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NEWSLETTER

19th July 2019

Goodbye and thank you

All the staff at Sandhurst Primary would like to say another huge THANK YOU to the children for all their hard work, support and friendship of each other this year. Many thanks, too for all the gifts and best wishes; we have been very moved by the thought and care that has gone into each and every one of them.

I am so proud to be headteacher of our lovely school and to be able to celebrate the fantastic achievements of all of the children and staff. This has been an excellent year, with a brilliant Ofsted outcome and a chance to welcome many new children to Sandhurst Primary.

Thank you also to parents and governors for all your support - we could not do it without you. A special mention must also go to the Parents and Friends and especially Eve Hallett as she steps down from her role as the 'Chair'. The P and F team has once again provided some excellent opportunities for children to enjoy, as well as raising lots of money to help us continue to provide the best that we can for everyone in our school.

We look forward to hearing who will be part of the team next year and to working with you.

This year, we are also losing Miss Weeks and wish her lots of luck as she moves on to her new school.

We will also miss our lovely Year 6 children we wish them well and lots of luck on the next stage of their school adventures. From winning the trophy (once again!) for rounders, being great role models and buddies to our younger children, brilliant ambassadors on school trips and excursions, to fantastic SATs results, we are very proud. Aim high and be very happy!

Have a lovely summer everyone.

We look forward to seeing you all back on Tuesday 3rd September for another fun-filled and action-packed year.



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Year 6 Dinner

On July 16th Churchill Class had their Year 6 dinner, also known as prom. It consisted of a three course meal and a disco afterwards. Churchill had the chance to arrive in a huge variety of vehicles including: classic cars, vintage cars, trucks and a tortoise. This was also a chance to show off their best clothes and shoes to everyone else. This would never would have happened if it wasn't for Mrs Lawrence and her amazing team: Mrs Knowler, Mrs Ballard, Miss Davenport, Mrs Harrison, Mrs Hallett and Mrs Reeves. But the person behind all of this, the person who made all this happen is the one and only Mrs Lawrence, who we have to say a special thank you to.

By Mollie Sharman.



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Rock Steady Concert

Wow! We had a fantastic musical start to the week when the children who participate in Rock Steady lessons treated us to their end of term concert. First, we heard the amazing Raining Doughnuts perform Paramour's song 'Still into you'. Next, we tapped our toes along to "Everlong" by the Foo Fighters performed brilliantly by The World of Rock. We then joined in with the chorus of Taco Attack's version of Blur's "Song 2". The brave vocalist of this great band is in Potter Class! The final band, whose name changes on a regular basis performed "Demons" by Imagine Dragons. A fantastic round of applause to all involved – Sandhurst Rocks!



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P & F Update

Another year has flown by and again the Committee of the Parents and Friends of Sandhurst Primary School would like to extend our thanks to all parents, children, staff and friends of our school, for the support we have had this year. Hopefully, you all will have read Eve's letter confirming that she will be standing down as Chair of the Committee at the AGM in September, and the other members of the Committee will be looking to relinquish their roles next year too. It's an exciting opportunity for a new Committee to take the reins, so please, if you are interested put your name forward to Eve prior to the AGM.

It's been another great year with some brilliant events and fund raising for the school. We are thrilled to announce the Summer Fair made a profit of £1,200 with a few hundred more being made from the camping and "slip and slide", so a very positive end to the year. We have been able to gift the school £4,500 this year to contribute towards the improvements to the KS1 playground area. We also contributed £500 to the cost of the whole school pantomime which is always a great day out for the Children before Christmas.

We are in a strong position financially as we the hit the end of the year and are in discussions with the school with regards to further ways our money can be best spent.

We wish you all a very happy summer break and please remember to pop the AGM in your diaries now **7:30pm Wednesday 11th September 2019 at The White Hart, Newenden.**

Mic drop, 2016-2019 committee out!!!!



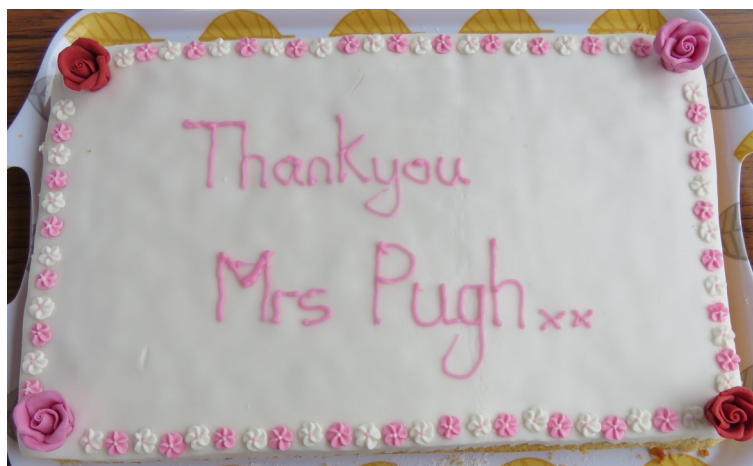
P& F Slip n Slide - Good shot Jack!

Staff Goodbyes

We said a final farewell to Mrs Pugh, our midday meals supervisor, yesterday. Mrs Pugh has worked at the school for thirty nine and a half years as a lollipop lady for (23 years), as a cook and a midday meals supervisor.

Her association with the school spans over seventy years and started when she came to our school aged five. All of her children have been at our school too.

She had a lovely last shift with us (we didn't make her work) where all of the children and staff had lunch with her outside. She received lovely presents and flowers from the staff too. The children sang her a song which touched her deeply and the celebrations ended with everyone having a piece of her celebration cake which was made for her by Mrs Page and decorated by Mrs Lawrence. We will all miss Mrs Pugh - a hardworking and reliable employee and practically part of the furniture. Mrs Pugh promised to visit us.



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Staff Goodbyes cont...

We also said goodbye to Mrs Ballard who has had an association with the school for several years. Mrs Ballard has been a parent, governor, breakfast club assistant, midday meals supervisor and catering assistant in her time with us. Mrs Ballard is re-locating to Dorset and we will all miss her - keep in touch!



Miss Weeks leaves us today for a bigger school nearer to her home. She was presented with leaving gifts from the staff and a lovely card signed by all of the children and staff. We will all miss her and wish her well in the next stage of her teaching career. I am sure she will keep in touch with us all and hopefully pop back to visit us.



Leavers' Assembly

Today we held our last celebration assembly of the year to say goodbye to our Year 6 children.

Mrs Saunders and the children prepared a brilliant Power Point presentation along the theme of Harry Potter and the 'sorting hat'. Every child also had the chance to share special memories about themselves and their friends. Many tissues were needed but there were lots of hugs and laughter!

Scarlet, our Reading Challenge winner, also received her beautiful bike this morning. Many thanks to RM Cycles of Tenterden for so generously helping us to provide this wonderful prize.

Congratulations to all our award winners in other year groups too. A huge thank you to our now retired governor, Mr Ashley Goodhew, for presenting the awards.



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Attendance & Punctuality

Woweeeee! Fantastic news...

We have smashed our Attendance target this year by a whole 1.0%. Our target was 96% and we have ended the year on 97.05%. This is our best ever attendance and in line, or better than, outstanding schools.

Well done and thank you to everyone: staff, children and parents.

Attendance medals were awarded to the children yesterday for attendance from the start of the academic year.

32 Bronze Medals



16 Gold Medals



29 Silver Medals



15 Platinum Medals



Class	Percentage Attendance
Potter	98.7
Nightingale	92.0
Darwin	97.7
Pankhurst	98.0
Shakespeare	97.9
Churchill	100

The 100% attendance children for Term 6 had their bounce to-day too, It's been a great week for school attendance!

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Welly Walk

Our Welly Walk total raised so far is £1143.95. Fantastic! If there is any more money to come in, please bring it in, in September.

Achievements

Well done and congratulations to Morgan Ling for passing his Drum exam last week. Mum and Dad are very proud of you, as are we.

Diary Dates



In memory of Pete Hacking.

THE WHITE HART, NEWENDEN
Beer & Music Festival 2019
Sat 20th & Sun 21st July

 **Raising money for**
Cancer Research UK & Team Ben Hammond

A fun family weekend!

*** Real Ale* *Local Cider* *Festival Food***
Facepainting* *Charity Raffle

The Sandhurst Primary School Choir will
be singing at 1.45pm on Sunday!
Come & support them!

FREE ENTRY!

 **CANCER RESEARCH UK**  **TEAM BEN HAMMOND**

Raising money and awareness to support
annual heart screenings for young people.
www.teambenhammond.co.uk

The White Hart, Rye Road, Newenden, Kent TN18 5PN
Tel: 01797 252166

21st Jul	Choir singing at Beer Festival - White Hart, Newenden
	End of Term
22nd Jul	INSET Day (children not in school)
23rd Jul	INSET Day (children not in school)
2nd Sept	INSET Day (children not in school)
3rd Sept	Children back to school

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