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NEWSLETTER

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Churchill Class Update by Churchill Year 5

Churchill Class has been very busy writing about Paddington. We were inspired by reading the book and we wrote our own stories about what it would be like to find a bear at Paddington Station and bring it home. Lots of us had to show our work to Mrs Norman because it was so excellent.

After we travelled home in a taxi, Paddington said he would like to go on a taxi ride again. I said to him that we had to pay to go on a taxi and it's not a ride, it's to get home and back. Before he did anything else, he had to meet Mrs Bird – I think she will like Paddington. Lexy

My mum sighed, "At least he's polite. He can teach William and George some manners." I asked him if he had any belongings and he replied, "Well I do have some marmalade, a South American coin, a picture of my Aunt Lucy and my red hat." Darcy

We also wrote a newspaper report about a bear being found at Paddington Station, using features of a newspaper, fronted adverbials, powerful verbs and correctly punctuated quotes.

Mr Curry was very concerned that a bear was living in Windsor Gardens so we wrote formal letters of complaint, on his behalf, to the local council.

I am an extremely concerned local resident, having just read an article in the Station Gazette informing me that the Council is allowing a bear to reside in the house next door to me ... he must be vaccinated as he may spread disease ... I am outraged as this bear could cause crowds, noise, litter and pollution ... Ilona

"Having a rare species of bear in this neighbourhood could result in a chaotic community, attracting poachers and tourists." Willow

This small, determined and very polite bear has been a great inspiration for our Big Writes!

In PE, we have been playing rounders and doing shot put and javelin in athletics. For shot put, you have to remember toe, knee and chin to get your position right. It was a hot, sunny day for rounders so we really enjoyed it. We had great fun and the teams were very fair. Ollie got a rounder on his first bat!

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Churchill Class update continued...



Whilst some of Churchill Class were at Safety in Action, the remaining children produced some beautiful pictures of Viking longships, using pastels to create stormy seas and skies.

Safety in Action

Year 6 had an exceptionally informative and thought provoking time at the Safety in Action workshops.

Throughout the afternoon, the children took part in activities delivered by British Transport Police, Fire and Rescue, St John's Ambulance, Kenward Trust, RNLI and Salus. These workshops focussed upon keeping ourselves safe in a range of different contexts. Children had the opportunity to gain points as they completed the tasks. Sandhurst came joint first in the overall points: they were the only group not to be tricked by peer pressure during one of the workshops! A brilliant afternoon - well done year 6.



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Kickboxing

On Monday Isaac and Deven passed their kickboxing grading.

Both boys did really well.

Congratulations!



Attendance & Punctuality

Class	Percentage Attendance
Potter	97.6
Nightingale	96.2
Darwin	100
Shakespeare	97.5
Churchill	92.6

Darwin Class win Attendance Ted and Punctuality Pup this week. 100% attendance and 100% punctuality!

It doesn't get better than that!

Darwin class are attendance superstars this week.

Perfect Attendance!

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Shakespeare Class go to Bedgebury

Last Thursday, Shakespeare Class were lucky enough to spend the day at Bedgebury as part of a Starfish Malawi project.

We all met in the car park where we were introduced to our guide for the day, Cath. We then walked down to the visitors' centre and went into the Education Room where we learnt all about Malawi and the Mulanje Cedar Tree which is in danger of becoming extinct. We also learnt about the Pine-tum and what can be done to save trees.

After that, we went on a guided tour around Bedgebury, stopping here and there to learn about the different trees, and collecting souvenirs from them to take home.

The last stop before lunch was the Nursery where everyone planted a sunflower and we saw some of the trees that last year's Shakespeare Class had planted when they went on the same trip.

The rest of the day was spent exploring the play trails in the beautiful sunshine before heading home, very tired but very happy.



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Studybugs

Studybugs – report absence securely and help improve children’s health

We’re pleased to announce that Sandhurst Primary is introducing a new, more efficient and secure system for reporting your child’s absence due to illness, called Studybugs.

Please get the free Studybugs app, or register on the Studybugs website, and use it to tell us whenever your child’s ill and unable to attend school.

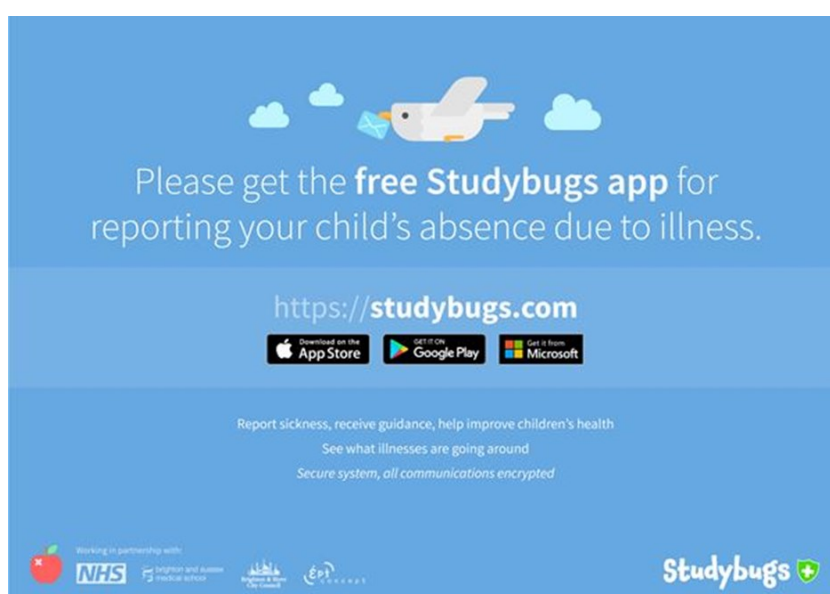
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1. It’s integrated with our systems so we know right away if your child is unaccounted for.
2. It’s quick and easy to register and use and automatically reminds you to keep us posted.
3. You’ll be helping the NHS and other public health organisations improve children’s health.

(<https://studybugs.com/about/schools>)

We will be transferring to the Studybugs platform for all school to parents text and email communications. This service is free, allowing us to allocate the budgeted funds elsewhere within the school. While this transition takes place, please be aware we will be using both systems, Teachers to Parents and Studybugs, to communicate with you until everyone is signed up. We will continue to use School Money for all payments.



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Congratulations

Congratulations to Mrs Patridge!

We held a special assembly this week to celebrate the fact that Mrs Patridge has been working at our school for 20 years.

During the assembly, we celebrated how her job has changed over the years, from clanking away on her typewriter to being connected to the internet. We have all benefitted from her dedication, expertise and knowledge over the years and really appreciate all that she does for us.

Thank you Mrs P—here's to 20 more years!!!



Message from Mrs Patridge

What a huge surprise I had on Thursday morning when I was called into a special assembly. I cannot believe the staff and children managed to keep everything a secret from me!!!

The children sang me a song by Paloma Faith, one of my favourite artists, and members of staff wore masks of me, which was highly amusing. I thoroughly appreciated and felt deeply touched by all the effort that went into this celebration.

I was showered with cards and gifts and we talked about how the school was 20 years ago (when I worked from a leaky cabin) and how things have changed.

I feel very lucky to have worked with so many fantastic staff members over the years including our amazing current staff team, and to have met so many lovely parents and children too.

Thank you so much to all of the staff and parents who contributed to my beautiful cards, flowers and gifts –I still feel overwhelmed.

I will treasure forever the memory of the assembly, the lovely gifts and the sentiments written in the cards.

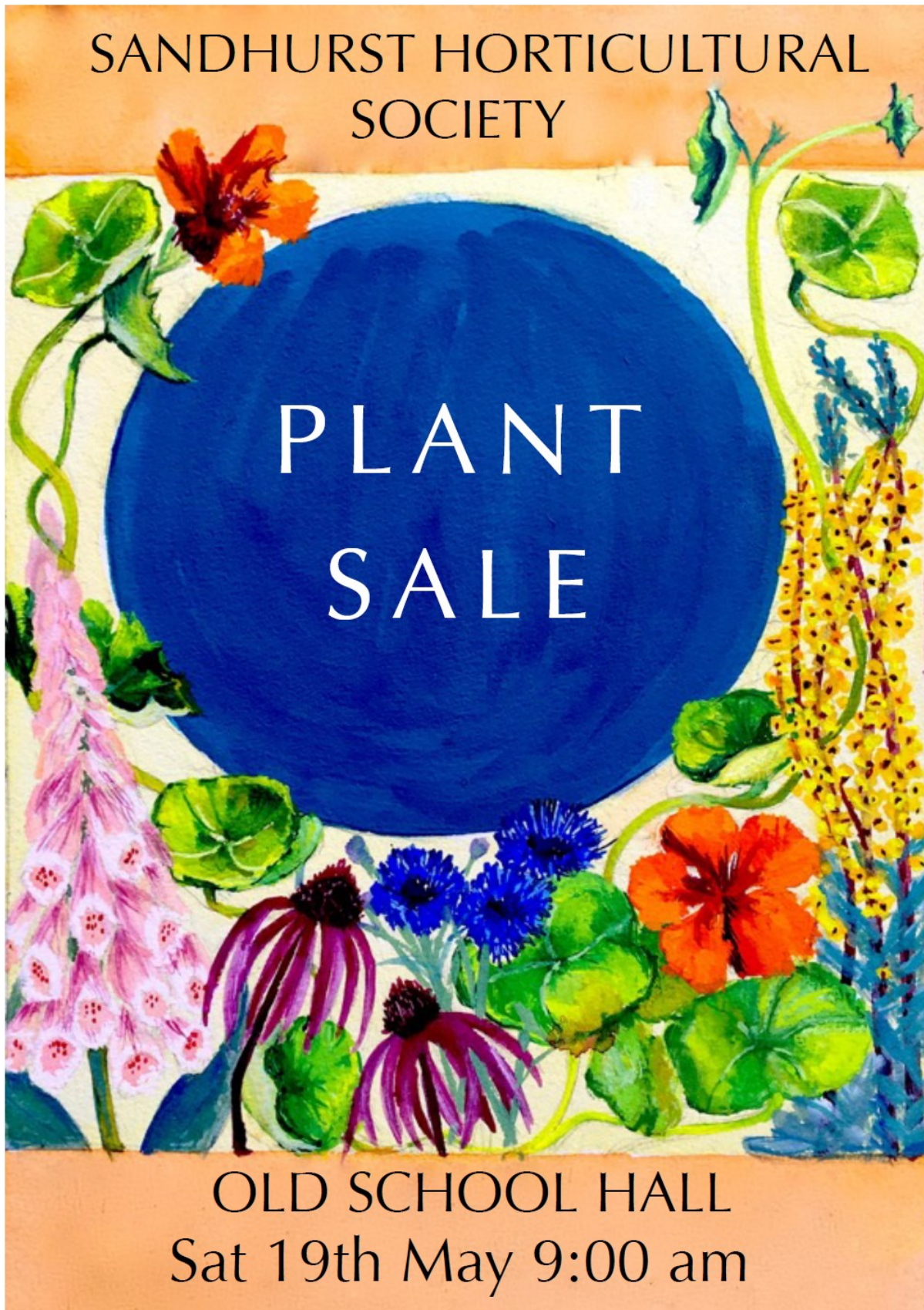
School Meal Special

If your child doesn't normally have a dinner but would like to take part in the school meal special priced at £2.10, please either pay on line using your log in, or send in cash or cheque (made payable to Caterlink) in a named envelope.



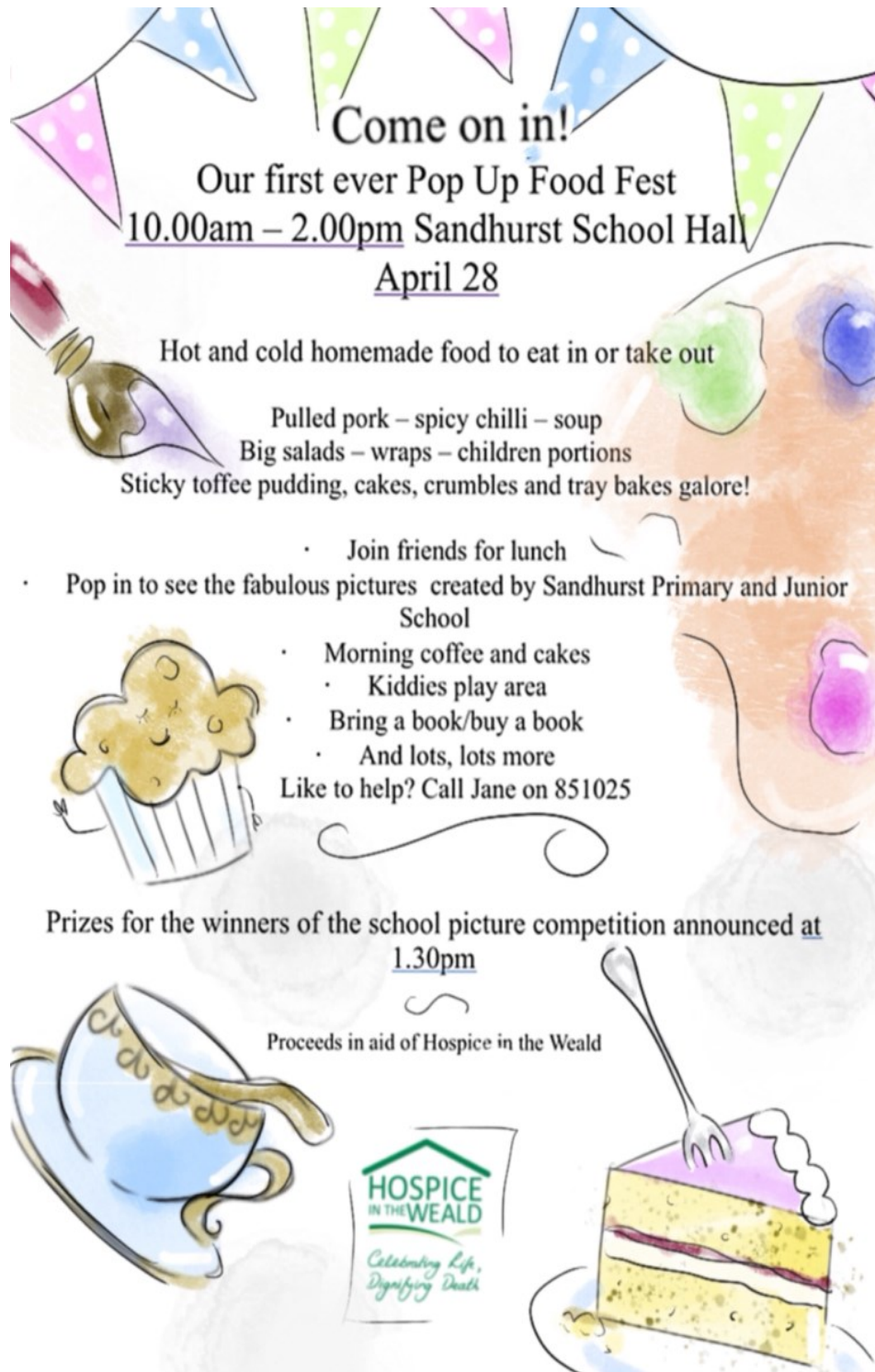
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Community



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Tomorrow at the old school hall! Please go along to this event if you can, even for just an hour it's for a brilliant cause.



Diary Dates

28th April	P&F Quiz Night
4th May	School Photographer - Class Photos
6th May	P & F Sunday Carvery - London Beach Hotel
14th May	SATs Week
15th May	Year R - Height / weight and hearing checks
17th May	School Lunch Special—Seaside theme
18th May	Year 6 Reward Day
	Potter Class Assembly 9. 00 a.m.
21st May	Sports Week
25th May	Sports Day
28th May-1st Jun	Holiday
4th Jun-8th Jun	Year 6 - Residential Journey to France
14th Jan	New intake parents evening 7.00 p.m.
15th Jun	Father's Day Sale
22nd Jun	INSET Day - children not in school
30th Jun	P & F Summer Fayre
5th Jul	Reports to parents
6th Jul	Move Up Afternoon
9th Jul	Meet the teacher week after school
12 Jul	Year 6 Performance to parents
13 Jul	Year 6 Leavers Church Assembly
14 Jul	P & F Camping Day
17 Jul	Year 6 Leavers Dinner
20th Jul	Leavers Assembly
23rd Jul	INSET Day- children not in school
24th Jul	INSET Day- children not in school