



SANDY LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER MAY 2024

A MESSAGE FROM MRS NEWSOME

Dear Families,

I hope you have all had a lovely long Bank Holiday weekend, isn't it nice to finally see the sunshine. Now that the weather is improving, fingers crossed it will stay like this for the next few weeks, can I remind parents to ensure children are sent to school with sunhats, water and sunscreen. Please always send your child with a light waterproof coat, as we all know, the weather can change at any point!

This year the school has held many fundraising events for lots of different charities, the generosity of our families always blows us away. This half term we would like to hold 2 fundraising events for the schools playground equipment. As you will have noticed in the last holidays we have had the final part of the trim trail removed due to it being unsafe.

The first event we would like to hold, will be our weekly sale of ice pops, these will be sold for 50p, starting with our Year 5 and 6 children and then finally being made available for all year groups. Please keep a look out for more information.

The second event will be a non uniform day on Friday 24th May, where we ask children to bring a voluntary contribution of £1. On Friday 24th May, we will also be holding a fundraiser fair in the hall, run by the children selling sweets and small gifts which they have made. Children are welcome to bring a small amount of money to spend on these on the day.

If you would like to contribute to this fundraising event and never have any cash, please send your donations to the schools 'Just Giving Page' by following the link below:

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/Sandy-Lane-Playground?utm_term=mjNBM2AYj

I would also like to share with you the exciting visit we will be having next week from Deane Narayn-Lee, who has written Loving Earth. Not only will the children be meeting the author in real life but parents will be able to come into school at the end of the day and buy a copy of the book, having it signed by him with a lovely message to your child!

Best wishes,

Mrs Newsome



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DIARY DATES

Close for Spring Bank Holidays - 24th May

School Re-Opens - 10th June

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

Closed for EID - 17th June (one day)

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

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

Year 5 Halle Orchestra - 9th July

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

Bollywood Fair - 11th July



WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK

Embrace the walk to school! It's more than just a stroll—it's a daily dose of exercise, fresh air, and social connection. Walking boosts mood, sharpens focus, and sets the tone for a productive day ahead. Plus, it's eco-friendly and reduces traffic congestion. Lace up those shoes and step into a healthier, happier routine!



TESCO BID!

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Miss Kausar and our dedicated parents for their unwavering support and commitment, resulting in our recent triumph of winning £500 from Tesco for school equipment. This generous contribution will significantly enhance our learning environment, providing invaluable resources for our students' growth and development. Together, we continue to foster a community where every contribution, big or small, makes a profound difference. Thank you, Miss Kausar, and all our parents, for your dedication and belief in our school's mission



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.

RESPECT

CAR SEATS AND CAR SAFETY

With the improved weather you maybe gearing up for some fun family adventures. As we dive into the excitement of road trips and everyday car trips, I wanted to chat about something super important: car safety, especially when it comes to our precious cargo – our kids!

Now, let's dive into some friendly reminders to keep those little ones safe and sound while we're on the move.

Picture this: you're cruising down the road, wind in your hair (or AC on blast), and the kids are giggling in the back seat. It's a beautiful scene, right? But here's the thing – that picture-perfect moment is made even better when everyone is buckled up snug and secure.

So, here's the game plan:

- 1. Buckle Up, Buttercup:** Seat belts are like super-heroes – they're there to save the day! Make sure everyone in the car, big or small, is buckled in before you hit the road. It's the easiest way to protect against the unexpected.
- 2. Team Car Seat:** Let's give a round of applause to car seats – they're like the MVPs of road safety! From rear-facing cuddle cocoons to booster seat boosters, there's a perfect match for every child's age and size. Take a minute to double-check that your child's car seat is installed just right. And hey, if you need a hand, there are plenty of local resources ready to help you out.
- 3. Stay Rear-Facing, Stay Safe:** Psst...here's a little insider tip from the experts – rear-facing is where it's at! The longer children can ride in those cozy rear-facing seats, the better. It's like giving them a VIP ticket to safety town.
- 4. After the Crash, Swap the Seat:** Nobody likes to think about accidents, but it's important to have a plan just in case. If you find yourself in an accident (big or small), be sure to swap out any car seats involved. Safety first, always!
- 5. Lead by Example:** You know what they say – monkey see, monkey do! Set the ultimate example by buckling up every time you hop in the driver's seat. Your little sidekicks are watching, and they'll follow your lead like pros.

Alright, team, let's make this summer the safest one yet! By keeping car safety at the top of our minds and spreading the word to fellow parents, we're creating a community of road warriors dedicated to keeping our children safe and sound.

Keep shining bright, stay safe, and enjoy all the adventures that lie ahead!



RESPECT TO ALL SCHOOL STAFF

It saddens me to have to remind parents to treat school staff with respect for a second time. Unfortunately, since the April newsletter I have encountered several interactions with parents that any notice has been taken of the message sent out previously.

As partners in your child's education, we value your cooperation and support immensely. We kindly request your continued commitment to fostering a culture of respect and appreciation for our hardworking school staff. Each member of our team dedicates themselves to creating a safe and nurturing environment for your child's growth and success. By extending kindness and understanding in our interactions, we model the values we aim to instill in our students. Let's work together to uphold a community where every individual feels valued and respected. Thank you for your cooperation.

I have attached the school parent and visitors code of conduct for your information.



JEWELLERY IN SCHOOL

A gentle reminder: for safety reasons, please ensure your children refrain from wearing jewellery to school. This includes necklaces, bracelets, and large earrings. Let's prioritise their safety and minimise distractions during learning hours. Thank you for your cooperation.

LATE COLLECTIONS

Over the last few weeks we have seen an improvement in the number of children not being collected on time, thank you all for your continued efforts with this. Just to clarify any child who is taken to Bright Sparks due to not being collected on time will be charged for the full afterschool session which is £9.10.

