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NEWSLETTER

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Whole School Update



I would like to start our newsletter by thanking each and every one of our children, staff, parents and helpers who have helped us to get through this term in such a safe and successful manner.

Our children have been such stars - from queuing in the morning, adapting to class 'bubbles', sanitising and washing hands, working hard to 'catch up' missed learning, adapting to changes around school and taking part in 'zoom' assemblies - I am immensely proud of them all! It has been lovely to hear their happy voices and the sound of laughter through school once again. In particular, the newest members of our school have settled wonderfully.

Parents and Friends—thank you, too, for your support and patience as we all come to terms with the 'new normal' and adapt to keep everyone safe. We also appreciate your help in completing homework (photographing and uploading to Dojo too); sending children in with the correct clothing, coats and forest school clothes; and even remembering disposable packed lunches. You have been amazing!

My biggest thanks though must go to the staff of our wonderful school. I cannot even begin to tell you how many changes and how much government legislation we have had to cope with. Guidance changes on a daily basis and it has seemed impossible to keep up at times, but they have. On top of this, they have adapted to new technology and new means of communication, kept themselves and your children safe and well, supervised lunches and playtimes and prepped fantastic lessons, always with a smile on their faces. Go Team Sandhurst!

Going forwards into next term and a potential increase in the virus across Kent and East Sussex, we plan to keep class 'bubbles' and start and finish times as they are. Breakfast Club and after school clubs also need to remain as they are in order for us to maximise the chances of staying open. We would still appreciate anyone on site wearing a mask or visor, and wherever possible, to phone the office rather than visiting in person. Have a restful half term, stay safe and thank you once again.



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Potter Class Update



I cannot explain how proud we are of Potter Class and how well they have settled into Sandhurst Primary School life.

From no tears at drop off, to learning how to line up, eating lunch in the hall and getting to know other children and adults in the class, the youngest children in the school have blown us away!

Our theme this term has been 'Marvellous Me'. We have talked about our bodies and even made pictures of skeletons. We read about 'Lola', who didn't like many foods, so we also shared what our likes and dislikes were, and made delicious fruit kebabs. We can learn so much through play. Can you spot the turn taking, being brave, taking risks, and feeling proud of our achievements in the photos?



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Nightingale Class Update



Wow! We have had a such a brilliant start to our year in Nightingale Class. The children have settled in and adapted to the new routines brilliantly. We are so pleased to see how much progress the children are making after being away from school for such a long time.

It has been great to start the year with trips to Forest School. We have loved experiencing new things in the woods and learning new skills. The children have been learning about World War Two and have really enjoyed relating it to our lives in the present, they particularly enjoyed making chocolate spread using a war time recipe that needed mashed potato!



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Darwin Class Update



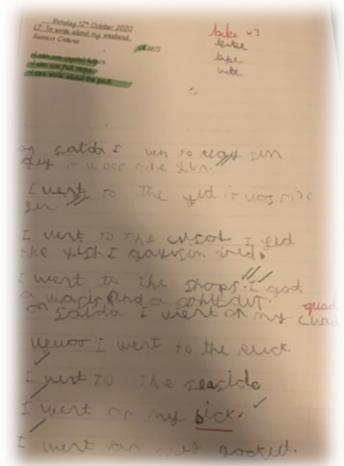
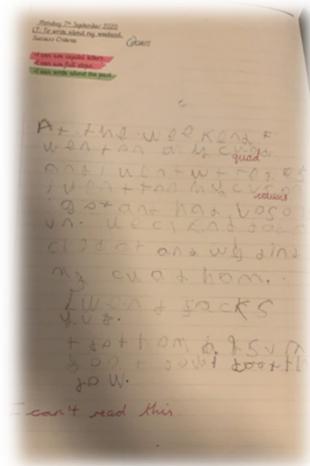
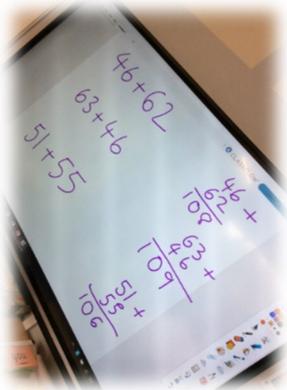
We have had a great start to the year! Mrs Cackett and I are so proud of Darwin Class. Well done for settling in! At times, it has been challenging as we have been out of the loop for a little while, but we are now settled, back on track and ready to learn!

I have seen fantastic progress already in hand-writing, spelling, counting and reading!

Thank you to those who work hard at home as well.

The children have really thrived in their topic this term - World War II. They have enjoyed watching old videos, looking at maps and old photographs and empathising with children from the war

Keep up the good



child-time.

First 100 High Frequency Words
in frequently order reading down the columns

the	that	not	look	put
and	with	then	don't	could
a	all	were	come	house
to	we	go	will	old
said	car	little	into	too
in	are	as	back	by
he	up	no	from	day
I	had	mum	children	made
of	my	one	Kim	time
it	her	them	Mr	I'm
was	what	do	get	if
you	there	me	just	help
they	out	down	now	called
on	this	dad	came	Mrs
she	have	big	oh	here
is	went	when	about	off
for	be	it's	got	asked
at	like	see	their	saw
this	some	looked	people	make



work,



Darwin!

Pankhurst Class Update



We have made an incredible start to Year 4. I consider myself so lucky to be teaching at Sandhurst and to have such a wonderful class of hard working, bright, thoughtful and adventurous students.



We have explored place value, adding and subtracting; written countless stories, articles and creative pieces; played with sound, dived inside a real computer; and created paintings and collages. We have learned so much about World War Two. I'm surprised nobody's brain has melted yet.



I hope you all have a wonderful relaxing half



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Shakespeare Class Update

Hello from Shakespeare Class.

We have been very busy this term and have produced some amazing work in all areas of the Curriculum. In maths we have been learning all about place value in numbers as big as 1,000,000! English has been linked to our topic and we have been reading a book called 'Letters from the Lighthouse'; it's really exciting! Here are some photographs of us at work...



In science, we have been learning about sound. This was an investigation into how sound travels through gas, solids and liquids.



We have produced some amazing art this year. These are our Pop Art style self portraits in the style of Roy Lichtenstein. In DT, we built Anderson Shelters



We have also been lucky enough to go to Windmill Woods every Wednesday. We have made fires, built dens, created clay pots, made natural dyes and some excellent sculptures. Thank you to Mr Wiggins and Mr Powell for being such great helpers.



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Churchill Class Update

Churchill Class has had a fantastic start to the new term.

We were excited to welcome all children back to school and are delighted that our lovely new Churchill children have settled well in school. It has been a very busy first term with everyone getting to know each other and settling back into school routines.



The children are enthusiastic about our new topic, WW2 and this has been the inspiration for our English, GPS, history, geography and art this term.

We began the term with lots of well-being activities. Can you tell who is behind the mask? Churchill Class has also created some amazing Blitz artwork. They have learnt about colour theory and perspective. They enjoyed developing techniques with oil pastels and mixing paints to create secondary colours, shades and hues. The children learnt drawing and shading skills and then put these skills into their wonderful drawings of a Spitfire.



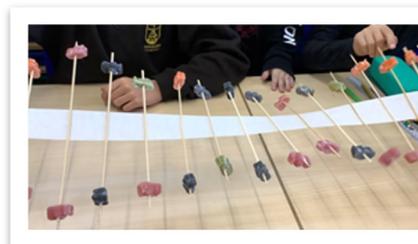
In science, we have been learning about sound in science and made our own soundwave.

Churchill have been learning how a growth mindset can support their learning. We know that making mistakes means we are learning and we have seen wonderful examples of children persevering, keeping a growth mindset and being delighted by their achievements. Well done Churchill Class. We have also voted and elected our new School Council members and

have announced our House Captains this week.

We have been very impressed by the empathy and kindness the children have shown when playing with their new Reception buddies. The Year 6 and Reception children are a credit

to our school, displaying the school values at all times. Well done



everyone;
we are all so
proud of
you!



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School Council



Children from each class have now voted for their School Council representatives for each class.

Meetings will start after half term.

Potter Class will vote for their representatives after Christmas once they have got to know each other better.

House Captains



Congratulations our new House Captains!

BODIAM— Arrabella and Oscar

DOVER—Etienne and Mason

LEEDS—Rhys and Imogen

HEVER—Maisy and Felix

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Fundraising for Fegans

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our non-uniform fund raiser on Friday 16th October. Altogether we raised over £151 which will be sent to Fegans to help further support the work that they do with families and schools in the local area.

Fegans 
Counselling Children, Supporting Parents

Potters win attendance prize for this half term.

Although attendance has been tricky this term (for obvious reasons), we have been extremely pleased with the effort made by all children and their parents to come into school whenever they can. As a result, learning in school has got off to a flying start this year. Well done, everyone!

One class has had the best attendance of any class though and that is Potter Class. All the more amazing because they are our youngest children. Altogether they have had five whole weeks out of eight when their attendance has been one hundred percent—AMAZING!

On Friday, Potter Class will celebrate with a special themed dress-up afternoon to celebrate.

School Matters!



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

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News from our PTFA

How are we at the end of Term 1 already? Everyone seems to have settled into the new normal and although it would appear the PTFA hasn't been up to much this term, we have been putting our heads together (socially distanced of course) behind the scenes to see what activities and events can be held for the children in a Covid safe way, going forward. It would be great to hold some events for the children in the build up to Christmas and try to make a bit of money for the school at the same time.

For those parents/carers new to the school, historically we have had a very active Parents, Teachers and Friends Association even if it's all been a bit quiet so far this year. For a small school, we have great fund-raising efforts that are enjoyed by all. The PTFA is a registered Charity which raises funds to support the school. Funds raised by the PTFA are intended to provide extras which are not already provided by the school's main income – often fun things that enrich learning. Despite losing four months due to Covid, last year was successful. Between September and March, we managed to make over £1,800 profit from all the events held, which the school and children will directly benefit from. We are in discussions with the school at the moment to see where this money can be best spent.

We plan to hold our AGM early next term. This will be a virtual event over Zoom (or a similar platform) and a confirmed date/time will be published soon. It would be lovely to get as many people involved in this meeting as possible. By attending the meetings there is no commitment to be formally involved in the PTFA, but if anyone does fancy being part of the committee, please do let us know. We will be looking to recruit new committee members this year so if you are interested in any of the roles (Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary) please let Mrs Norman/the school office know ahead of the meeting. It's a great way to support the school and meet other parents/carers who may not be in the same class as your child(ren).

Finally, and hopefully this won't come across as cheeky but, this is a very unusual year for everyone and for the PTFA. We have already lost some fund raising opportunities by not being able to hold the Halloween disco, trick or treat tombola or our fabulous Big Bang Fireworks display. We are asking if any families could make a voluntary donation to the PTFA to boost funds a bit for this year. We are aware of the pinch many families may be feeling due to the pandemic but every penny we can raise will really benefit the school and children. If you feel you can do this, it would be so greatly appreciated. Bank details can be provided.

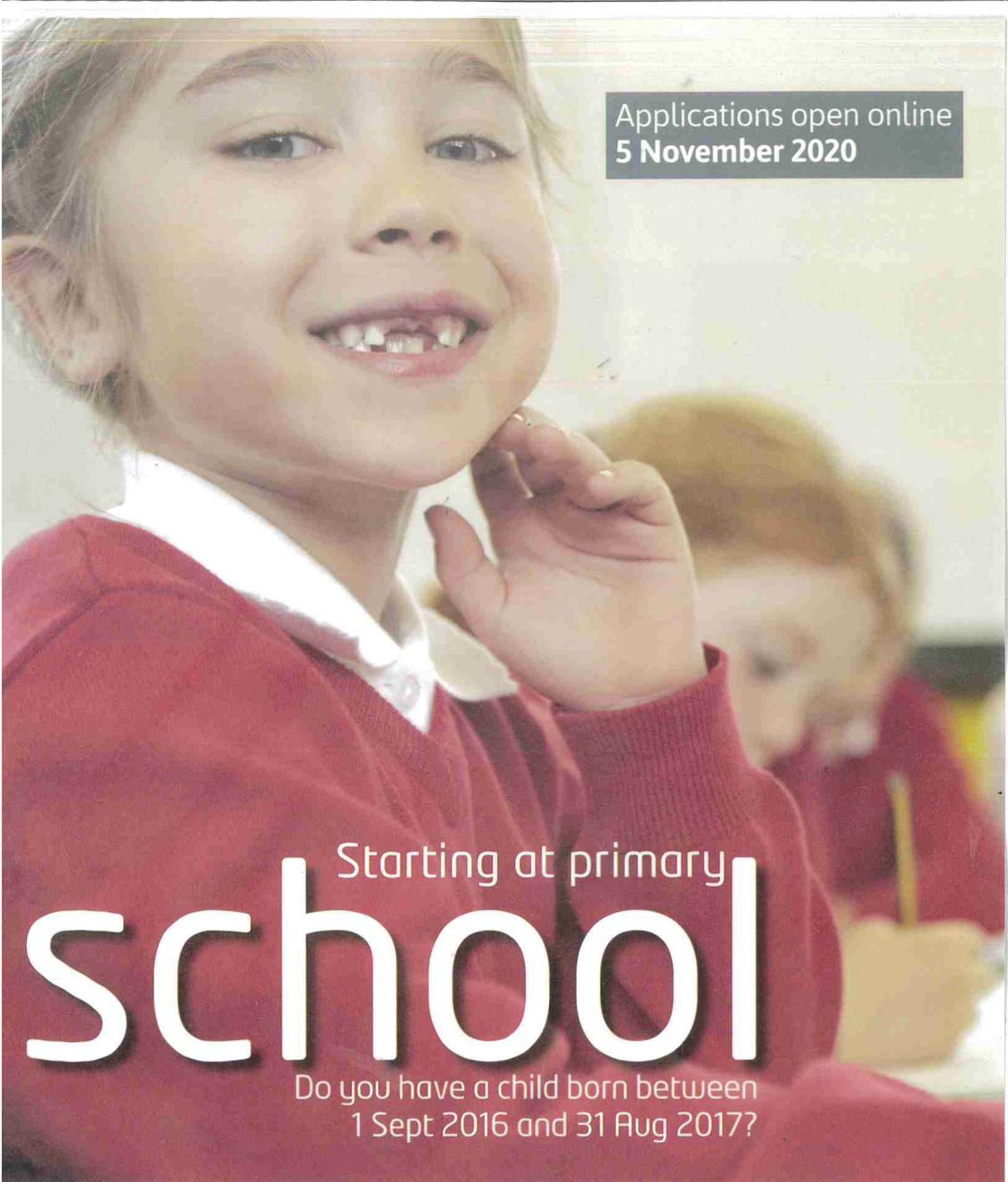
Rest assured though, we are working hard to try and ensure some of the Christmas favourites can still run (even if in a slightly different format to normal) and we are looking forward to a time when we can hold some of our fantastic events again.

So watch this space for news of any PTFA events early next term and we really look forward to seeing all of you who can make our virtual AGM.



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Admission to Sandhurst Primary School



Applications open online
5 November 2020

Starting at primary
school

Do you have a child born between
1 Sept 2016 and 31 Aug 2017?

Apply for their place at primary school at:
kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions

The full information booklet can be viewed online at: kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions
If you require a paper application form or information booklet call **03000 41 21 21**

You must submit one application per child **before 15 Jan 2021**



PTFA



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To buy tickets, visit: bigptaraffle.co.uk
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Don't delay - tickets are limited

It is illegal for anyone under 16 years of age to purchase or sell raffle tickets. Anyone under 16 years of age who buys a ticket for the Big PTA Raffle 2020 will immediately forfeit the right to any prize. Closing date 7th Dec 2020. A raffle is a form of gambling. If you, or someone you know, needs information and/or help with a problem gambling, please call GamCare on 0845 6000 133 or visit www.gamcare.org.uk

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Community

TRICK OR TREAT- FUNDRAISER

HALLOWEEN YOGA!



FRIDAY 30TH OCT 15:30 -17:00

BENENDEN

AGES 5-10YRS

SPOOKY YOGA

SPOOKY CRAFT

TAKE HOME TREAT!

All profits going to the HOPE for AMBER appeal

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October 2020 Holiday Camps!

Multi-Activity Holiday Camps for your children!

Our Holiday Camps provide a safe, fun and social place for your child to be throughout this half term. We've designed our Holiday Camps with safety in mind: grouped bubbles, reduced numbers & much more!

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Diary Dates

20 th - 23rd Oct	Virtual Parent Consultations
13th Nov	Children in Need – non-school uniform
20 th Nov	School Photographer - Individual Photos
11 th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
15 th Dec	Christmas Lunch Day
16 th , 17 th & 18 th Dec	Bubble Christmas Parties

Term 3

Starts	Monday 4 th January 2021
Ends	Friday 12 th February 2021

Term 4

Starts	Monday 22 nd February 2021
Ends	Thursday 1 st April 2021

Term 5

Starts	Thursday 19 th April 2021
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Bank Holiday **Monday 3rd May 2021**

Ends	Friday 28 th May 2021
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Term 6

Starts	Monday 7 th June 2021
INSET	18th June, 19th, 20th, 21st July 2021
Ends	Friday 16 th July 2021

