

# NEWSLETTER July 2021

## Whole School Update



Wow! We actually made it to the end of the year!

I would like to start this newsletter by thanking each and every one of our children, staff, parents and helpers who have continued to help us to get through this tremendously challenging year and in such a safe and successful manner. The fact that we have remained 'Covid free' has been testament to a good dose of luck and lots of care from all concerned—thank you.

Our children have remained the stars from queuing in the morning, adapting to changing 'bubbles', sanitising and washing hands, working hard to 'catch up' missed learning, adapting to changes around school and taking part in 'zoom' assemblies. We are immensely proud of them all! It has been lovely to enjoy some increasing freedom albeit in a different way—with them all. In particular, we all have great memories of our 'England football' day as it was a chance for us to finally sing and come together as a school community. We have also enjoyed sporting afternoons and, of course, the Year 6 Performances and Prom Evening. Thank you parents and friends, for being so flexible at short term arrangements and supporting all of our children.

My biggest thank you, though, must go to the staff of our wonderful school. I cannot tell you how hard this year has been and how we have grown as a family in our desire to support the school. I am so proud of 'Team Sandhurst' and look forward to working together next year.

Going forwards into September, we very much hope to get back to normal. We will be in touch at the end of August with any changes to plans we have made, but we fully intend to be back with the usual start of 8.55am (gates open at 8.45am) and a finish for all at 3.20pm. We also hope to re-introduce some clubs after school. We will, however, keep PE uniform days as these have proved popular.



## Potter Class Update



What a treat Forest School has been this term. Every child in Potter Class has tried something new with a smile on their face, enjoying the freedom to explore, learn and blossom. Rain or shine, Miss Abel has made sure that every session has run smoothly. The children have especially enjoyed: "Climbing the trees really high" - Jack, "Cooking marshmallows on the fire and eating smores"- Aurora, and "Going on the mud slide"- Nancy-Anna. It was a pleasure to share the Forest School sessions with Potter Class and have so much fun!

In maths, we have been busy halving and doubling amounts using a variety of methods. Sharing cookies and beanbags proved popular, and some of the children now have a quick recall of halves and doubles to 10.



We have enjoyed our Balanceability sessions this term, we have been so impressed with the children's balance and co-ordination. Thank you to Mrs Preddy and Mrs Knowler for teaching these.



This year really has been one of a kind. But Mrs Preddy, Mrs Knowler and myself could not have asked for a more committed group of families. Your continued support through lockdown was appreciated, and the children have been an absolute pleasure to teach in their first year at Sandhurst.

Have a fun but restful summer break Potter class!

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## Nightingale Class Update



Nightingale Class, I am so proud of your achievements over the course of the year. You have been an absolute delight to teach and I will miss you all very much. Rather than dwelling on the 'goodbye', I will focus on celebrating our fabulous year together.



This year we have worked incredibly hard to develop our reading and every day the children are reading their 'star words' with increased fluency. These are the high frequency words that support reading development, so are an essential part of reading progress, and the children are flying through learning them all! Well done!

Handwriting and spelling of the high frequency words has been another big focus and mostly all children have conquered their cursive handwriting. I think Miss Lett will be mega impressed when she see their beautiful handwriting!



In maths, Nightingale class have flown through the curriculum, delving into some fantastic levels of challenge and problem solving mathematics. We have many keen mathematicians and it is wonderful to see them enjoying their learning and pushing themselves to complete 'think pink challenges'. We have covered telling the time and using money which the children have loved as we talked a lot about the relevance of these in every day life.



We have loved the different topic themes over the year. The chocolate theme has lent itself to some excellent geographical learning opportunities and the children have been really involved when learning about different cultures and climates around the world. A big congratulations on the sports day performance! What a super speedy group of children we have and they were very brave to overcome any worries about the event.

I am so proud of the way all of Nightingale Class have overcome the tricky challenges that this year has presented to us. I hope you all have a fabulous summer holiday and I wish you all the very best of luck next year.

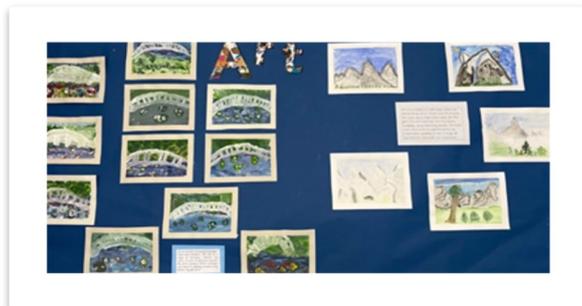
From Mrs Player, Mrs Farren and Mrs Milner

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## Darwin Class Update

*I can't quite believe we have arrived at the time of the year when we say goodbye to our current class! Despite lockdown, Darwin has embraced school life on their return to school and each and every one of them have made fantastic progress.*

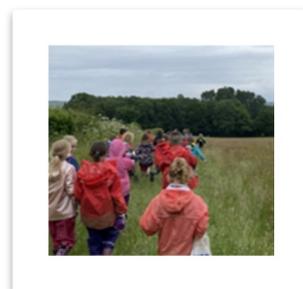
*Darwin Class have enjoyed art this year. During the summer terms, we linked our topic with our art by producing amazing paintings on 'rivers and mountains' using water-colours. We learnt how to use tracing paper, different pencils and painting techniques with our brushes.*



*Forest School is always a big hit with the children and this year we have had a few opportunities to enjoy Windmill Woods. The children love exploring and asking questions about the woodland and they all got stuck in to different activities such as climbing, sliding and creating wild dens.*



*Science is always a big hit with the children because they enjoy the practical activities and experiments. We have learnt all about the human body in our most recent terms and the children were engaged and inquisitive about our learning. Did you know we have two sets of teeth in our lifetime?*



*As a school, we have looked at "Journey" and "Quest" in our English lessons. Darwin has thoroughly enjoyed these colourful, exciting books. Although they are picture books with no words, the children have used their amazing imaginations to create some of the best Big Writes I've ever read!*



*Have a fantastic, well deserved summer, Darwin, and good luck in your new class!*



## Pankhurst Class Update

What a brilliant final term Pankhurst have had! We have been lucky enough to enjoy so many spectacular things this term. When asking the children what they have enjoyed about their time this term, it was fascinating to see the diverse answers that were offered. In Pankhurst, we like to be unique with our Newsletter update, so keeping with the theme I have asked the children to tell me what they have loved about some of the subjects they have been studying.

### Topic

We have loved learning all about mountains and rivers. We have discovered famous UK mountains and become experts on Scafell Pike. Here is what Logan and Jaque had to say about our topic.

**Logan:** Scafell Pike is the highest mountain in England. It is 978 metres tall.

**Jaque:** Edward Baines was the first person to climb Scafell Pike.

### English

Pankhurst class have truly embraced their English work this term. We have been studying 'Journey' and 'Quest' by Aaron Becker. The unique thing about these books is there are no words, therefore the children have thoroughly enjoyed using their own words to bring the pictures to life. Here are two short excerpts from Zak and Phoebe's retellings of the stories.

**Zak:** In a blink of an eye, the purple bird swooped down with his long wings and rescued the children. Before they could even think, they were embarking on a magical quest to save the world.

**Phoebe:** Bella raced to the door as fast as her legs could carry her but unfortunately it was too late. Without warning, the ferocious guards kidnapped Steve and violently snapped the red crayon.

### Maths

In maths, Pankhurst have been mastering both time and money! Here are Archie and Olivia's top tips to time success.

**Olivia:** You can work out the 24-hour clock by adding 12 onto the 12 hour clock time. 1=13, 2=14 and so on.

**Archie:** Remember if the big hand is before 6 it is a 'past' time and if it is after 6 it is a 'to' time.

Finally, I must say how exceptional Pankhurst were during their sporting afternoon. They dazzled me with their unwavering team spirit and sportsmanship, and it was wonderful watching them mesmerise the spectators with their 'Eye of the Tiger' dance.

Well done Pankhurst Class! You should all be extremely proud of how you have navigated a challenging year. You embraced lockdown life, bubble life and everything in between and for that, you all deserve the an incredible summer.



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## Shakespeare Class Update



How is it July already? I can't believe I am writing my final newsletter of the year and will soon be saying goodbye to this hard-working, talented and funny class. What an eventful year it has been, too!

Unfortunately, at Christmas, the Shakespeare Class bubble popped and we had to miss out on our Christmas party but we made sure we didn't miss out and had it when we came back to school in March.

The children have worked so hard in all areas of the curriculum. Some of the children are already scoring full marks on the Year 6 arithmetic paper – you are in for a treat next year Mrs Saunders!

We have finally finished our class book, 'Letters from the Lighthouse'. The children created some exceptional pieces of writing and it really helped their comprehension skills.

In other areas of the curriculum, we have been doing lots of work based on our topic of 'rivers and mountains'. The children have learnt all about perspective in art and can now tell you all about how rivers and mountains are formed and some of the main rivers and mountain ranges in the UK and the world. We have loved learning all about our bodies in science and performed some very grown up experiments when we tested fruit juices to see which had the highest level of vitamin C.

Shakespeare Class also know how to enjoy themselves as you can see from the photos of our final adventure to Forest School and our end of term Pizza and Sundae Party!

I am so proud of all of the children in Shakespeare Class. Thank you also to our lovely TAs: Miss Brinsley, Mrs Lawrence and Mrs Whitehouse, and of course not forgetting Miss Lawrance who had to leave us at the end of Term 5 to go on maternity leave. Have a fantastic summer holiday everyone; you deserve it.



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## Churchill Class Update



What a wonderful evening we had on Tuesday, celebrating our fabulous year 6 children. Thank you so much to Mrs Lawrence for all of her hard work organising, cooking and running an amazing evening and thank you to Miss Chandler, Mrs Norman and Mrs Patridge for all their help with the evening too. Thank you to the P&F for donating the decorations for the event.



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## Churchill Class Update



Year 6 put on a sensational show of "Cinderella and Rockerfella". They had us clapping, smiling, laughing and cheering from start to finish! Thank you so much to Miss Brinsley, Mrs Channon, Miss Boriani, Miss Chandler and Mrs Norman for all of their support. Year 6, we are so proud of you and everything you have achieved. We will miss you lots and want to wish you so much luck and best wishes as you progress to your secondary schools.



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## PTFA Update



Sandhurst Primary has always prided itself on having a very active PTFA by putting on lots of events throughout the year for the children, their families and the local community. Sadly, this year we haven't been as busy as would have liked and, as a result, the children have missed out on many fun events and the school has lost out on the vital funds we donate to them each year from the fundraising we do. These funds raised and donated by the PTFA are intended to provide extras not already provided by the school's main income – often fun things that enrich learning - so the PTFA is a really important part of the school.

Although it's been a quiet year, we were so pleased to be able to run the Christmas Shopping event, albeit in a slightly different format this year. We were also overwhelmed by the support we had in the Big Raffle before Christmas, so thank you to everyone for supporting us at these events.

As the school year draws to a close, it is time to start thinking about next year. We will be looking for a new group of supporters to take things forward in September and form a new PTFA Committee. This is an exciting opportunity for parents/carers to do their bit for the school, so if you are interested, please put your name forward to Mrs Norman or Sophie Willard prior to September. This really is a great opportunity to support the school.

All that is left to say is we hope everyone has a lovely Summer, enjoy the break and we look forward to hopefully running more of our much-loved events again next year.

## Community

### Summer school holiday fun for 4 – 12-year-olds!

Premier Football School are delighted to announce they are running a kid's football school in Cranbrook this summer at The High Weald Academy from **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> August** for boys and girls aged 4 - 12 of all abilities. Parents simply drop-off at 10.00am and pick up at 3.30pm. The fee is just £13 per day and all children who attend receive a trophy! Activities include a kids World Cup tournament and a penalty shootout competition with prizes! Children will play in group-bubbles according to their age in line with the government's health & safety regulations. Should you wish to book, please visit [www.premierfootballschool.co.uk](http://www.premierfootballschool.co.uk) or call 07821 573837.

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### Hawkhurst Football Courses .. 🔄

Following discussions with the FA and the latest restrictions on football we are delighted to be able to offer more holiday football courses at The Moor this summer. Obviously we have had to make sure we are COVID safe and a test and track system will be in place. We will have to be outside all day with the use of changing rooms only permitted to 1age group due to mixing bubbles. This means most of the children will be eating outside, however toilets will be open as normal.

In the last 2 years we had again well over 100different children of all abilities on all the courses. Many of whom have gone on to elite and in some cases academy football.

Book on now

Hawkhurst Course JULY

Date: 26th-28th July. (3 days)

Time: 10am-3pm

Venue: Hawkhurst playing fields, The Moor, TN184PG

Age: 5-12

Price: £50 full course.

Hawkhurst Course AUGUST

Date: 25-26th August (2 days)

Time: 10am-3pm

Venue: Hawkhurst playing fields, The Moor

Age: 5-12

Price: £35

Please may your son/daughter bring boots, trainers, hat, sun cream and plenty to drink. Please bring a packed lunch but NO nuts please..

Spread the word and please feel free to forward this email onto anyone who may be interested, the course is available for boys and girls of all abilities...

The course will run from 10am Start and 3pm finish on all days, however if you require early drop off we will be at the venue at least 30mins before thestart time. All children will receive a certificate and personal progress report. Individual prizes will be on offer including a signed football memorabilia,signed shirts, and match ball. We will have a player of the week from each group, a best attitude of the week from each group.

All coaches are FA Qualified and DBS checked and have good experience coaching children of all ages and abilities. We will have the usual skills challenges, morning training sessions, speed gun and many more great challenges. I also offer Private coaching for children (1 on1)which has been very popular during this pandemic, personal training sessions, goal keepers sessions and Birthday parties. During the holidays I am available for group day sessions if that's easier and as all private sessions I provide all equipment and each child will have a training programme.

To book onto the course please contact Zac Attwood on [zacoattwood@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:zacoattwood@hotmail.co.uk) or call 07967370253.

Payment for the Hawkhurst course can either be BACS or cash on first day of course...

BACS details

## Term Dates

### Term 1

Starts Thursday 2nd September 2021  
**INSET Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021**  
Ends Friday 22nd October 2021  
**Holiday Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2021 - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

### Term 2

Starts Monday 1st November 2021  
Ends Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021  
**Holiday Monday 20th December 2021 – Monday 3rd January 2022**

### Term 3

**INSET Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022**  
Starts Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022  
Ends Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2022  
**Holiday Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2022– Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

### Term 4

Starts Monday 21st February 2022  
Ends Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022  
**Holiday Monday 4th April 2022– Monday 18th April 2022**

### Term 5

Starts Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2022  
**Bank Holiday Monday 2nd May 2022**  
Ends Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022  
**Holiday Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2022 - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022**

### Term 6

Starts Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022  
**INSET 17<sup>th</sup> June, 21<sup>st</sup> July, 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022**  
Ends Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2022

## Diary Dates

2nd Sept	Children Back in School
20th Oct	Flu Vaccinations Year R-6
Holiday	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2021 - Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> October 2021
19th Nov	School Photographer– Individual Photos