

NEWSLETTER

29th March 2018

Message from Mrs Roberts

My role as Executive Headteacher is now concluded but I am delighted that Mrs Norman has been appointed the Headteacher from April 2018. I would particularly like to thank you, the parents, for all your support during the last 18 months. Indeed, I have thoroughly enjoyed working alongside such a dedicated and committed parent body and team of staff and governors who every day ensure that your child/children receive the very best care and education possible. I am confident that Sandhurst School will continue to go from strength to strength over the coming years.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a very Happy Easter and best wishes for the future.

Thank you

Thank you to Mrs Brinsley for cooking with all the Key Stage Two classes this week, working with groups of children making Easter cakes. Also, many thanks for the continued work she does to support the school.



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Darwin Class Update

What an interesting term we have had! Either side of the snowy weather, we managed to squeeze a lot of fun activities into this term (and some work, of course)! Darwin class thoroughly enjoyed the World Book day activities, especially building their reading tents. They also wrote different and exciting versions of 'Were Going on a Bear Hunt' including 'We're Going on a Snake Hunt', 'We're Going on a Giraffe Hunt' and 'We're Going on a Tiger Hunt'! We have really enjoyed learning about the Vikings in topic, including who they were, where they came from and why they raided Britain, which you can read all about in their Big Write from last week. They have written brilliant newspaper reports on the first Viking raid in Lindisfarne and even written a persuasive letter from one Viking to another as to why they should raid and settle in Britain. In art, we designed our own Viking longboat, and made our own shields and helmets using papier mâché. It did get a little messy but the children produced great Viking armour. The children have seen and even had a go at some fun science investigations, including different types of chemical reactions; identifying the difference between solvents, solutes and solutions and grouping different types of rock based on their properties. After a very busy term, we are looking forward to the Easter break. Darwin Class would like to wish everyone a very Happy Easter!



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Rock Steady Concert

What a great treat we had on Monday afternoon when the children who participate in Rock Steady Music School amazed us with another fantastic concert. We heard a range of bands who really brought the house down with their amazing performances. It was so wonderful to listen to these children confidently singing and playing their instruments to a variety of songs. A huge well done to all involved. If your child is interested in becoming a member of the Rock Steady community, please complete the letter sent home this week.



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Healthy Lunch Box

Having launched our healthy school ethos at the beginning of term, it has been great to see how many parents and children have taken on board the ideas suggested. We have seen an increase in the signs of a balanced and healthy lunch box. It is important to bear in mind that the ideas we provided are government guidelines for children, not legal requirements. Therefore, as a school, we are not insisting that you change the contents of lunchboxes; we can only encourage healthy options. If you have any further questions or queries regarding lunch boxes or school dinners, please do not hesitate to ask Miss Weeks.

Sandhurst Team Sports Kit

It has been lovely to see the children taking part and representing the school in the Sandhurst team kit this year. However, a few kits have been misplaced since attending tournaments. Please can you check at home and see whether you have a brown drawstring bag with a team kit inside. If you do, please drop it into school as soon as possible to ensure that we have a full set in school and ready to use! Thanks.

Easter Celebration

Thank you to Reverend David and Lyn for hosting a wonderful celebratory Easter Service at Mission Church on Wednesday afternoon. Well done to all the year 6 pupils and Ella and Rosie, who read so clearly.

We enjoyed singing our Easter songs together in the Church - thank you Mrs Bromfield for teaching them to us, together with actions!

Happy Easter everyone.



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.

Get the app or register now (<https://studybugs.com/about/parents>)

Top 3 reasons to use Studybugs

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.

Thank you.



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Easter Holiday Club

We are delighted that the Easter holiday club will run on the following days. Thank you to those parents who have already booked in. Further bookings can still be made. Payment can be by cheque or School Money. Cash will not be accepted.



Tuesday 3 rd April
Wednesday 4 th April
Tuesday 10 th April
Wednesday 11 th April

Read and Discover Awards

Well done to all the children who earned their platinum award today - an amazing achievement to read and record it every single day of the term.

Congratulations to our raffle draw winners, winning this term's amazon vouchers:

Potters - Alexander

Nightingale - Maddy

Darwin - Etienne

Shakespeare - Chardonnay

Churchill - Scarlet



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P & F Update

As we approach the end of another term, the P&F committee is busy planning some great events for after Easter.

We have held a small number of events this term, all of which have been successful in terms of raising funds and also attendance from children. We hope they all enjoyed the film night and disco, and that all you ladies enjoyed the little treats the children brought for you at our Mother's Day sale.

This year has been brilliant so far. Since September we have made a profit of £2,300. We have also made donations to the school to the value of £5,582. It is lovely that the children are enjoying their new play equipment so much.

With only terms 5 & 6 left this academic year, the P&F Committee is working really hard to organise some fantastic events to really boost our profits by the end of the year. Our aim is to make another sizeable donation to the school to further invest in playground equipment for the children.

We have been busy bees, organising a variety of events over the coming months, including our fun and entertaining **Quiz Night in April**, the return of the **London Beach Sunday Lunch in May**, the yearly highlight of our **Summer Fayre in June**, and rounding off the year with the **family camping in July**. We hope to see as many of you coming to enjoy and support these events as possible.

And finally...as always we are looking for new faces in the P&F. Please, if you want to help or be more involved at all or have any fresh ideas for future fundraising we'd love to hear from you.

Clubs

Clubs will begin again week beginning 23rd April. The clubs letter will be sent out after the Easter break.

Attendance

Class	Percentage Attendance
Potter	94.0
Nightingale	100
Darwin	99.1
Shakespeare	97.3
Churchill	94.4

Congratulations to Nightingale -100% attendance AGAIN -

AMAZING! AND...

NO LATES!

Nightingale have Pup and Ted after half term. Star Class.

Well done to those children who have handed in their attendance egg pictures. Prizes will be awarded on 16th April.

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Local Events




Tunbridge Wells Easter Holiday Timetable

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>02.04.18</p> <p>Bank Holiday</p> <p>Closed</p> 	<p>03.04.18</p> <p>Easter Drop In Tunbridge Wells Youth Hub 1pm to 4pm Ages 8-17</p> <p>Girls Group Tunbridge Wells Youth Hub 4:30pm to 6pm Ages 11-17</p> <p>Goudhurst St Mary's Church 5pm to 6:30pm Ages 8-17</p>	<p>04.04.18</p> <p>Easter Drop In Courses 4 Youth! Cranbrook Children's Centre 1pm to 4pm Ages 8-17</p> <p>Iveco Cranbrook Co-Op Car Park 5pm - 6:30pm Ages 8 - 17 years</p> 	<p>05.04.18</p> <p>Easter Drop In Tunbridge Wells Youth Hub 1pm to 4pm Ages 8-17</p> 	
<p>09.04.18</p> <p>Easter Drop In Performing Arts Tunbridge Wells Youth Hub 1pm to 4pm Ages 8-17</p> <p>Duke of Edinburgh Tunbridge Wells Youth Hub 5pm to 7pm</p>	<p>10.04.18</p> <p>Girls Group Tunbridge Wells Youth Hub 4:30pm to 6pm Ages 11-17</p> <p>Goudhurst Junior Group Goudhurst Village Hall 5pm to 6:30pm Ages 8-12</p> <p>Goudhurst Senior Group Goudhurst Village Hall 7pm to 8:30pm Ages 13-17</p>	<p>11.04.18</p> <p>Easter Drop In Sport Activities Tunbridge Wells Youth Hub 1pm to 4pm Ages 8-17</p> <p>Iveco Cranbrook Co-Op Car Park 5pm - 6:30pm Ages 8 - 17 years</p> 	<p>12.04.18</p> <p>Iveco Rusthall 4pm - 5:30pm Ages 8 - 17 years</p> <p>Calverley Park Tunbridge Wells Youth Hub 6pm - 7:30pm Ages 8 - 17 years</p> 	

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Community

Hospice in the Weald would like our children to take part in the Pop-Up Food Fest and is running a drawing competition. Children are asked to draw a plate of food which they think is healthy. There are two great prizes to win; one for the best infant and one for the best junior drawing.

The competition will be judged on the day and the pictures put on display for everyone to see. Children need to add their name and class to the back of their picture. This might be something your child would like to do in the Easter holidays. All pictures need to be back in school by 26th April.

This looks like it will be a really fun event, for a very good cause, please do support it if you can.

Something different to celebrate spring?

APRIL 28, 10.00am – 2.00pm

POP – UP FOOD FEST

Home cooked lip-smacking, tasty food to eat in or take home

Kiddies play area and toys * vintage theme* card stall* Kiddies drawing competition

OLD SCHOOL HALL, SANDHURST

Want to join in? Contact Jane 01580 851025 Help us provide hospice care in the homes of our families.

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Diary Dates

29th Mar	P & F Easter Tombola after school
	Last Day of Term
16th Apr	Term 4 begins - children back to school
25th Apr	Year 5 -Safety in Action
27th Apr	Storyteller in all day
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
18th May	Year 6 Reward Day
21st May	Sports Week
25th May	Sports Day
28th May-1st Jun	Holiday
4th Jun-8th Jun	Year 6 - Residential Journey to France
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