



SANDY LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER APRIL 2024

A MESSAGE FROM MRS NEWSOME

Dear Families,

It is hard to believe we are already in the second week of the Summer Term, before we know it, the children will be finishing for the summer and getting ready to move into their new classes or even new schools.

Let's just take a moment to think about all the important and exciting events that will be happening over the next few weeks.

Firstly for those of you who have children in Year 6, in only a few weeks the children will be sitting their SATs. The start of June will see our Year 1 children sit their phonics screener and Year 4 children taking the Multiplication check. As you will be aware the Sandy Lane Teaching team have been working towards these for the last few months, however the final few days and weeks continue to provide the children with the skill, knowledge and confidence they need to do their very best. Please ensure your child is in school everyday, support them at home by completing all homework set and help them to have lots of early nights to ensure they have the energy needed to tackle every school day.

The Summer Term is always full of wonderful extra curricular activities, this year Reception are visiting the farm, Key Stage 1 are off to the beach, Lower Key Stage 2 are going the Bolton Abbey and Year 5 and 6 will be visiting Cliffe Castle and also heading down to Black Hills for the annual residential. Please look out for details of all of these events via Class Dojo and School Ping.

The end of the year will see Sandy Lane's well loved Bollywood Fair take place, bringing the playground to life with fun and games, music and entertainment. Mrs Walker will be asking for parents to support the event nearer the time so please help support the event in anyway you can.

The final weeks also sees the schools annual sports day, fingers crossed it is not a washout like last year and parents are able to join in the fun, supporting their children as we use this as the final event to decide the school house champions.

With all this going on, I would like to remind parents and their children to keep checking the Pupil Passport as many of these events will count towards their next certificate and badge!

Best wishes,

Mrs Newsome



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DIARY DATES

Year 6 SATS Week - 13th to 17th May

Year 6 Triathlon - 21st May

Author Visit - 17th May

Close for Spring Term - 24th May

School Opens - 10th June

Closed for EID - 17th June (one day)

Reception Trip to Thornton Hall Farm - 4th July (information to follow soon)

Key Stage 1 Trip to Lytham St Anne's - 10th July (information to follow soon)

Lower Key Stage 2 Trip to Bolton Abbey - 24th June

Upper Key Stage 2 Trip to Cliffe Castle - 13th June

Year 5 Halle Orchestra - 9th July

Bollywood Fair - 11th July



PARENTAL 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 at our next parents evening but permissions can be changed at any time.

SITE SAFETY

Please can I ask all parents to be extremely vigilant when coming in and out of school through the pedestrian gate. Please make sure it is always closed behind you. To continue to ensure the children are safe while in school the school gates will not be opened until 3.10pm each day.

RESPECT TO STAFF

As partners in your child's education, we urge you to join us in fostering a respectful and supportive environment within our school community. Our staff members work tirelessly to provide the best possible learning experience for all students. We kindly request that you respect the professionalism, dedication, and expertise of our educators and administrative staff. Your cooperation in adhering to school policies, following communication protocols, and addressing concerns constructively will greatly contribute to a positive and harmonious educational environment for everyone involved. Let's work together to ensure that our children receive the highest quality education they deserve. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

DISABLED PARKING

Please can I remind parents not to park in the disabled parking space at anytime, even out of school opening hours. We have several parents who need to use this space for drop offs and pick ups, including for Bright Sparks and they need to be prioritised.



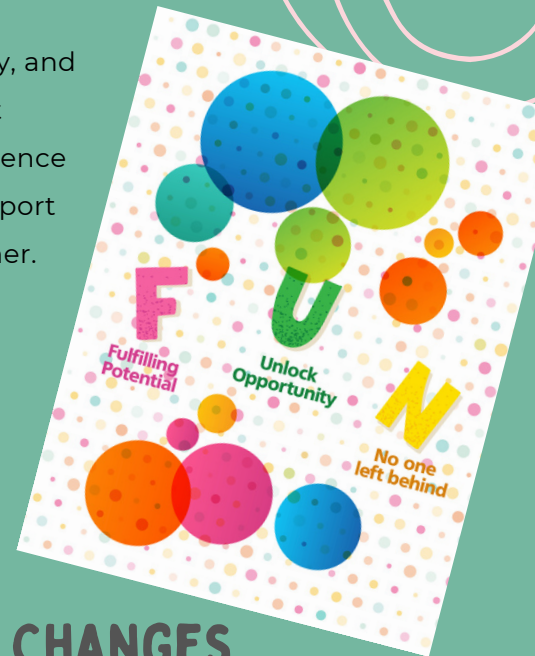
RESPECT

FEDERATION WITH STEETON PRIMARY

The overwhelming positive response from parents to federate has been truly heartening. Your enthusiasm and support have played a pivotal role in strengthening our school community and advancing our shared goals for the benefit of all students. We deeply appreciate your commitment to collaboration and your recognition of the value that federation brings to our educational endeavors. Together, we are building a more cohesive and inclusive environment where every child can thrive academically, socially, and emotionally. Your continued engagement and encouragement inspire us to strive for excellence and make a meaningful difference in the lives of our students. Thank you for your unwavering support as we continue this journey of growth and achievement together.

SILVER ARTSMARK AWARD

Over the last 18 months the school has been working towards the National Artsmark Award. We are very pleased to say we have been awarded silver!! This a wonderful achievement and credit to Miss Kausar and Miss Johnson who have supported me in this journey. As always, here at Sandy Lane we strive for the very best, so in September we will be looking to go for GOLD!



STAFFING CHANGES

It is with great sadness that we will be saying goodbye to Miss Johnson and Mrs Greenfield on the 30th April and I am sure you will all join me in wishing them both all the best in their new life adventures.

Our new SEND Coordinator will be Miss Wilson. She has worked as a SEND Coordinator for many years at our partner school Steeton Primary and has already started to come into school meet the children she will be working with. Miss Wilson will be sending out a letter introducing herself to parents with an opportunity to arrange a meeting and speak to her if you should wish.



LATES

Sadly after a really positive improvement in childrens punctuality, the last week has seen a huge decline with more than 30 children coming into school after 8.50am. Please can I remind parents that lessons start at 8.50am and if a child arrives between 8.50am and 9.00am they will be marked as late. Children arriving after 9.00am will be recorded as as unauthorised absence. The parents of any children with 6 unauthorised absences will be fined £60 per parent per child.

What sort of start is your child getting?

Just a little bit late doesn't seem much but.....

He/She is only missing just....	That equals....	Which is.....	and over 13 years of schooling that's...
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	Nearly <u>Half a year</u>
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40 mins per week	Over 2.5 Weeks per year	Nearly <u>1 year</u>
Half an hour per day	Half a day per week	4 Weeks per year	Nearly <u>1 and a Half years</u>
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 Weeks per year	Over <u>2 and a Half years</u>

Did you know your child's best learning time is the start of the school day?

That's when every minute counts the most!!

EVERY DAY COUNTS!

LATE COLLECTIONS

Unfortunately, as well as children being dropped off late everyday we also have a lot of children not being collected on time. From Monday parents will have to register that they are collecting their child late on the schools signing in/out screen. The parents of children who are collected late more than 4 times in a term will have to attend a meeting with Mrs Newsome. Any child who is not collected by 3.30pm will be sent to Bright Sparks and charged for a session in accordance with the time they are then collected.

BRIGHT SPARKS

Sandy Lane primary school is very lucky to have an amazing wrap around care club. This comprehensive service ensures that your child's day is seamlessly extended beyond regular school hours, providing a safe, stimulating, and supportive environment for their continued growth and development. With dedicated staff members, engaging activities, and nutritious snacks, our wrap-around care program offers peace of mind for busy parents while ensuring that children receive the attention and enrichment they deserve. Whether it's homework assistance, creative arts and crafts, or outdoor play, we tailor our program to meet the diverse needs and interests of every child. Bright Sparks opens at 7.30am each morning and is open until 5.45pm each night, please use this service to ensure your child in at school on time and never left at the end of the day wondering what time they will be collected!

