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NEWSLETTER

March 2023

Whole School Update



Wow, what a busy term we have had. Despite the challenges of illness and rainy weather, Team Sandhurst has worked extremely hard to ensure that all our children have had a successful term.

We started off the term with Pancake Day celebrations; this was thanks to the PTFA and a kind donation from Tesco. We also had an amazing Book Week, raised over £600 in books for the school library, shared some super books and celebrated with a fantastic dressing-up day. Mother's Day celebrations included preparing bunches of daffodils



for someone special at home, hatching a batch of chicks, a Rock Steady concert, class photos, Bike-ability, the Year 6 residential trip to Bewl Water, Darwin Class assembly and, to finish, an Easter tombola and Church service. Thank you so much to everyone who has contributed to any of these events in some way or another.

Looking forwards, we have already started plans for sports day, celebrations for the King's

Coronation and a school fete. Please keep the day of Friday 26th May free if you can.

Have a restful Easter holiday, enjoy the sunshine if you can and please come back to us ready for another busy term of activities and assessments. Take care and stay safe.

We look forward to seeing everyone you back at school on Monday 17th April.

Happy Easter!



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Potter Class Update



What an incredible Term 4 Potter Class has had! We have thoroughly enjoyed immersing ourselves in all things 'Spring' with both our indoor and outdoor learning. We embarked on a spring walk around the school grounds and hunted for signs of Spring. We noticed some blossom on the trees, the daffodils in the fields and even some bees buzzing in the hedge-



rows. We were lucky to welcome our 'Living Eggs' into class and have spent two weeks watching six chicks hatch and grow. We certainly will miss their excited chirping each day!



We have made fantastic progress this term with our Early Learning Goals. We have continued to work on our whole school phonics scheme, 'Read, Write Inc', and we have excelled in both our reading and writing. Some of us are even writing short sentences with capital letters and full stops! In maths, we have enjoyed doubling numbers and measuring during our woodwork sessions. We have become experts at comparing lengths and weights using the correct mathematical language.



Mr Digby has been helping us to develop our gross motor skills during PE and we have been working hard on our ball skills for six weeks. We have learnt how to throw with one hand and catch with two and so many of us have become increasingly more accurate at hitting a target. Mrs Lucas has also been teaching us many different gymnastic techniques; we have balanced, rolled, jumped and travelled in a variety of ways and even explored the large apparatus. We wish you all a fabulous Easter holiday - stay safe!



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Nightingale Class Update

Wow! What a wonderful term we have had in Nightingale Class. The continuation of our topic 'Bright Lights, Big City' has been brilliant, especially towards the end of the term as we made our own London taxis and recreated The Great Fire of London by setting fire to our own model houses. We have learnt about giving directions using the points on a compass as well as learning more detail about London landmarks.

In maths, we have been working on our number from 20-50 and really becoming secure in our place value knowledge of two-digit numbers. The children are enjoying playing the 'one more, one less/ ten more, ten less' game a lot in class! During the last few weeks, we have enjoyed learning about measuring mass and volume of different items in the classroom.

Our science lessons have been incredibly hands on as we have been out every week measuring different aspects of the weather. The children even planned their own investigation by choosing the question they wanted to answer such as, 'Does it rain more at night?'

Finally I have to mention the fantastic efforts in both reading and Sumdog homework. Thank you so much for engaging so positively in reading at home. The children are becoming so proud of their Read and Discover awards for every ten reads.

I hope you all have a wonderful Easter holiday and we look forward to Term 5.



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Darwin Class Update

Darwin has had another great term. We have produced lots of amazing learning as well as having had the chance to go down to Windmill Woods every Wednesday. The children built dens, played games, created bits 'n' bobs in the craft area and tried a variety of foods over the fire that they may have not tried before!

Over the course of the term, Darwin Class has learnt all about measure in maths and enjoyed using practical resources such as metre sticks and weighing scales to help them with their learning. We are beginning to dig deeper into the reasoning and problem-solving questions we are presented with which is fantastic!

In English, we have been looking at "The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch". The children have enjoyed writing from different perspectives and also designed a delicious lunch for our characters in the story. We also had a great Book Week for World Book Day in March. The children loved dressing up, listening to Shakespeare Class's stories in tents and immersing themselves in a variety of books throughout the week!

Our 'Coastline' topic has continued this term as we looked into some historical aspects of coasts such as Whitby and learnt all about Captain James Cook.

Linking to our 'Coastline' topic, we have been listening to sea shanties in music and even performed a couple in our class assembly. The children enjoyed getting into character as a pirate/smuggler whilst chanting these songs from many years ago with great enthusiasm.

In science, we have looked at plants including life cycles; seed germination; seasonal plants; and much more. The children enjoyed carrying out an experiment where they planted cress seeds in different areas to see where they would grow best.

In design technology, the children have made beautiful, colourful beach huts! These are made from lolly sticks and they look great!



Pankhurst Class Update

It has been another busy term for Pankhurst Class.

The children have enjoyed our 'Rocks, Relics and Rumbles' topic. We located volcanoes on the Ring of Fire using longitude and latitude map references. We became volcanologists and have written some amazing fact files all about some famous volcanoes.

In science, we have been investigating magnetism. We enjoyed watching the effects of magnets on iron filings and even making our own compasses using pins in water.

We have worked really hard to increase our fluency with our times tables this term. The children have particularly enjoyed the 'five in a row' game, which is like Connect Four, but we coloured the answers to our times tables to see who obtained a line of 5 numbers to win.

In English, the children wrote some fantastic volcano shape poems, using some ambitious vocabulary linked to the theme.

During our DT lessons, we have explored moving mechanisms and made some cam mechanisms, as well as trolleys with axles.

After such a busy term, the team in Pankhurst wishes you all a very restful and happy Easter!



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Shakespeare Class Update

Hello from Shakespeare Class! We have had another great term, working and playing hard.

We have loved our English book, "King of the Cloud Forest", and have created fact files on yetis and written character and setting descriptions set in the Himalayas. This has also tied in with our topic of 'Mountains and Rivers', learning about the mountains and rivers in the UK and worldwide.

In maths, we have been becoming masters of everything to do with fractions – you name it, we can do it! We are looking forward to moving on to our new topic of decimals and percentages.

Along with all the other classes, we really enjoyed Book Week. We used Alice in Wonderland as a focus for our week; we wrote our own Wonderland adventure, created Wonderland dioramas and made jam tarts.

In DT, we have learnt all about the work of William Morris and created our own prints based on his designs - they look really impressive. We also went to Hawkhurst to celebrate Easter alongside other Year 5 children (even though some of us are Year 4!) and enjoyed making crosses and planting cress seeds.

Shakespeare Class would like to wish you all a Happy Easter!



Churchill Class Update

What a fabulous end to the term Churchill Class had with their residential trip to Bewl Water where they stayed for two nights and three days. It is fair to say that those three days were completely action-packed. Upon arrival, the whole class took to the water for team canoeing...not only did the children have to navigate rowing the canoes as a team, they then had to complete challenges which required them to move from boat to boat and jump up and down whilst aboard the canoe! At the end of the session, some of Churchill Class relished the opportunity to run into the freezing cold water for a dip.

Their other activities included rock climbing, sailing, axe throwing, orienteering, archery and a challenge course. It turns out there are some very talented archers, sailors, climbers...and even axe throwers amongst them! In the evenings, we enjoyed heading down to the playpark together, where Churchill Class proved they still had energy to burn. After this, we headed back to the Education Centre, where children enjoyed playing pool and table football in the games room before snuggling into their pjs for hot chocolate and biscuits.

Thank you so much to all Sandhurst staff, both at Bewl and at school, who worked extra hard to ensure Year 6 had an amazing experience.

The Churchill Class team would like to wish everyone a very Happy Easter.



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Attendance

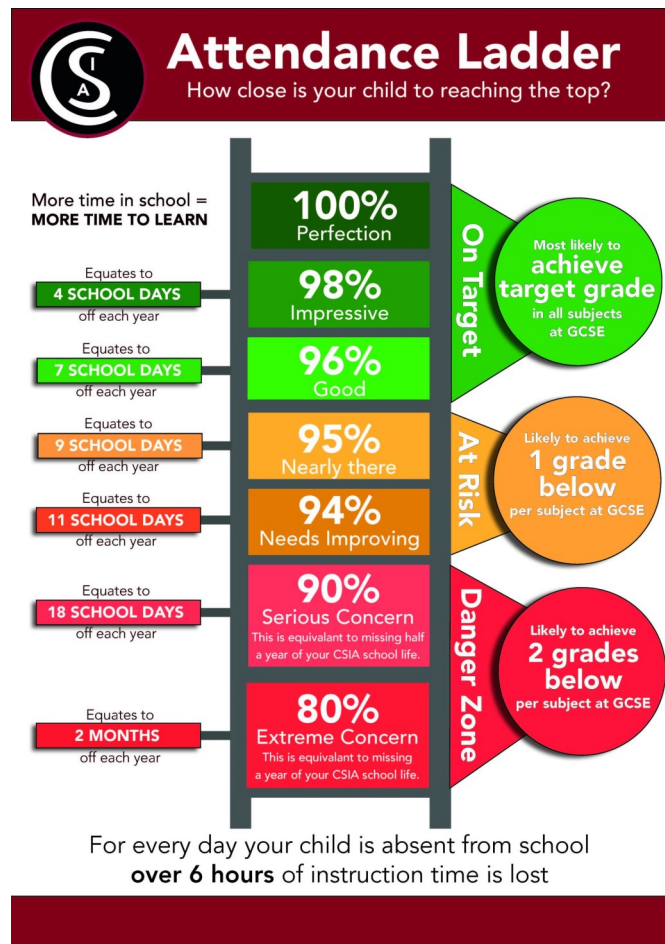
Great News! The attendance bounce will continue to the end of this school year. There will be a bounce after Easter for all of those children who have only missed one day of school this term.

Unfortunately, we have had quite a lot of sickness - tummy bugs, sickness, conjunctivitis and a few cases of Strep A which has made this term's attendance a bit lower than last term.

Let's hope we get some warmer weather next term and the children can enjoy the fresh air on the field.

Did you know that the attendance of boys so far this year is 94.4% and for girls 92.2%. Come on girls, let's see if you can beat them next term!

Darwin Class had their attendance treat this week. For having the best class attendance last term. They chose to watch a film called 'Angry Bird'.



Reminder: School starts at 8.55. Phonics lessons start at 9.00 a.m. sharp.

Please try to get your children to school on time, so that they don't miss out.

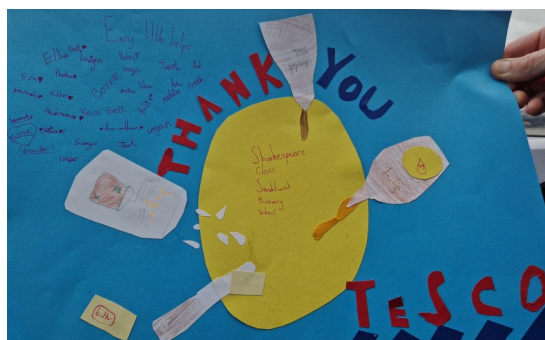
News from our PTFA

Thank you to the PTFA, who work hard to provide exciting activities for our children as well as their fundraising efforts. The latest venture of a school tuck shop has been a fantastic success.

As well as providing sweets for all, children in school have also benefitted with each class being awarded a share of the profits. This has worked out as £27 per class and the PTFA have kindly rounded it up to £50.



Thank you once again to Tesco for providing all the pancakes and daffodils needed for this term's events, as part of their charity support. If you have any unwanted books, please consider donating them to Jan at Tesco's in Tenterden to help her raise money to support schools like us.



Highlights for next term include: Our Summer Fete and Sport's Day

New Uniform Update

School Uniform from September 2023

- Grey trousers/shorts/skirt or pinafore dress
- White blouse/shirt with a Sandhurst tie, **or** a white polo shirt without a tie
- Navy blue Sandhurst sweatshirt or cardigan
- Grey socks or tights
- **Black, flat shoes (not trainers, boots or sandals)**

PE

- Navy blue or yellow Sandhurst PE shirt
- Navy shorts/plain leggings or jogging trousers (no logos)
- Navy blue or black school PE hoodie
- Trainers or plimsoles

NO HOME SPORTS CLOTHES

Forest School

- An old coat
- Old warm trousers (not jeans)
- Waterproof trousers and a raincoat (can be supplied by the school)
- A warm jumper/sweatshirt
- Wellington boots
- Warm socks
- A hat/scarf and gloves in the winter

In addition

- A coat should be in school every day.
- A navy Sandhurst fleece may be worn as an extra layer
- Children may choose to wear a navy or yellow gingham dress in the summer
- Plain stud earrings may be worn (not hoops or dangling earrings)
- Long hair should be tied back; short hair should be an appropriate length, natural colour and style suitable for school (no tram lines or coloured hair dye please)
- No nail varnish, make up or additional jewellery to be worn.

Please ensure that all clothing is clearly labelled

Phillips Man's Shops will be stocking the new uniform from Easter. More details to follow as to how you can claim your free sweatshirt or cardigan – this will be purchased by the school and available for you to pick up from Phillips Man's Shop.

School uniform is available from: Phillips Man's Shop – Cranbrook (01580 713011)

We have a limited stock of some second-hand uniform; please ask at the school office for details.



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Healthy Lunchboxes

- We have noticed that some children's lunchboxes are full of processed food only.
- One lunchbox contained nine different processed items inside - which was rather overwhelming for their infant child.



What is a healthy packed lunch for school?

Starchy foods like bread, rice, potatoes or pasta.

Protein foods like meat, fish, eggs or beans.

A dairy item, like cheese or yogurt.

Vegetables or salad and a portion of fruit.

There is nothing wrong with the odd chocolate biscuit or cupcake once or twice a week.

There are several websites which can give you ideas on healthier options. The NHS has a good one for children's lunchboxes with recipes too.

Tesco's kid's lunchbox ideas is on this link [Lunch Ideas For Kids | Recipes For Kids | Tesco Real Food](#) .

World Book Day



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Community & Local Events



KENT ACADEMY OF MUSICAL THEATRE

CRANBROOK CLASSES

FREE TRIALS THE WEEK OF THE 17TH APRIL
Email to book your free trial!

ADULT CLASSES

Dance. Mondays 6.30 - 7.30pm

CHILDREN'S CLASSES

Musical Theatre Academy 4-10 yrs. Saturdays 1pm - 3pm
Ballet for beginners 4 - 8 yrs. Mondays 4pm - 4.30pm
Tap for beginners 4 - 8 yrs. Mondays 4.35pm - 5.05pm
Street for beginners 4 - 7 yrs. Mondays 5.10pm - 5.40pm.
Street for beginners 8 -11 yrs. Mondays 5.45pm - 6.25pm.

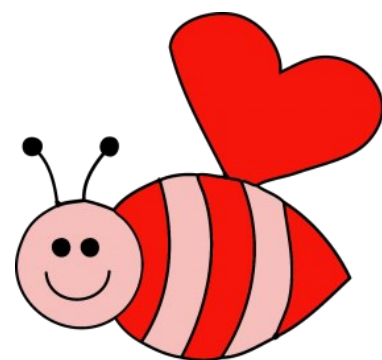
BABY & TODDLER CLASSES

Broadway Babies. Mondays 1pm - 1.30pm.
Broadway Toddlers. Mondays. 1.45pm - 2.15pm

For more information about our classes,
email us at info@kamt.co.uk

Diary Dates 2023

3rd - 14th April	Easter Holiday
17th April	Children back to school
18th April	Attendance and Gold Bounce
25th April	Tiny Street visit Potter Class
	Year 6 to Safety in Action
3rd May	Visiting owls
4th May	Living Land Trip to Detling Year 4
9th May	Year 6 SATs Week
15th May	Year 2 SATs Week
26th May	Sports Day TBC
	End of Term 5
29th May	Holiday
5th June	Children back to school
13th June	New intake visiting
	New intake Parents Evening 7.00 p.m.
15th June	Whole school Art Exhibition
19th June	New Intake visiting
23rd June	INSET Day - children not in school
28th June	New intake visiting
4th July	Year 6 trip to Kent Police Open Day
11th July	New Intake Teddy Bears picnic
13th July	Shakespeare Trip to British Museum
20th July	End of Term
21st July	Inset Day - children not in school



Term Dates 2023 - 2024

Sandhurst Primary School Term Dates 2023/2024

Term 1

INSET

Friday 1st September 2023

Starts

Monday 4th September 2023

Ends

Friday 20th October 2023

Holiday

Monday 23rd October 2023 – Friday 27th October 2023

Term 2

INSET

Monday 30th October 2023

Starts

Tuesday 31st October 2023

Ends

Friday 15th December 2023

Holiday

Monday 18th December 2023 – Tuesday 2nd January 2024

Term 3

INSET

Tuesday 2nd January 2024

Starts

Wednesday 3rd January 2024

Ends

Friday 9th February 2024

Holiday

Monday 12th February 2024 – Friday 16th February 2024

Term 4

Starts

Monday 19th February 2024

Ends

Thursday 28th March 2024

Holiday

Friday 29th March 2024 – Friday 12th April 2024

Term 5

Starts

Monday 15th April 2024

Bank Holiday

Monday 6th May 2024

Ends

Friday 24th May 2024

Holiday

Monday 27th May 2024 – Friday 31st May 2024

Term 6

Starts

Monday 3th June 2024

INSET

Monday 22nd and 23rd July 2024

Ends

Friday 19th July 2024

INSET DAYS

1st September 2023, 30th October 2023, 3rd January 2024, 22nd July 2024, 23rd July 2024