



SANDY LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2024

A MESSAGE FROM MRS NEWSOME

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful start to the year we've had! It's been great to see the children settling in so well and getting back into the swing of school life. We really appreciate all your support in making the beginning of the term such a positive one.

As part of our ongoing effort to promote healthy habits, I just wanted to remind everyone about the importance of providing nutritious lunches for the children. A good lunch is key to helping them stay focused and full of energy throughout the day. Things like sandwiches with whole grain bread, wraps with lean meats or cheese, yogurt, fruits, and veggie sticks are fantastic choices that give them a good balance.

I'd also like to remind everyone about our nut-free policy. Please be mindful not to include anything that contains nuts, including chocolate spreads like Nutella, as we have children with severe nut allergies. It's so important for keeping all our students safe.

Thanks again for your continued support and for helping to provide healthy and safe lunches. If you need any more lunch ideas or have any questions, feel free to get in touch!

Thanks

Mrs Newsome



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DIARY DATES

Linking Classes - Monday 21st October
Halloween Dress Up Day - Friday 25th October
School Closes - Friday 25th October
School Opens - Monday 4th November
Record Breakers and Pupil Passport Assembly - Monday 4th November
Elder Class Assembly - Tuesday 6th November
Reception Open Day - Tuesday 12th November

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.

PARKING

We kindly ask all parents to be mindful when parking near the school, ensuring you park with care and consideration for our local residents. Please avoid blocking driveways or parking on yellow lines, as this not only inconveniences our neighbors but also poses a safety risk to the children. Keeping the area around the school safe is a priority, so we appreciate your cooperation in parking responsibly and ensuring a smooth drop-off and pick-up for everyone. Thank you for your understanding!

SCHOOL FUNDRAISING EVENTS

We are excited to share the success of our recent fundraising events, and a huge thank you to everyone who supported the school! A special shout-out goes to Mr. Kidwai, who generously match-funded the money raised at our MacMillan Coffee Morning. Thanks to his contribution, we were able to double the amount raised, bringing the total to an amazing £550! Your support means so much and helps us continue to make a positive impact both within the school and for important causes like MacMillan. Thank you all for your kindness and generosity!

THIS YEARS OUR SCHOOL FUNDRAISING EVENTS WILL BE:

Remembrance Service, Children in Need, Non Uniform at the end of each half term, Red Nose Day, Bradford City Penalty Shootout

RESPECT



VACCINATIONS

It's incredibly important to ensure your child's vaccinations are up to date to protect their health and well-being. Vaccinations play a key role in preventing serious illnesses, not only safeguarding your child but also helping to protect the wider community, including those who may be more vulnerable. Without vaccinations, children are at higher risk of contracting dangerous diseases, some of which can lead to severe complications or long-term health issues. With flu season approaching, the flu vaccination is especially important, as it helps prevent the spread of the flu, which can be particularly harmful to young children. By ensuring your child is fully vaccinated, including the flu shot, you're giving them the best defense against preventable diseases and helping to create a safer, healthier environment for everyone. If you have any concerns or need guidance on your child's vaccinations, please don't hesitate to reach out.

SAFETY IN THE PLAYGROUND

We kindly remind all parents to prioritize playground safety during drop-off and pick-up times. Please do not drop your children off and leave them unsupervised before the doors open at 8:45 a.m., as there are no staff available to ensure their safety before that time. Additionally, to help reduce congestion, we ask that parents refrain from going up the steps with Reception or Key Stage 1 children. This will help keep the flow of movement smooth and safe for everyone. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our school grounds safe for all children!



SAFEGUARDING

We respectfully request that parents refrain from taking photos through the classroom windows for safeguarding reasons. While we understand the desire to capture special moments, it is crucial to prioritize the safety and privacy of all our children. Taking photos in this manner can inadvertently compromise the confidentiality of other children and may violate their right to privacy. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in ensuring a safe and respectful environment for everyone at our school. Thank you for your support!



PUPIL PASSPORT

We are excited to highlight the wonderful Sandy Lane Pupil Passport, a fantastic tool designed to help our children build cultural capital and promote a positive home-school relationship. This passport, which should be kept from Nursery right through to Year 6, encourages students to explore various experiences and achievements, allowing them to collect awards and certificates along the way. We can't wait to see how well the children have all done in the Pupil Passport assemblies on Monday, 4th November. Each class will have a display to showcase the children's progress and accomplishments. It's important that children find and return their passport to continue their journey of collecting these accolades. If a passport is lost, we will issue a replacement for a cost of £1 this year. Additionally, we want to remind parents that they can purchase badges to celebrate their children's successes, providing a tangible way to acknowledge and encourage their accomplishments. Thank you for your support in helping our children thrive!



BAD WEATHER

As the weather begins to change and the colder, wetter days approach, we kindly remind parents to ensure that children come to school dressed appropriately for the conditions. Please make sure they have a warm coat, waterproofs, and suitable footwear, as outdoor play will still take place whenever possible. On particularly wet mornings, we will do our best to open the school doors a little earlier to allow children to come inside and stay dry. Thank you for your support in keeping everyone warm and comfortable during this season!

