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NEWSLETTER

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Whole School Update

We have had a wonderful start to the new academic year at Sandhurst Primary School. Twenty-two new children have been welcomed to Potter Class and they have made a fantastic transition from their nursery school, made friends with their buddies in Year 6 and really got to know our school and teachers.

We have also had the pleasure of welcoming some new children into other classes and they have settled in beautifully too. Churchill Class have successfully taken on the 'mantle' of leaders around school. Along with our newly appointed Head Boy, Thomas and Head Girl, Aya, we now have a wonderful set of House Captains and School Councillors. Thank you to our staff, children and families for making our school such a happy place to be.

Back in the classroom, all children are working hard - we have invested in a new curriculum called Cornerstones and some of the new topics have proved very interesting.

Other highlights for this term included the Harvest Festival and Churchill Class assembly - we loved welcoming parents and visitors back in to school again. We have had the first of our Open Mornings for parents looking for their child's school for next September 2023 already, and have further dates booked. Do come along if you are at all interested, we would be delighted to welcome you to our school community! Please see our poster in this Newsletter for details of timings and dates. Thank you to all of our parents / grandparents and local villagers who have allowed us to erect advertising boards at their properties. This is a great way to inform future parents.

We are also looking forward to our Big Bang firework display on 5th November. If you want to join us, do hurry as tickets are selling fast.

Please do access our website for more news, our weekly newsletter and photos. www.sandhurst.kent.sch.uk

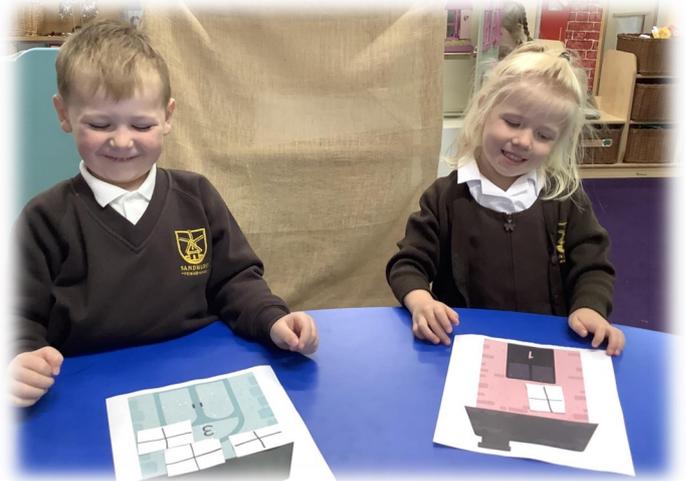


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Potter Class Update



Congratulations Potter Class on completing your first term at Sandhurst Primary School. We are all so incredibly proud of how well you have settled in and how hard you have been working. Potter Class have spent this term exploring their new environment, learning our rules and routines and diving into their first term of phonics. Already the children have learnt lots of their Phase One sounds, and some of Potter Class can even segment and blend a few CVC words - what superstars! Following the children's lead, we have explored a variety of themes this term. We began learning all about each other and our lives and who lives in our house. More recently, we spent a week learning about Halloween. We enjoyed the book 'Room on the Broom' by Julia Donaldson, made magical potions, invented our own broomsticks and even investigated the inside of pumpkins. Well done, Potter Class, you deserve a lovely rest in half term!



Nightingale Class Update

Wow I cannot believe we are already at the end of our first term, time has flown!

Nightingale Class have fully immersed themselves into life in Year 1 and have really begun to flourish already. They have loved being historians and learning about the 1950s. I am amazed at the level of rich vocabulary they can use to describe the aspects of everyday life in the 50s, and how it is so different from today.

We have really enjoyed our science topic of 'Everyday Materials'. We have been on lots of material hunts around the school site and have also carried out some simple tests to investigate the properties of the materials. The children have been quite fascinated to learn about the difference between natural and man-made materials.

I have really enjoyed watching the children continue on their journey to become more established readers. We listen to them read as much as we can throughout the week and they are so eager to practise their skills. Thank you for your support at home with keeping up the enthusiasm for snuggling up with a good story book at the end of the day!

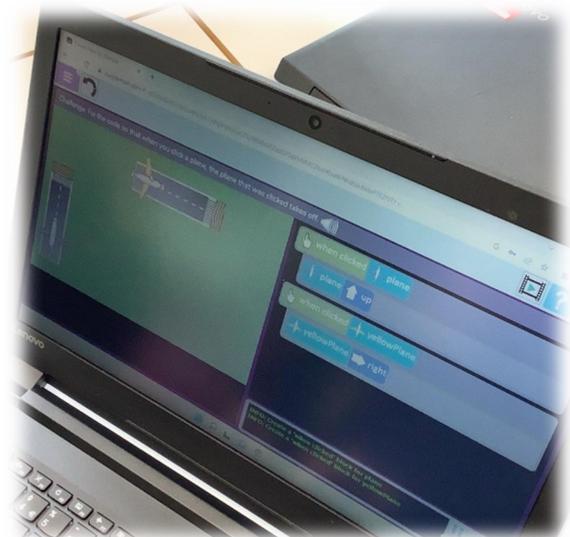
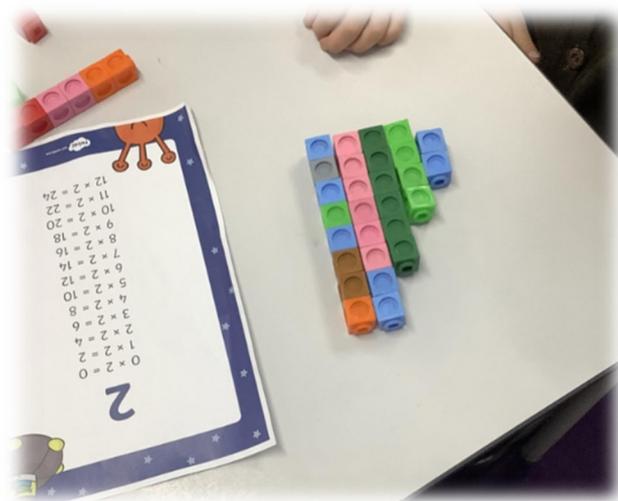
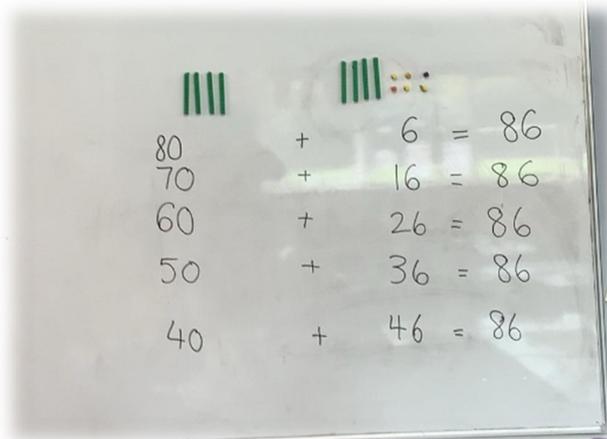
In maths we have been flying through our first big topic of place value. We are really embedding some crucial, basic skills all about 'numbers'. I am excited to see how my class of mathematicians can use this learning to support the next topic of addition and subtraction.

I hope you all have a lovely half term and look forward to seeing you when we return.



Darwin Class Update

What a fantastic start to the year Darwin Class have had! We have enjoyed lots of new learning as well as having bundles of fun! We kickstarted the year with a very interesting non-fiction book called “Little People, Big Dreams – Rosa Parks” where the children have based their learning and work in English and topic around. We have learnt all about the importance of Rosa Parks and how she has had an impact on life today. In maths, Darwin have enjoyed their place value unit and beginning to count in 2s, 5s and 10s using the ‘White Rose’ scheme of work. Children have learnt how to partition, use a place value chart, compare and order numbers and lots more! In Science, we have focused on keeping fit and healthy eating. Darwin have enjoyed carrying out experiments and pulling data together ready to read and analyse. Darwin Class have of course enjoyed using laptops during computing, learning all about new artists using new, different techniques in art and singing along to different genres of music through the ages! What a great first term, well done, Darwin!



Pankhurst Class Update

It has been a super first term in Pankhurst class. We settled into new routines and it has been lovely teaching pupils who I previously taught at the age of 4 and 5!

Our Topic this term has been 'Through the Ages'. We have thoroughly enjoyed learning about Stone Age tools and weapons, as well as settlements and landmarks such as Stonehenge. As you can see from our photos, making cave paintings with natural resources sourced in the garden, proved a huge hit.

We have also enjoyed our class text 'Stig of the Dump' and the children have based some of their writing on this story this term.

Linked to our Topic, in art we made some pots in the style of 'Bells Pottery'. It was great to see the children taking such care and pride in adding their designed patterns to their pots.

We have had a positive start to participation in our read and discover reward scheme, well done Pankhurst!

In our Music sessions the children have been mastering their skills when reading music and playing the glockenspiels.

It has been a fun term Pankhurst!



Shakespeare Class Update

Shakespeare Class have had a great first term back at school.

We have been working hard in maths, focussing on place value, addition and subtraction! We have knocked Mrs Bromfield's socks off in English lessons, which have been based on our class book: 'Erik the Viking'. Our topic is called 'Invaders' too and we have learnt about some of the different people who invaded Britain after the Romans left: where they came from and how they shaped our country.

We are an extremely creative class and have produced some exquisite watercolours, mixing our own colours based on famous paintings. We are also talented musicians, with Year 4 now able to play along to Mama Mia on the glockenspiels and Year 5 making great progress with the recorders. We also really enjoy our French lessons with Mrs Cackett and PSHE with Mrs Lawrence.



Churchill Class Update

What a fantastic start to year 6 life the Churchill Class of 2023 has had! We have been blown away by their enthusiasm, willingness and helpfulness. They are already rising to the challenge of being the eldest class and are always volunteering to help out around our school. Churchill Class are thoroughly enjoying being buddies to the new Potter Class children; they really look forward to their weekly reading sessions and their play leading duties!

It is not only around the school that Churchill Class are working exceptionally hard, the work they are producing in their lessons has been incredible. All the children are exceptionally engaged in our class text, "Freedom", which links to our topic this term, Maafa.

During our Forest School lessons, Churchill Class loved developing their tool skills further and always looked forward to the culinary treat Mr Digby would prepare on the fire! Thank you so much to Miss Abel, Mr Digby, Miss Lawrance and Miss Brinsley for our Forest School lessons.

Last week, we were joined by the Kent Fire and Rescue Service, as part of the "Re-start a Heart" campaign. During the session, the children learnt about CPR and how a defibrillator works.

This week, we were delighted to kick-off the return of "Class Assemblies". Again, the enthusiasm, willingness and support for each other as Churchill Class set to work writing their lines and rehearsing for our very own, one off special edition of "Good Morning Sandhurst" was fabulous!

Churchill Class have thoroughly missed Mrs Channon these past few weeks and want to wish her a very speedy recovery, and say a huge thank you to the rest of the Sandhurst Team who have been supporting Churchill in her absence.

All that is left to say is how exceptionally proud of the class we are, and looking forward to the year ahead...especially our Bewl Water Residential trip in March.



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News from our PTFA

Following a well-attended AGM in September, a new PTFA committee has been elected, along with a team of class and nursery reps who will work closely with the committee to arrange some exciting events going forward.

We are forging ahead with plans for the Big Bang Fireworks on 5th November. The event has been well supported so far with advance ticket sales. Tickets will also be available on the gate for anyone who doesn't manage to get them before the day. We are looking forward to seeing lots of you there. We are also asking for cake donations to sell at The Big Bang, a dojo with more information will be sent out after half term.

Don't forget Monday 31st October will be a Halloween non uniform day. In exchange for £1 (payable on the gate at the start of school) children can wear their spooky Halloween fancy dress, or if they'd rather their home clothes for the day.

Then, we have Christmas on the horizon and we are already planning for the Children's Christmas Shopping on 9th December and the Christmas Fair on 12th December.

Lots of exciting things to look forward to in Term 2 and we are all very excited about them.

SANDHURST PRIMARY SCHOOL
FAMILY FRIENDLY FIREWORKS DISPLAY
SATURDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 2022
GATES OPEN 5PM
For more details, please email ptfa@sandhurst.kent.sch.uk



THE BIG BANG

Tickets Prices	Sale of Glo Products
Family (2 x adult & 2 x children) £15 advance and £20 on the gate	Cake and Refreshments Available
Adult £6 in advance and £7.50 on the gate	No Sparklers allowed at the event.
Children (3-16) £3 in advance and £5 on the gate. Children aged 2 and under free	No Dogs on the site please
	No Alcohol or Smoking/Vaping on School Premises

children communication committee
fundraising PTA school
pupils staff parents
rewarding events organisation ideas
teachers

House Captains

Congratulations to our new
House Captains.

Bodiam—Blue

Dover—Green

Leeds—

Hever—



Fundraising for Fegans

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our non-uniform fund raiser on Friday 21st October. This was to support all children who struggle with their mental health. We raised £193.29 and this will be sent on to 'Fegans' to help further support the work that they do with families and schools in the local area.



Pankhurst Class win the attendance prize for this half term.

Although attendance has been slightly erratic this term (a nasty sickness bug and families taking late summer holidays have had an impact) 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 and especially to Pankhurst Class.

School Matters!



Harvest Festival

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the collection for our Harvest Festival service. All of the items were then taken to St Nicholas Church for their service on Harvest Sunday before being given to the 'Trussell Trust'. Lin and other Church members delivered the goods and said that the charity was extremely impressed with the amount donated. Thank you so much!



In school, we were very proud of all our children.

During the special assembly on harvest, they sang, read poems and readings as well as perform raps. This was the first time some children had ever performed in front of the whole school and an audience. They were amazing!

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Open Mornings at Sandhurst Primary

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Looking for a friendly, high achieving village school for your child?
We have Open Mornings on: Wednesday 5th October, Thursday 10th November, Tuesday 6th December & Wednesday 11th January.



Please phone 01580 850288 or email us at: office@sandhurst.kent.sch.uk to book a visit between 9:30 and 11:30am.

Visit our website: www.sandhurst.kent.sch.uk for more information.

Our School Values:

- Friendship
- Confidence
- Challenge
- Enjoyment
- Independence
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Aim High, Be Happy.

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Diary Dates

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24 th – 28 th Oct	October holiday
31 st Oct	Children back to school and Halloween themed or non-uniform day for £1.
5 th Nov	PTFA Firework Night
8 th Nov	Flu Immunisations for all year groups
10 th Nov	Open Morning
18 th Nov	Children in Need – non -school uniform
21 st Nov	Full Governing Body Meeting
28 th Nov - 2 nd Dec	Assessment Week
5 th Dec	KS1 Rehearsal 2pm
6 th Dec	Open Morning KS1 Nativity 2pm
7 th Dec	KS1 Nativity 2pm KS2 Rehearsal a.m.
8 th Dec	KS2 Nativity 2.00 p.m.
9 th Dec	KS2 Nativity 2.00 p.m.
9 th Dec	PTFA Children’s Christmas Shopping morning
12 th Dec	PTFA Christmas Bazaar 2pm – 4:30pm
14 th Dec	Christmas Lunch Day and Christmas Jumper Day
15 th Dec	KS1 and KS2 Christmas Parties
16 th Dec	Whole school to Pantomime Last Day of Term Christmas Holiday
4 th Jan	Children back to school
11 th Jan	Open Morning 9.30 -11.30

Community

A green poster with the text 'SOS Sandhurst of Tomorrow' and 'Safeguard our Sandhurst for the future'. The 'O' in 'SOS' contains a photograph of a clock tower. The text 'Sandhurst of Tomorrow' is written vertically on the right side. The main text is in white and green.

SOS

**Safeguard our Sandhurst
for the future**

SANDHURST CELEBRATED... Remember how we came together as a community for the Jubilee?

Now your community needs YOU!

Why? To help create a **Neighbourhood Plan** (a document which sets out your thoughts and wishes for the future of our village).

How can you help?
By coming and bringing your ideas to our village meeting on Saturday 22nd October at 10.30am in the Old School Hall, Back Road. Refreshments will be provided.

OR

We will be showing the film SING 2 (U rating) in the Social Club on 22nd October at 10.30am. Bring your child or children along and post your ideas in the box there! **An adult must remain with the child.**

Have your say either at the meeting or by dropping off your ideas into one of our post-boxes which will be placed in:

- Johnson's
- Service Station
- Kemp's
- The Primary School
- The Social Club
- The Swan
- The Mission Church
- The Old School Hall (black box at left hand side office door)

PTO.

Sandhurst of Tomorrow

Local and Events

Kent Fostering and Supported Homes are looking for new carers and hosts to join our outstanding fostering community in helping to care for some of Kent's most vulnerable children and young people.

If you feel that you would be able to help us or if you would like any further information please do get in touch.

03000 420 002
kentfostering.co.uk



Local and Events

 Kent, Surrey, Sussex
NEONATAL NETWORK

We need YOUR voices to shape the future of Neonatal Care!



We are looking for:

- Parents
- Carers
- Grandparents

Who have experienced neonatal care and have a passion to make a difference to join the KSS Parent Advisory Group.

We strive for **inclusive neonatal care** and would welcome members from **all communities**, including those who are under-heard i.e. **Dads/Partners**, **LGBTQ+**, **Ethnic Minorities** or **Parents with Disabilities**.



PARENT ADVISORY GROUP
KENT, SURREY AND SUSSEX
NEONATAL NETWORK

What kinds of things will you need to do?

- Attend regular PAG meetings in person and virtually
- Share your views and opinion's on neonatal care
- Share your journey
- Co-Produce information for the local units
- Join working groups to support service improvement for families

For more information contact:

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Parents and Family Engagement Lead for KSS ODN
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OR follow the QR code to express an interest

Local and Events



BECKLEY FARMERS' & CRAFT MARKET
JOIN US FOR OUR SPOOKY MARKET!
SUNDAY 23RD OCTOBER
10:00AM-12:30PM
TRICK OR TREAT
FANCY DRESS
FOR MORE INFORMATION FIND US ON FACEBOOK, CALL 07904 837751 OR EMAIL BECKLEYFARMERSMARKET@OUTLOOK.COM