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# NEWSLETTER

December 2020

## Whole School Update

As we end the longest term, in what has been the longest and strangest year, it seems only fitting to celebrate the hard work and perseverance of our team at Sandhurst.



Staff and children have been ever more inventive in their efforts to help keep our little community safe and learning. Despite the risks, we have worked in our 'bubbles' to film a fantastic Nativity, enjoyed parties and a Christmas meal, as well as all normal daily school learning opportunities. We have also continued to hold fund raising days for the Royal British Legion, Children in Need, Save the Children and Demelza House, still managed forest school days and many, many PE and well-being activities outside in the fresh air. We even had some snow!

As always, we need to say a huge thank you to all of our parents, children, staff and governors, who have worked so very hard to support us in school. Thank you also to Tesco, Waitrose and Jempsons, who 'gifted' us Christmas crackers for our school lunch. We would also like to say thank you to our lovely team of governors, who showered us with thank you cards and an amazing amount of chocolate – all to say thank you!



All that remains, is for me to wish on behalf of all the staff, a wonderful, safe and happy Christmas.

Take care everyone, keep safe and see you in the New Year on Monday 4th January 2021.



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## Potter Class Update

Potter Class started Term Two by celebrating Bonfire Night. We made the stage outside into a bonfire night party, with delicious food and drinks for sale. The children really enjoyed role playing this event and even made their own firework display with loose parts.

Throughout the term, we have been ensuring that everyone really has the hang of numbers. We have identified amounts up to 5 and practised writing the corresponding numbers.

The children have also enjoyed our 'Toys' theme; reading Paddington Bear, led us to making marmalade sandwiches, and then thinking about our favourite cuddly toys. Potter Class have progressed so well with their phonics, they are even starting to write simple letters and sounds to make labels.

We are so proud of the Potter's independence and growth in class! Keep up the hard work!



## Nightingale Class Update



What a fantastic second term we have had in Nightingale Class. The children have loved our continued topic of World War Two. They particularly liked making timelines of their own lives as well, thank you for the baby pictures.

They have enjoyed learning about the fashion and music from the 1940s, with a particular interest in the style of dancing.

I am so proud of the progress they are making with their reading and writing. I can see the efforts in practising reading is really having an impact so a big thank you for your support at home.

The children have written some fabulous pieces of writing this term. We have written interviews with Goldilocks which was especially fun to role play!

In maths, they have continued to 'wow' me with their efforts and perseverance—we have some super mathematicians in our class! Our science this term is a 'weather art' topic and we have produced some fantastic wind socks and sun catchers. They are really enjoying the topic and it is fascinating to draw out the prior knowledge the children have on this topic.

I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and I cannot wait to have more fun and adventures in the new year.



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## Darwin Class Update



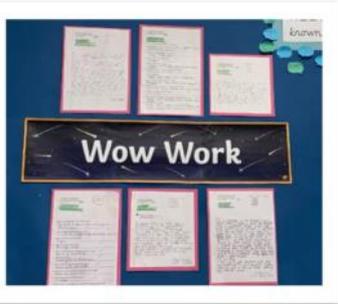
Darwin have had a fantastic Term Two at school. I have been so impressed with the resilience children have shown through assessment week and generally working hard in every lesson.

We have been lucky enough to have Forest School weekly this term and what a great time to go down to the woods! We have seen autumn and winter unfold- I have enjoyed my very first Forest School experience thank you to Miss Abel, Mr Digby and Darwin Class.

We have continued with World War II this term. The children have been very mature and understanding during this topic. We have covered subjects such as the Blitz, Anne Frank, jobs and roles and much more! We also focused on Remembrance Day and took part in a lovely service. Not only have we learnt about World War II for topic, we have managed to link our art to it!

The children have made good progress in their reading, writing and maths, particularly times tables. I am very grateful for those who send in the weekly homework - it really does pay off to complete it!

Thank you for your continued support during a challenging time. Have a lovely Christmas and please don't hesitate to contact me via Dojo if you have any questions.



## Pankhurst Class Update

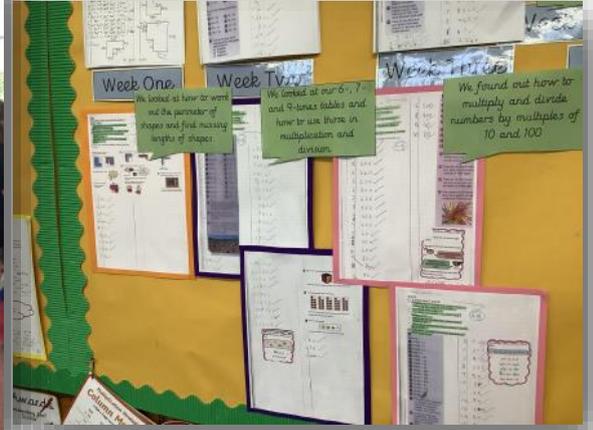
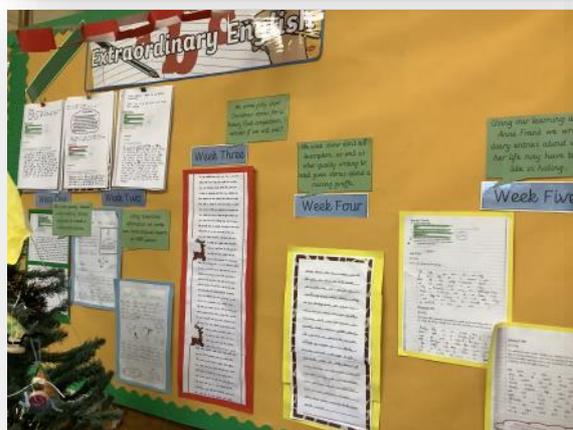


Merry Christmas one and all!

What a term we have had in Pankhurst Class. We have learned loads, had a lot of fun, and are all definitely ready for a festive break. Our WWII topic has given us a lot to think about and produced some amazing work, some you can see on our picture. We have done a whole host of writing and maths, too much to picture here!

We have studied different artists and made some beautiful art pieces, finished with our sound in science, with a whole load of experiments taken place and also produced an amazing Christmas play so huge thank you for Ms Boriani for being our lead director.

Well done to every single member of the class, have a restful break, and let's keep up the hard work next term! - Mr Pickford.



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## Shakespeare Class Update

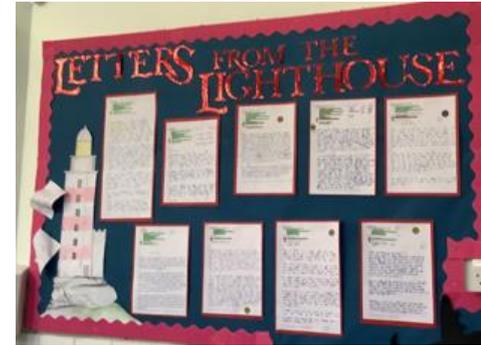


Greetings from Shakespeare Class!

As you can see from our pictures we have been very busy. Our topic of World War Two has given us the opportunity for lots of fantastic work. We have created timelines, written fact files and completed a variety of art and DT projects: we don't have room to share them all here! Our English book is also set in World War Two and we have composed some wonderful writing in a variety of genres.

In science we have been experimenting with sound, it has been quite a noisy time, but we have drawn some impressive graphs and learnt all about fair tests.

We are also a class of keen mathematicians and have been working hard to develop our reasoning skills.



It was lovely to see the children able to come together in the playground for Remembrance, some of them proudly wearing their uniforms from various clubs. It was a very moving experience as some of the children shared the poems they had written.

As soon as we hit December, Christmas arrived in Shakespeare Class: in fact we have been studying Christmas in RE since we returned to school in November! Thanks to Mrs Brinsley our class door looks fantastic! We have also been entertained by those naughty elves who filled Robbie's tray with 'Elf pee'!

We have been working our socks off since returning to school in September and wish you all a very happy Christmas!



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# Churchill Class Update



Christmas greetings to everyone.

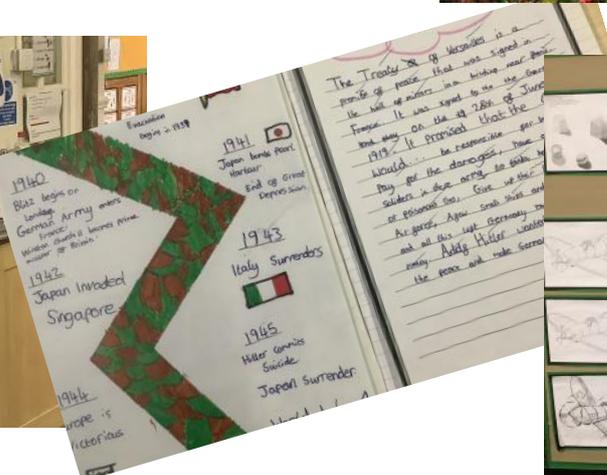
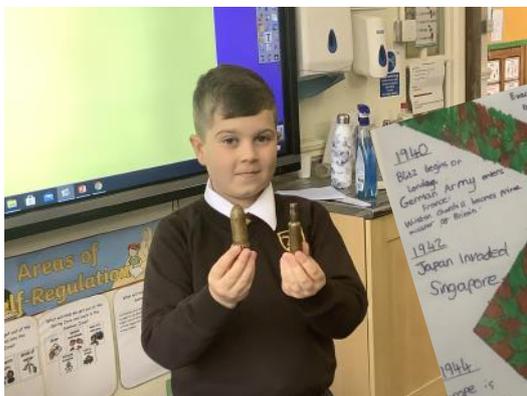
We have had a fantastic Term Two in Churchill Class. Everyone has been really engaged and enjoying our WW2 topic which has enabled the children to produce some fantastic work.

Churchill Class are keen mathematicians who enjoy problem solving and challenges.

The children have produced some amazing art work and have really enjoyed our science topic on sound. We have been lucky to have The Salus Group workshops on well being this term which has helped us all find our 'happy place'.

We are so proud of how the children are looking after and reading to their buddy's in Potter Class. We have lots of great presentations from the children as part of our wellbeing. It has been wonderful to find out what the children really enjoy doing out of school. The children are delighted to see the naughty elves back in school and seeing what antics they are getting up to!

Well done to everyone in the class and we hope you all keep well and enjoy a well-earned break. Let's hope Father Christmas comes to us all.



## Christmas Performance



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## Christmas Pantomime



World's first live interactive pantomime to be broadcast in schools worldwide

It isn't the same as going to the Pantomime at Hastings at all but we are still looking forward to a chance to watch Cinderella this week in school.

## Potters win attendance prize for this half term again!

Although attendance has continued to be difficult 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.

After Christmas, Potters will have a lovely treat. Well done.

## School Matters!



**Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow**

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## Christmas Lunch



Thank you to our lovely catering team this term. They have worked extremely hard under some challenging conditions to serve wonderful meals every day. Special thanks must go to them for producing a magnificent feast on Christmas Lunch Day too.

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## News from our PTFA

It's been a quieter than normal term 1 & 2 for the PTFA, having missed out on some of our big fundraisers during this time. We were so happy to be able to hold the Christmas Shopping for the children at the end of November and would like to extend our thanks to all parents and carers for following the guidance on this event to allow it to happen safely for us all. We hope you are all happy with the presents the children have chosen for you when you open them on Christmas morning. Also a huge thank you to all the staff for their participation in running this virtual shopping event, it really was a whole team effort. Being able to hold the Christmas Shopping means we have been able to raise valuable funds for the school but more than that it's a really fun occasion for the children. We hope to be back in the hall with our festive jumpers and Christmas music for the shopping next year.

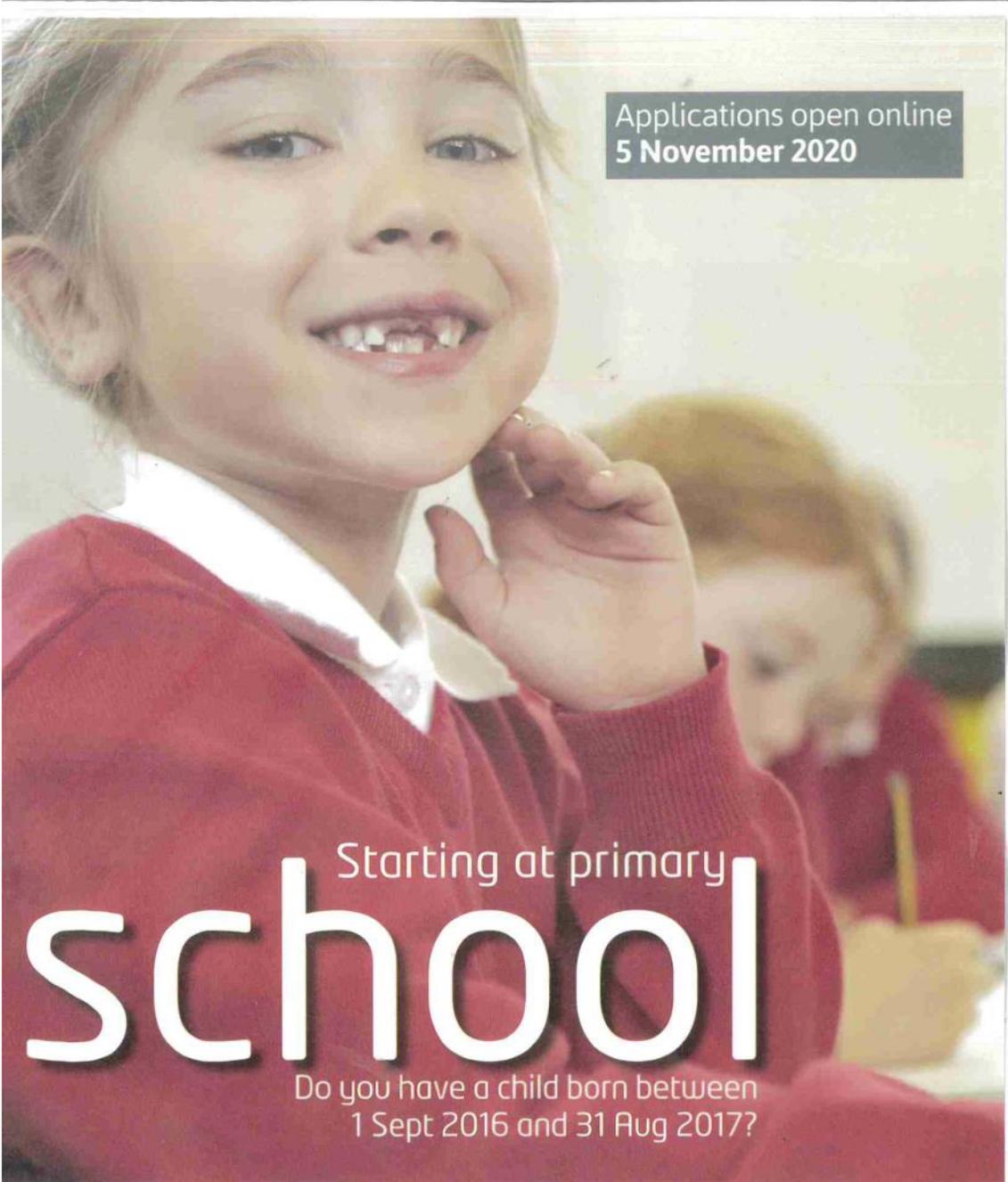
We were overwhelmed with the support of the Big PTFA Raffle, which raised £160 for the school. We haven't heard of any Sandhurst winners yet but there is still time so keeping our fingers crossed for everyone who brought tickets.

We haven't managed to have our zoom meeting yet but hopefully next term we will be able to fix a date. Please keep an eye on Facebook and dojo for this.

Finally, we wish you all a very happy Christmas. Please stay safe and fingers crossed 2021 brings the return some of our much loved and much missed events.



## 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](https://kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions)

The full information booklet can be viewed online at: [kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions](https://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**



## Children in Need



Thank you so much to everyone who donated to Children in Need in exchange for wearing non school uniform . We raised an amazing £167.90.

## Poppy Appeal

Fantastic effort for the Poppy Appeal this year. We raised the most we have ever raised from selling poppies and gifts £205.90!

Well done everyone.



## Christmas Jumper Day



It was lovely to see staff and children in their Christmas Jumpers on Friday. It brightened up everyone's day and together we raised a fantastic £152.72!

## Demelza House

Every year, most staff donate to Demelza House Children's Hospice instead of writing each other cards. We have raised £50.55 for them this year. Thank you to a parent who added to our donation instead of her son sending cards to friends.

The donation is always very gratefully received.



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## Diary Dates

19th Dec-3rd Jan          Christmas Holidays

### Term 3

4th Jan                  Children Back to School  
21st Jan                Reception Height / Weight Check  
Ends                    Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021

### Term 4

Starts                  Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021  
Ends                    Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021

### Term 5

Starts                  Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021  
**Bank Holiday          Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2021**  
Ends                    Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021

### Term 6

Starts                  Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021  
**INSET                  18<sup>th</sup> June, 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021**  
Ends                    Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021

