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Dear Parents and Carers

Following the government announcement on Tuesday, which stated that, "The plan for all primary school years in England to go back to school before the end of term" is to be dropped. There had been an aim for all primary pupils to spend four weeks in school before the summer break, but it is no longer thought to be feasible and instead schools will be given "flexibility" over whether or not to admit more pupils."

The government has now reduced the "pressure" on school to get ready to bring back other year groups and it is now up to headteachers, to be free to decide whether they can bring in more classes.

Currently, as a staff team, we are in the process of looking at different models to see what is possible in order for other year groups to return to Sandfield before the end of the summer term. I will share this information with you, as soon as we have clear plans in place.

A Message from our HSLW

JOYFUL JUNE (EVEN IN DIFFICULT TIMES) 2020

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY |
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| 1 Decide to look for what's good, even on the difficult days | 2 Re-frame a worry and try to find a positive way to respond | 3 Think of 3 things you're grateful for and write them down | 4 Show your appreciation to those who are helping others | 5 Smile and be friendly, even while you're social distancing | 6 Notice the upsides during the lockdown, however small | 7 Find a joyful way of being physically active (indoors or out) |
| 8 Write a letter to thank someone for what they did | 9 Find the joy in music today; sing, play, dance or listen | 10 Take a photo of something that brings you joy and share it | 11 Say positive things in your conversations with others today | 12 Make a plan with friends to do something fun together | 13 Appreciate the joy of nature and the beauty in the world around | 14 Do three things to bring joy to other people today |
| 15 Rediscover a fun childhood activity that you can enjoy today | 16 Ask a loved one what they feel grateful for at the moment | 17 Be kind to you. Treat yourself the way you would treat a friend | 18 Send a positive note to a friend who needs encouragement | 19 Create a list of favourite memories you feel grateful for | 20 Make time to do something playful today, just for the fun of it | 21 Enjoy trying a new recipe or cooking your favourite food |
| 22 Share a happy memory with someone who means a lot to you | 23 Look for something to be thankful for where you least expect it | 24 Thank a friend for the joy they bring into your life | 25 Eat food that makes you feel good and really savour it | 26 See the upside in a difficult situation you learnt from | 27 Watch something funny and enjoy how it feels to laugh | 28 Create a playlist of your favourite songs and enjoy them |
| 29 Take time to do something that makes you happy today | 30 Make a list of the joys in your life (and keep adding to them) | "Every day may not be good, but there is something good in every day" ~ Alice Morse Earle | | | | |

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This might be useful to all families to help with keeping positive during this tricky time.

Please click the link below:

<https://www.actionforhappiness.org/calendars>

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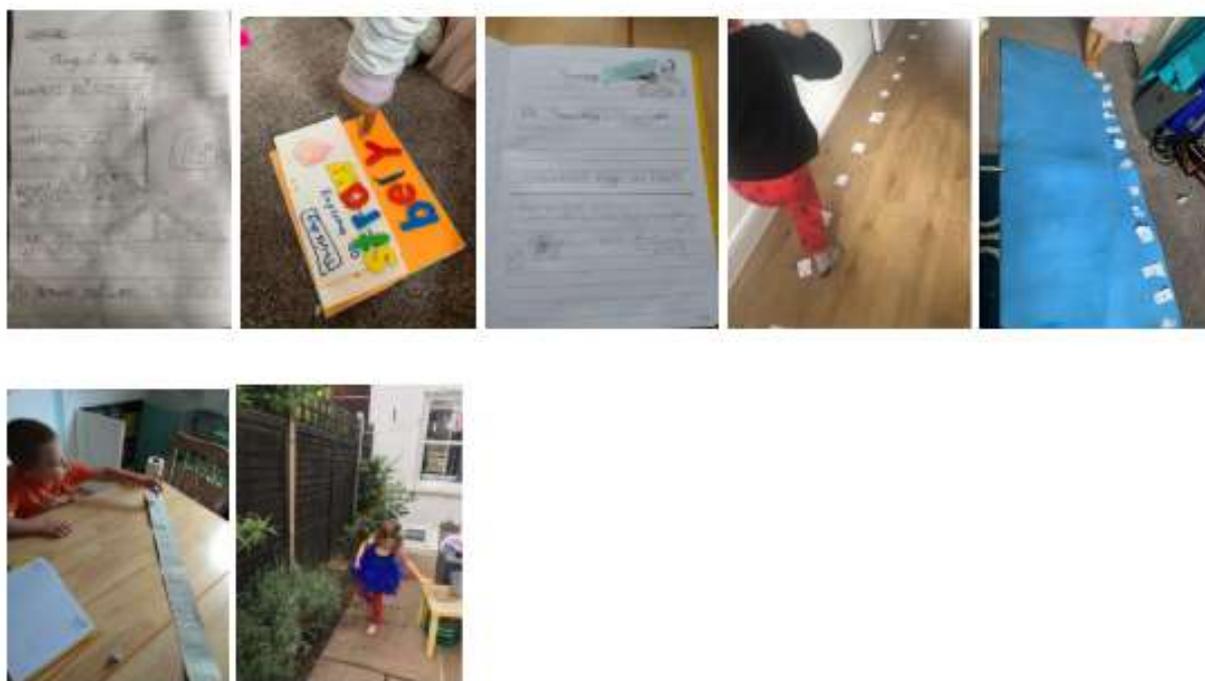
Keyworker Bubble Update:

In line with Government guidance, Sandfield is operating a keyworker bubble. This bubble has children from across the year groups and is a childcare offer for those parents who cannot work from home. To be able to operate safely, the number of children in this bubble is limited based on available staffing and indoor space.

Where possible, the priority is for all children to access their own year group bubbles. However, if you feel that your child may be eligible for a place in the keyworker bubble then please email the school office with a letter from your employer confirming your keyworker status and the days that you work. Your request will then be considered in line with safety protocols and Government guidelines. If space is available an offer letter will be issued with a start date for your child. As this bubble grows, we will need to start operating a waiting list - if we are unable to offer a place in line with your request, we will confirm to you in writing that your child has been added to our waiting list.

This week's our highlights from across the school are:

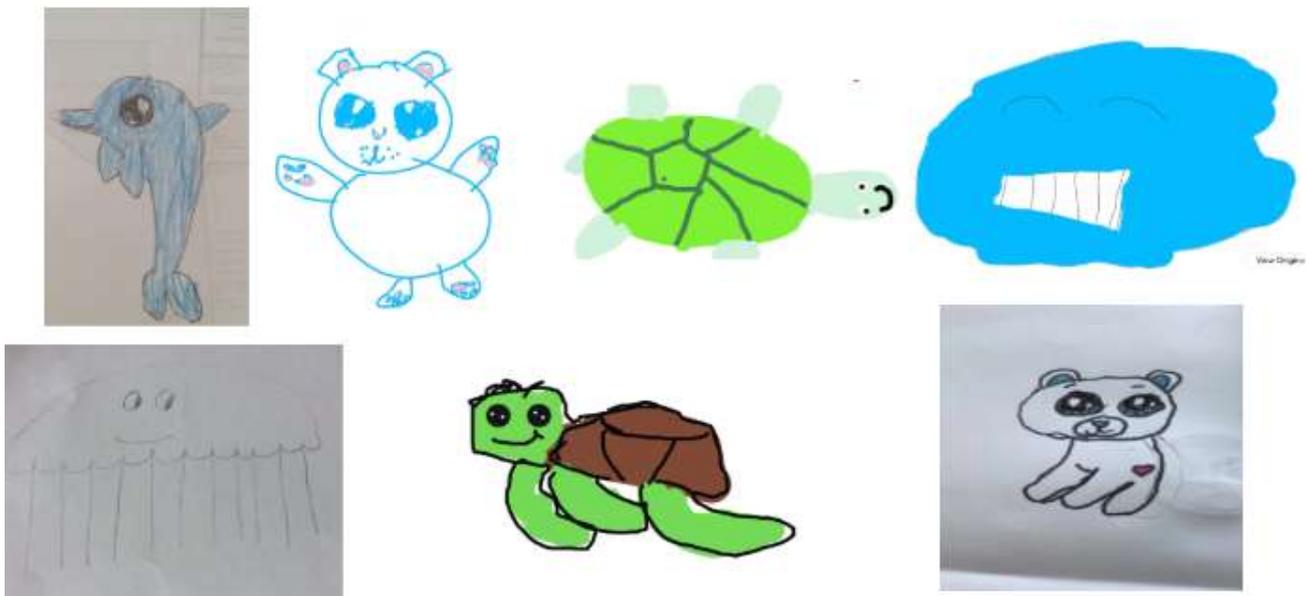
Reception Class: The week began with our 'Come and Play' sessions. It was so lovely to see the children back in school and I was so impressed with how well they adapted to our new classroom and routines. I can't wait to see you all again next week! This week we have been continuing to consolidate addition by counting on. The children have played a variety of different games to practise this skill including making their own number tracks. We started the week by reading 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and the children have been keeping a food diary to see how many of the same foods they eat as the caterpillar!



Year 1: We have had a fabulous start to our week in Year 1 seeing so many of our children returning for our Come and Play sessions and we look forward to seeing them all in school next week. The learning highlights this week are related to our new minibeast project as they made the most creative, amazing and definitely 5 star "bug hotels" using lots of recycling materials... those lucky minibeasts! They have also enjoyed learning about our currency/money and playing "home shops" as well as answering some tricky problem solving questions, so well done to our fantastic Year 1 children and their families for supporting them.



Year 2: Year 2 have been busy this week in Maths learning about tally charts and pictograms. In English we have been looking at the story, "Commotion in the Ocean" and they had to write about which animal was their favourite, why, what they would call it if they had it as a pet and also draw that animal. One of the children made their own quiz and sent it to me and I had great fun completing it. I am really proud of the whole class and what they are achieving and appreciate all the support parents have given them during this time.



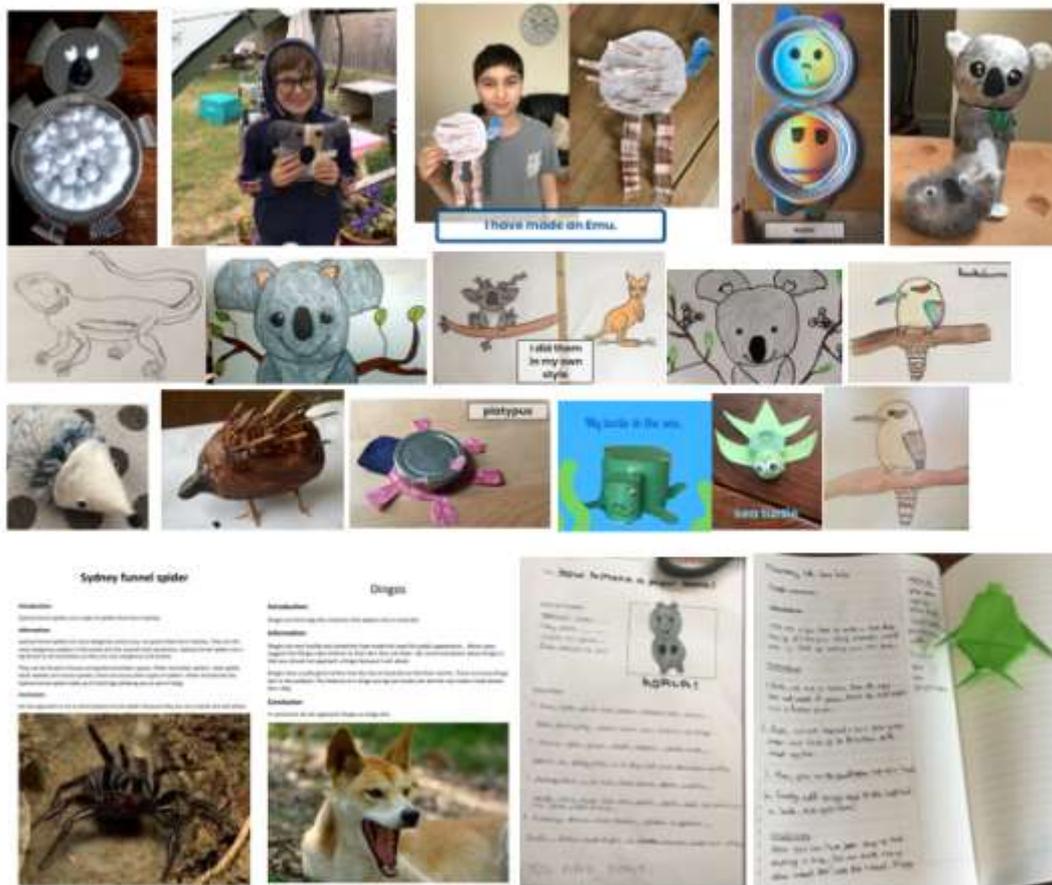
Year 3 and Year 4: We have had another great week with the children producing beautiful art work linked with Ancient Egyptians and their poetry writing being the highlights. Year 4 also had the opportunity to have 1 to 1 zoom strings lessons! How amazing is that! Their maths activities have been about shape and we have been using Oak Academy lessons to provide a different stimulus - and everyone has enjoyed those. We are very impressed with their determination to keep the high quality learning going at home. Each day, they have been settling down and completing their tasks - special and routine tasks and showing us on their weekly plans what they have completed as well as their own highlights. Well done everyone because this is very much a team effort - us, you, them!



Poetry writing



Year 5: The theme for Year 5 this week was Australian animals, and the children were researching the different and unique animals living in Australia. They found out some fascinating facts and wrote excellent non-chronological reports, using the features of the genre with confidence. Throughout the week, Year 5 looked at different designs and ideas of how to make their Australian animal; they carefully planned their designs, collected the materials, wrote the instructions and finally made their fantastic animals! Another highlight were their drawings of bearded dragons, koalas, kookaburras and kangaroos! It was so exciting to be able to speak to some of the children over the phone this week, and find out how they are and what they enjoy doing most! I am looking forward to speaking to the rest of Year 5 next week!



Year 6: Year 6 feels like a very different world this week. There are many fun and interesting things going on and we are trying to make sure those staying safe at home have the same as those staying safe at school. Some highlights have included - Reading more of our Focus Reader, Holes. Some of the children can relate to the Camp Green Lake Correctional Facility.... Another highlight has been the watercolour art being completed in school as a collage for each bubble. The use of Goldsworthy Land Art as a starting point has definitely been an outdoors activity which also used the ipads. During Wellbeing Wednesday, some of our more industrious children also finished off their family projects too...

As you are aware, our Sandfield office is now staffed, so you are now able to phone the school (01483 566586), or as before use Studybugs or email - parents@sandfield.surrey.sch.uk. I am also on the gate every morning and afternoon, so any quick questions can be answered.

Enjoy the weekend and stay safe.

With best wishes from all our Sandfield Staff

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