

NEWSLETTER

15th December 2017

Shakespeare Class Update

Goodness me, it seems like only yesterday that it was Shakespeare Class's turn to write an article for the school newsletter! So, what have we been up to... quite a lot!

It has been a very busy term for us. Firstly, we have wowed the school with our fantastic assembly all about Ancient Egypt. Quite the actors, in recent weeks we have been practising for the first ever Key Stage 2 Nativity which, quite frankly, rivals the movie "Nativity". We have also written prayers for the carol service at the church; we hope to see lots of people there celebrating Christmas. In English we have made a class book of Remembrance Poems and written diary entries about Moz, the Monster in the John Lewis adverts. In maths, we are now experts at ladder multiplication and bus stop division and in science we have been learning all about electrical circuits, even making burglar alarms! We have also been learning about the artist Kandinski and have created an amazing 3D display celebrating his work.

Merry Christmas from Shakespeare Class and a very happy New Year.!



Christmas Jumper Day

On Tuesday 19th December, we're inviting all pupils to take part in 'Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day'.

We're asking pupils to make a £1 donation, or whatever they can give, to help save children's lives around the world.

The money they raise will go to Save the Children, making sure every child, no matter where they're born, has essentials like food and water, healthcare, education, protection and shelter.

All your child needs to do is wear a festive woolly and bring in a suggested £1 donation. There's no need to splash out on snazzy new sweaters to join in the fun you could borrow or bring up an old woolly with a few decorations.

Children can wear casual clothes on their bottom half on this day.



Save the Children
CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY



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Two of our librarians, Willow and Amelia, went round all the classes and asked the children and teachers what books they wanted to find in the library. Some of the most popular books were “Harry Potter”, “The Magic Faraway Tree”, “Dennis the Menace”, “Diary of a Wimpy Kid” and “Tom Gates”.

Elsa and Amelia ordered the books online and when they arrived, they stamped the books with a special stamp to say they belong to Sandhurst School. The next job for the librarians is to put the books on the system and then on the bookshelves for everyone to borrow.

Thank you to all our librarians and Mrs Channon, for all of their hard work in the library this term.



Rewind

Last week, the Year 5 children took part in a collaboration with children from other local primary schools to learn more about the First Christmas. We went on a coach with children from Benenden Primary School to Hawkhurst Baptist church where we split into three different groups. The afternoon started with the schools being introduced (naturally, we had the biggest cheer!), then we watched a funny clip about Simon's cat playing with a Christmas tree and a quiz where we had to guess the celebrity.

Next, we went off in our groups to chat about the nativity or create some lovely candle holders. It was a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon and the children's impeccable behaviour was commented upon by other schools. Well done Year 5!



Playmaker Awards



Congratulations to the year 6 children who took part in the playmaker award. These children trained with qualified PE teacher, Mrs Heath, on a Monday lunchtime to gain the award. The year 6 children are looking forward to leading play and sport for Key Stage 1.

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Christmas is coming...

Monday 18th December - Whole School Pantomime (morning only): We are very excited about our annual trip to the pantomime. Children need to wear full school uniform as usual please. Children will eat their packed lunch when we return to school (later than usual). Please send a healthy snack and a bottle of water for the pantomime. Children not going to the pantomime will be with Mrs Milner and will need to bring a packed lunch that day.

Monday 18th December, 5:00pm - Whole School Carol Service, St Nicholas Church: St Nicholas Church is very kindly hosting a Carol Service for the families and friends of Sandhurst Primary School. Children have been learning the carols in assemblies and we are looking forward to singing them with our whole school community. There will be reading and prayers from some of the children too.

Tuesday 19th December, Whole School Christmas Lunch and - Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day: We are supporting Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day. All children are invited to wear festive clothing of their choice and donations towards Save the Children will be gratefully received. Thank you.

Wednesday 20th December, Key Stage 2 Christmas Party (a.m.) Key Stage 1 Christmas Party (p.m.):

Children can wear their party clothes to school and wear them all day. Please send food for five children as per the party letter sent previously.

Last day that children will need to wear school uniform is Monday 18th December for the Pantomime.

Lexi finds out more...

Lexi, in Churchill Class, had a great time this weekend finding out more about the historical figure her class is named after.



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Nativities

Wow, what an amazing performance! The children in KS2 have worked extremely hard to put together such an amazing Christmas play to share with you all! From learning their lines to practising the songs, they have put all their energy and effort into making the play perfect and have enjoyed every minute of it. Well done to all of KS2! However, this could not have been possible without two very important people who have directed and choreographed the play. A huge thank you to Mrs Bromfield and Ms Boriani for all their hard work with the children this term. Thank you to all the parents for helping children learn their lines and for providing the children with their costumes. And thank you to all of the KS2 team for their help and support. Merry Christmas from all the children and staff in KS2!



We are so proud of all the children in Potter and Nightingale class. They rose to the challenge of learning songs and lines for our 'Wriggly Nativity.' It is daunting going on stage but they all joined in and shone. Thank you to the parents for providing costumes; they looked amazing.

Thank you to Mrs Brinsley for helping us set the scenery perfectly. Thank you to the P & F for providing refreshments after every performance.



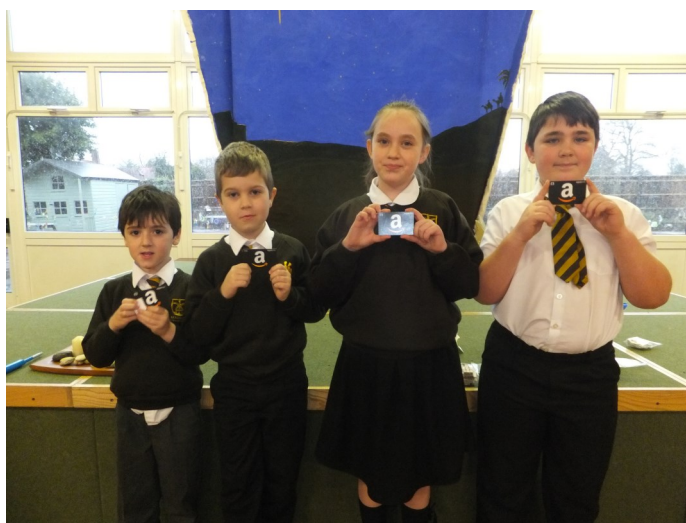
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Read and Discover

Well done to all of our fantastic readers who earned a platinum award for reading every day since the start of term in September. The platinum awards were given out during celebration assembly on Monday and all those readers will be entered into the raffle to win a bike at the end of the summer term.

During the celebration assembly, we also held our Read and Discover raffle and the following children won a £5 Amazon voucher:

Potters:	Phoebe
Nightingale:	Bryn
Darwin:	William
Shakespeare:	Ella
Churchill:	Louis



Read and Discover will start again on Monday 8th January but we hope you'll still read regularly during the Christmas holiday.

Homework

Thank you all for your support and commitment to homework this term. The final homework was due this Wednesday 13th December. There will be no further homework this term...Merry Christmas!

Next term, the first homework will be set on Friday 12th January and due on Wednesday 17th January.

Children who do not complete their homework on time will be expected to complete it during their 20/20 time on a Friday afternoon. Mrs Saunders will continue to run KS2 homework club on a Tuesday lunchtime.

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Attendance

Class	Percentage Attendance
Potter	93.1
Nightingale	99.2
Darwin	96.4
Shakespeare	97.2
Churchill	92.7

Well done to Nightingale class who win Ted this week.

Pup goes to Churchill Class with NO lates. Excellent.

Let's hope we can get rid of all of the nasty bugs and be a lot healthier in the New Year.



Thank you

Thank you so much to Ashley, our governor, at Sandhurst Farm Shop for the generous donation of a Christmas tree for our school hall. The children thoroughly enjoyed helping decorate it and it has brightened up the hall during these dark and cold winter days.

Thank you to Mr Kerry and Mr Budd for providing Father Christmas with fruit for the children.

Thank you to Father Christmas for visiting us too.



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P & F Update

What a magical event our Christmas Fayre turned out to be. There were lots of external stallholders, selling beautifully crafted homemade items, books and confectionary, and also some fun stalls to bring out the creative side in the children. We were honoured to receive a visit from Father Christmas who was delighted to see lots of children in his grotto, aided by some very special Elves. Christmas is such an enchanting time of year, and what better way to finish off the fundraising for this term. Thank you to everyone who came to the Fayre and to all those who helped. We couldn't hold any of these events without your support.

The Committee are looking forward to a break over Christmas after a very busy first term of fundraising for Sandhurst School. Since the start of the academic year, we have managed to raise an amazing £2,170. I hope you all agree that this is a fantastic start to the year and as well as raising funds, we have managed to bring a bit of extra fun to school life. We will be back in January 2018 with lots of events after we have all had a couple of weeks' rest and relaxation!!



Community

Christmas at Sandhurst Baptist Church



Carols by Candlelight
Sunday 17th Dec - 6.00pm
followed by tea, coffee and mince pies

Carols at the Swan
Thursday 14th Dec - 7.30pm

Family-friendly service
Sunday 17th Dec - 10.30am
followed by tea, coffee and mince pies

Carols on the Green
Thursday 21st Dec - 7.00pm

Christmas Eve Service
10.30am

Christmas Day Service
10.00am

You are warmly invited to any or all of our Christmas activities. Each event will last about one hour. Please come along and join us. For more information about these events please visit www.sandhurstbaptistchurch.org.uk or phone Ken and Liz Slater on 01580 850446.

However, you're not just invited to come along at Christmas - you're always welcome; every Sunday at 10.30am or at one of our weekly activities (term-time only). For more info. turn over....



We're not just open at Christmas.....we have weekly activities throughout the year

MON

SportsReach Netball Club for adults (14yrs +)
6.45 - 8.00pm at Dulwich Prep School
Cost: £2
Contact: 07761 541534

WEDS

Teens Group for 13 -16 yrs
7.00 - 8.30pm on **alternate** weeks: FREE
Contact: 07810 088151

FRI

Little Rainbows (Parents & Tots Group)
9.30 - 11.00am: FREE
Contact: 07768 661329

Friday Youth Club for 7-12 yrs
6.30 - 8.00pm: FREE
Contact: 07761 541534

SAT

Saturday Soccer
9.30 - 11.30am at Sandhurst Playing Fields
Cost: £2 for boys and girls aged 6 - 16 yrs
Contact: 07837 578788

SportsReach U14s Netball Club
9.30 - 11.00am at Sandhurst Primary School
Cost: £1 for girls and boys aged 9 - 13 yrs
Contact: 07761 541534

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Diary Dates

Any date changes will be in bold type

18th Dec	Whole school trip to Pantomime - wear school uniform Whole School Carol Service at St. Nicholas Church 5.00 p.m.
19th Dec	Christmas Lunch Christmas Jumper Day - wear Xmas jumper and casual bottom half.
20th Dec	KS1 and KS2 Party Day - wear party clothes to school End of Term
4th Jan	Children back to school
22nd—25th Jan	Year 6 Bikeability Training