unauthorised absent for that afternoon. Six unauthorised absences in a six week period will lead to a £60 attendance fine.



FYI

FYI is an amazing website that sign posts parents to the local services and charities that offer support when needed. Please take time to look at this using the link below:

<https://fyi.bradford.gov.uk/>

MEET THE GOVERNORS

At Sandy Lane we have a fantastic team of governors who help to lead and run the school along side Mr Cooper and myself these are:

Chair - Cllr S Duffy

Vice Chair - Mr S Hussain

Parent Governor - Mrs S Malik, Mr A Mahmood

Community Governors - Mrs J Payne, Mr G

Walker, Mrs H Weatherhead, Mr J Henkel

STAFF CHANGES

This year we would like to welcome Miss Linney our Year 1 and 2 class teacher. We would also like to welcome Miss Newberry as our new Learning Support Assistant to Nursery and Miss Burnes our new Learning Support Assistant to Reception.



RESPECT

DIARY DATES

Parents event - 8th September (see above for more details)

Key Stage 1 Visitor - Toy Workshop - 18th/19th September

Individual School Photos - 28th September

McMillan Coffee Morning - 29th September 9am – 11am

Sports Athlete visiting school - 5th October

Flu Vaccines for Reception to Year 6 children - 5th October

Upper Key Stage 2 Visitor - Zoolab - 9th October

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please can we remind parent of the school high expectations around uniform. Please see highlighted our expectations around hair and school bags.

We ask that all children come in full school uniform each day, this included school PE kit on PE days.

Clothing

Our school uniform comprises a plain navy or black skirt or trousers, a plain white polo shirt and jade sweatshirt or cardigan with the school logo on. Children in Year 6 wear a purple sweatshirt. There is also a school hoodie available for PE if required. The school sweatshirts and cardigans are stocked and can be purchased from Natasha's in Bradford, Whittakers in Shipley and on line at "School Trends".

In Summer girls can wear either jade or navy gingham checked dresses which can be purchased from any major High Street store. Plain navy or black tights or shalwar kameez bottoms or leggings can be worn under skirts. Plain black, navy or white headscarves may be worn.

Footwear

Sensible black school shoes without a heel should be worn. Trainers are only allowed to be worn on P.E days. Children can come to school in boots or wellingtons during the Winter months - but must change into their normal school shoes or pumps whilst in school.

Jewellery

Children are not allowed to wear jewellery except for stud earrings and/or a small watch. If parents request that jewellery is to be worn as part of religious practice, this should be discussed with the Class teacher and a written form signed for health and safety reasons.

Hair

We would recommend that girls with long hair tie it back for practical reasons. No extreme haircuts or styles should be worn. This includes no excessive colour and/or lines or patterns cut into the hair. No make-up or nail polish should be worn. Hair accessories should be school colours and small in size.

Bags

From reception to Year 4 children must use a school book bag or pump bag, as the school uniform list states. We do not have enough space in the cloakrooms for children use large rucksack. Children in Year 5 and 6 can use a rucksack but these are to be kept to a small size. Children who do not have the correct uniform will be sent home with a reminder slip and parents will be expected to replace items correctly.

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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