

NEWSLETTER

20th December 2017

Happy Christmas



All of the staff and children at Sandhurst Primary School would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas! We have had a fantastic term with great academic results, a successful visit from Ofsted and two absolutely brilliant Nativity performances. Thank you so much for all the presents, cards and good wishes we have received – not only those given during the last few days but also a huge thank you for all of your continued support throughout the year. We would also like to say a special thank you to our parent volunteers and governors who work so hard to ensure that our school continues to be as fabulous as it is.

Don't forget that St Nicholas has a wonderful service on Christmas Eve at 3pm—a chance for children to wear their Nativity costumes once again and for grown ups to have a few minutes peace before the Big Day arrives.

We hope you all have a fantastic Christmas Holiday and wish you all the very best for the New Year—looking forward to seeing everyone back safe and healthy for 2018!



Celebrating our Achievements—Message from Mrs Roberts

Wow! What another very busy, exciting and successful school term we have had.

On Thursday 14th December the Government published the 2017 Keystage 2 SATS Outcomes and I would like to share some results with you as we did very well compared with our neighbouring schools:

% of pupils achieving the expected standard in Reading, Writing and Maths

Sandhurst	83%
Benenden	78%
Colliers Green	75%
Bodiam	56%
Hawkhurst	41%
Hurst Green	47%

Moreover, children in our school make more progress than children with the same starting points in other schools.

Progress score in reading, writing and maths

Reading

Well above average + 4.1

Writing

Well above average + 3.5

Maths

Average + 2.4

Please click on the link to find out more:

<https://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk/school/118282>

Everyone is working really hard to continue to move the school forward and I know that you too will join me in thanking the staff for their continued hard work and dedication to ensure every child in our school reaches his or her full potential. Well done to everyone!

Finally, on behalf of all of the staff I would like to thank all of the parents who have given so freely of their time this term. We feel extremely fortunate to have such a wide range of talented and generous parents who help in so many ways to enrich the lives of our children

The staff, governors and I would like to wish you all a very happy and safe Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing everyone back on Thursday 4th January 2018.

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Demelza House

We have raised a fantastic £254.54 so far for Demelza House at the Nativities and the staff donations instead of sending Christmas Cards to each other.

Panto

The panto was fabulous...oh yes it was!

When I say fairy, you say G!"

What an enjoyable treat our morning at the pantomime was; the show was fantastic but the best part of all has to be hearing the children laughing and giggling away.

Thank you so very much to the Parents and Friends for providing the children with a packet of sweets each.



After School Clubs

School run after school clubs begin again week beginning 15th January 2018.

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Christmas Dinner

We all had such a spectacular time at our annual whole school Christmas lunch. Thank you to the incredibly hard working ladies in the kitchen for serving such a delicious meal. This poem sums up all the fun we had!

It's that time of year again as we eat our Christmas lunch
The whole school eating turkey, we're such a joyful bunch
Christmas jumpers on, festive grins in place
Knife and forks in hand, we're ready for the race
Teachers have their aprons on, pigs in blankets at the ready
Dishing out delicious roast potatoes and holding the gravy steady
Thank you to the hard working kitchen ladies for the amazing food
It most certainly has put us well and firmly in the Christmassy mood.



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Christmas Jumper Day

It was so lovely to see all the children (and staff) wearing their Christmas jumpers on Tuesday. So many different jumpers with flashing lights, musical jumpers and super fluffy ones too! Thank you for your donations made in return for wearing something Christmassy. We raised £99.40.



Attendance

Well done to Nightingale class who win Pup and Ted this week. No lates and 100% attendance - you can't do any better than that!

Class	Percentage Attendance
Potter	95.5
Nightingale	100.0
Darwin	97.3
Shakespeare	95.8
Churchill	98.9



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Party Day—Key Stage 2

What a way to end the term with a bang! This year's Key Stage Two party was an enormous success. Darwin, Shakespeare and Churchill classes had held auditions in the days leading up to the party to whittle their talented children down to three acts each to wow us on Wednesday morning. And wow us they did! We had acts ranging from singers to gymnasts, guitarists and magicians that kept us entertained while we feasted on all the delicious snacks that had been brought in. Many thanks to everyone who sent food donations.



Party Day—Key Stage 1

What a way to celebrate the end of a busy term... with Key Stage One's Christmas party! We played some fun games including musical bumps and tunnel ball. We raced to see which team could get a hoop around a circle whilst holding hands. After a quick breath of fresh air, we got out our home made party mats and donned our party hats and enjoyed some yummy snacks. Thank you for your donations. A special surprise visitor then joined us (Father Christmas!). What a great way to end the term.

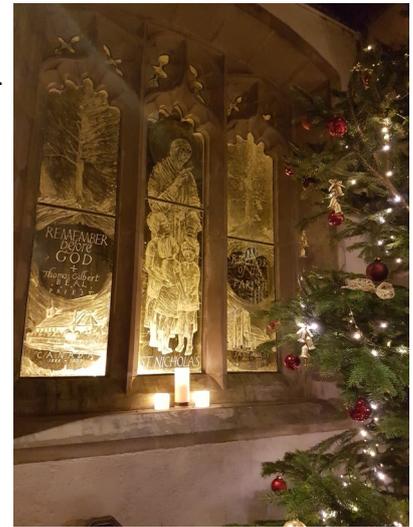
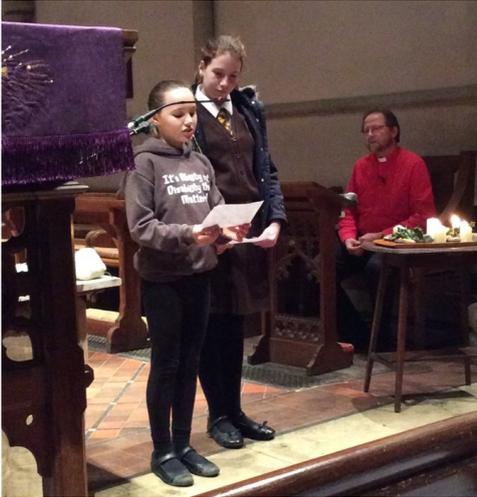
The children have worked so hard this term and all the staff are so proud of their progress and achievements.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas.



Carol Service

What a magical experience it was at the Carol Service at St Nicholas Church on Monday evening as we joined to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas. It was a real treat to join in with some beautiful traditional carols and listen to some of the children from Churchill and Shakespeare Classes confidently perform their readings and prayers.



We all left feeling really Christmassy! Many thanks to all who attended and a special thank you to Mr and Mrs Hallett for providing refreshments.

P & F Update

Thank you to everyone for your help and support during this first term of fundraising by The Parents and Friends of Sandhurst Primary School.

We would not be able to put on any of our events without your help and attendance, so thank you very much.

The Committee wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year. See you in January!

Diary Dates

4th Jan Children back to school

22nd—25th Jan Year 6 Bikeability Training

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