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# **NEWSLETTER**

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# **Churchill Class Update**



Churchill Class has had an extremely busy term.

At the start of term, the children enjoyed a morning in Windmill Woods learning about Stone Age survival skills. They enthusiastically built shelters, made spears and mixed their own cave paints to create the type of pictures Stone Age people used in order to communicate and tell stories. Despite the rain, the children really enjoyed being in the woods and remained fully engaged in all activities, particularly the spear

competition between tribes! This was a great introduction to our topic and has been the inspiration for our English writing this term.

We have written newspaper reports, created an information leaflet and used persuasive language to create posters and a voice-over script to advertise the benefits of a bow and arrow. This was quite a challenge!

We have studied the history of the Stone Age and when it occurred in relation to other major periods in history; we have studied the different challenges of survival for early man; and we discovered how tools changed during the Stone Age to make hunting more successful.



In maths, we have covered percentages, algebra, converting units, area and perimeter.







Enjoyment Challenge Independence Confidence Resilience

### **Churchill Class Update Cont...**

We have enjoyed the investigations in science, focusing on States of Matter and learning how liquids can turn into solids; for example, changing cream into butter. We also planned fair tests and even made elephant's toothpaste, which was very messy! We looked at particles in solids, liquids and gas and the effects of putting salt on ice cubes.

Our RE lessons have involved learning about the concepts of justice and freedom. We had some great discussions in which we compared issues of injustice and unfairness throughout the world to those in our own lives!

We enjoyed developing techniques with chalk pastels and charcoal to create Stone Age style illustrations and we have painted Stone Age images on stones, using acrylics.

As well as all this learning, most of us went to the O2 in London and had an amazing time last week. This week, we have braved all kinds of weather to take our Bikeability cycle training and we had a great time at Forest School where we enjoyed Mr Digby's eggy bread and Mr Wiggins taught us to tie reef knots.

What a fantastic term Churchill Class has had!











# **Y6 Bikeability**









Well done to Churchill Class on completing their Bikeability course this week. Despite the rain and wind, the children kept smiling and behaved impeccably for their instructors.

It was really super to see their confidence in cycling grow as the week progressed too.



## **Pankhurst Assembly**

Congratulations to Pankhurst Class for producing such a polished performance on Thursday morning. Children, staff and parents were treated to a Stone Age themed assembly that included music, dance, drama and amazing facts!





## **Attendance and Punctuality**

| Class       | Percentage |
|-------------|------------|
|             | Attendance |
| Potter      | 90%        |
| Nightingale | 99%        |
| Darwin      | 95.4%      |
| Pankhurst   | 97.6%      |
| Shakespeare | 94.4%      |
| Churchill   | 100%       |

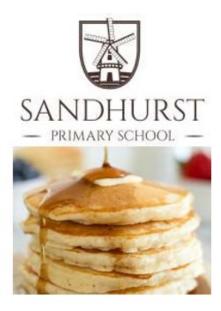
Well done to Churchill, winners for this week with one hundred percent attendance!

Our attendance improved yet again this week. Well done to everyone for doing their best to be in school.

This means that we now have twenty two children under 90% attendance—a decrease of 2 more children from last week.

Well done, Team Sandhurst and enjoy a lovely, healthy half term break.

# Pancake Day at Sandhurst



Pancake Day

On Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February we will be providing the child with pancakes and a selection of toppings.

Please could you fill out the form below so that we can be aware of any allergies or requirements and return the form to the Parents Teachers and Friends letter box in the office.

If you do not return the slip we will assume that your child can enjoy a pancake with the toppings that we be provided.

Thanks
Parents Teacher and Friend Committee.



### **Community News**

Sure Start Children's Centres

Sumbridge Wells







# <u>Mum & Baby YOGA</u>



#### Supported by our Children's Centre staff

Mum & Baby yoga classes are a great way for mothers and babies to bond, stretch and strengthen, as well as relax together in a calm, supported and safe space.

Classes are suitable for Mums who are completely new to yoga, as well as those with some experience, and for babies from approximately 8 weeks - 8 months (pre-crawling).

All equipment provided, and of course you can feed or change your baby whenever needed.

Wear comfortable clothing and bring a water bottle and a blanket for baby to lie on.

#### When:

Term Time following our Baby Stay & Play Session (9.30-11.00)

Course 1 (6 weeks): Monday 24 February - Monday 30 March

Course 2 (5 weeks): Monday 20 April - Monday 18 May Course 3 (6 weeks): Monday 8 June - Monday 13 July

> Time: 11.15-12.00

### Where:

Paddock Wood Children's Centre, Wesley Centre, TN12 6DS

To book, please ring Paddock Wood Children's Centre on 03000 411 035



## **Diary Dates**

14th Feb End of Term 3

24th Feb Start of Term 4

27th Feb VIP Bounce

4th/5th Mar School Book Fair

6th Mar Book Week—Dress Up Day

10th Mar Parents Evening 4-6.30pm

11th Mar Parents Evening 3.30—5.50pm

13th Mar Sports Relief Day

24th Mar WOKKSA Netball

30th Mar Rock Steady Concert

1st Apr Easter Service and End of Term 4

16th Apr Term 5 Begins and VIP Bounce

20th Apr Chicks arrive in Potter Class

30th Apr Class Photos

11-14th May SATs Week

18-22nd May Sports Day

22nd May End of Term 5

