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**MESSAGE FROM MRS COLLINS**

**Amazing Ambassadors and Terrific Tour Guides**



We are so proud of our Year 6 pupils this week as they played a key role in our School Open Mornings for prospective parents. We had over 130 people visit our school over those two mornings and the ambassadors spoke to a packed hall, with such assurance. The children displayed many of our Sandfield skills: courage, resilience and communication. The ambassadors joined our tour guides to deliver informative tours around our school site. The visitors were so impressed with the confidence that the children showed and how respectful and polite they were. Many thanks to the parents at home for helping prepare their children with their speech and ensuring they looked super smart. Well done to you all. 😊

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**Let's make Sandfield a green and clean place for our children.**

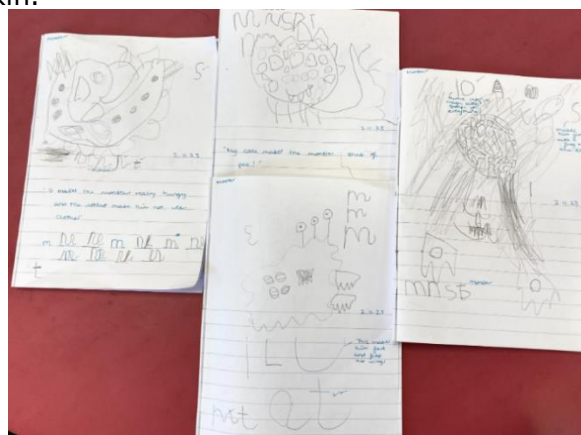


Enjoy your weekend,  
Mrs Collins and the Sandfield Staff

**NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOMS**

**Reception Class**

Reception came back full of energy this week! There were all sorts of spooky adventures as the children turned themselves into dancing skeletons, concocted peculiar potions and explored the autumn treasures they discovered over half term. All the children were invited to Drawing Club when we played around with the adventures of Christopher Pumpkin.



## Years 1 and 2

What an exciting start of the week for Year 1! We went to the Guildford Museum and visited a Victorian classroom. We sat at the wooden desks, wrote on slates, made hats and played with old Victorian toys. Year 2 are looking forward to their museum trip on Monday.



## Years 3 and 4

As part of our art this week, we have been experimenting (very messily) with pastels and silhouettes. We did a sunset blended image on cartridge paper and then overlaid Stonehenge onto it with black pieces of sugar paper. Special mention to Hayson for his awesome effort!



## Years 5 and 6

We are very proud of our Winston Churchill sketches. We practiced drawing facial features before working on our finished piece. Charcoal was used to create shadows; we had to be careful not to smudge or snap it! Did you know that charcoal is traditionally made from willow or vine twigs that are heated to a high temperature?



## MEET THE TEAM

This week, meet the Year 3 team!

### Simon Godber

Hi everybody! This is my 6<sup>th</sup> year back at Sandfield. It is also my first in Y3 and I'm loving it! I've been teaching 20 years now and can almost remember the first time I was left in charge of a class on my own. It has got easier and less daunting. I have 2 daughters who are now in Y7 and Y10 so I know the pride and pressure of being a parent too. I did try to help them with their homework a few times but I got told very clearly what I was doing wrong! Both of

my girls play rugby so I can be found on a rugby pitch on a Sunday coaching them and generally getting cold, wet or sunburnt!

The first 20 years as a teacher have been quite entertaining so I can't wait for the next 20!

Oh, and by chance it is my birthday today!

### **Jean Sherwin**

I have worked in Sandfield for almost 30 years and have managed to work in every classroom. I have had a range of assistant roles and have thoroughly enjoyed myself in all of them. I also was the librarian until this year and have a real passion for the enjoyment a book can give a child.

Both my 2 sons attended Sandfield and I have now got 2 grandchildren here too!

I remember a fresh-faced first year teacher joining us in Sept 2004 called Mr Godber and I am pleased to say I get to work with him again!

### **Christina Kelly**

I've been part of the Sandfield family for 6 years now as a parent on the PTA and now as a TA. I work in Y3 Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday. Then I go across to Y1 on a Thursday & Friday.

I love helping children learn to read and I look forward to reading with all the children across the fortnight.

### **Kate Oliver**

I rejoined the Sandfield team as a TA in May after a break of 6 years!

The lure of this lovely small town-centre school was too strong and I couldn't resist working with the wonderful team (some of whom I knew from before and others who have become new friends) and its fantastic children – who are always eager to learn!

I too remember the fresh-faced Mr Godber when he taught my daughter! Now I get to work alongside him 2 days a week.

## **CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY**

Children in Celebration Assembly this week were:

Reception Class: Nikka and Salome

Year 1: Ediz and Harriet

Year 2: Chisom and Zain

Year 3: Yaroslav and Lilly-Mae

Year 4: Oakley and Kimberley

Year 5: Nathalie and Jaidyel

Year 6: Filip and Rosie

And an extra special certificate this week awarded to Mrs Lidstrom (Home School Link Worker) from Mr Godber and Year 3 for 'Always being there to help'



## **REMINDERS & MESSAGES**



### **KS1 Nativity**

Please can we let you know the dates for the KS1 Nativity

Performances are as follows:

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 2.00pm

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am

### **School Photographs**

The deadline for ordering the school photographs is Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November. All orders should be done online following the instructions on the proof card that was sent home with your child.

### **Learning Support Assistant Vacancy –**

#### **Join our fantastic teaching team**

We have a vacancy for a Learning Support Assistant at Sandfield.

If you are interested in finding out more about this position within the school please [click on this link](#).

### **Trip / Event Reminders**

Year 2 Victorian Toy Museum on 6<sup>th</sup> November

Years 5 and 6 Henley Fort on 6<sup>th</sup> November

Years 3 and 4 Butser Ancient Farm on 29<sup>th</sup> November, **payment contributions by 15<sup>th</sup> November please**

Year 4 String Scheme **Autumn term contributions before 15<sup>th</sup> December please**

Years 1 and 2 Great Fire of London Experience day on 8<sup>th</sup> January, **payment contributions by 8<sup>th</sup>**

**December please**

## NEWS FROM THE PTA

### Meet the PTA

Come along and meet the PTA team on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 3.00pm in the playground. They are looking forward to introducing themselves to all our parents.

Dear Parents and Carers

Firstly, a big welcome to all the new Reception year families and a big thank you to all year group parents, children, teachers and staff who have donated their time running/prepping stalls at fairs or have helped with events like the Harvest celebrations in the past.

Your help is the reason we have managed to successfully fundraise for your children's benefit in the past. Anyone's ideas and feedback are welcome, anyone's help and talents are appreciated, anyone can join! Hence the PTA wants to introduce ourselves to you.

Hi everyone! My name is Mel (aka the Uniform Fairy). I have two lively girls here at Sandfield in Year 5 and Year 2. You might have seen me around - or my colourful hair - trying to find owners of lost uniform and organising actual uniform swaps/sales (next one Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November!)

For the past two seasons I have stepped up to organise the Winter and Summer fair with the help of some other very talented PTA members. Seeing so many happy faces at the fairs and knowing our input helped raise money for the school was extremely rewarding!

I had in previous years volunteered my time at the biscuit decorating table, but being part of the PTA (I "fell into" the PTA when I became joint class rep for Year 2) and organising a fair really made me appreciate how many big and small cogs are needed to create a successful event - as well as realising the need for people with different skill sets. I call myself the "Creative Head" of the Winter Fair group. I am more confident magicking up something out of old uniforms and art supplies vs doing battle with an Excel sheet any day! I am currently very busy organising Santa's Grotto and the Grotto decorations workshop on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November. It would be great to see some of you / your children there!

Hi, I'm Esmat and I've been Treasurer of the PTA for about four years now.

Like Mel, I have children in Y5 and Y2. I really enjoy being part of the team that raises money for things the children wouldn't otherwise get. It's really nice paying invoices and seeing the fun things the children have done with the money we've raised (kayaking and a Roman Soldier visiting the school, to name just two).

I will be stepping down as Treasurer this year and David will be taking over. My two greatest achievements in my time as Treasurer are getting the PTA card machines and finding a bank account with online banking! On that high note, it's time for me to step back and let someone else make their mark.

Hi! I'm Charlotte. I have a son in Year 2 (and hopefully a daughter in reception next year!). I am French and have been back in the UK for 2 years after a few years in Singapore, Australia and Spain.

I have been head of organising food orders for our fairs as well as head of drumming up raffles prizes from local and external companies for this year's Winter fair. Spoiler alert! Eurostar tickets are up for grabs!

Please do get in touch with me if you have any further donations for our raffle!

I also enjoyed volunteering at Sandfest and the previous Christmas fairs helping with the set up and manning the bar stall at the event.

I look forward to meeting you at the "Meet the PTA" next week!

My name is Katie (or Kate). I have two daughters, one in Year 1 and the other starting September 2024 (I hope!). I have become more involved in the PTA since attending the very entertaining school quiz last February (I highly recommend it if you've not been to one before!). After seeing the incredible work that the PTA put into Sandfest, I felt encouraged to join and be a part of the team and support the local community. I get involved in the fundraising side of events and drum up support through local businesses and outlets. I've also served my time on the biscuit decorating table and witnessed the incredible 'icing innovations' of your children. The PTA is a fun and outstanding team of parents with different backgrounds and abilities; you can contribute as much or as little as possible amongst family and friends, working, studying and general life commitments. It is a real team effort!

### **"Uniform Swap " on Wednesday 8th November at 3.15pm.**

Please bring any unwanted items to the school from Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at drop off or pick up time. Last chance to donate Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November in the morning.

Please separate good items / items for recycling in the 2 provided boxes near the entrance (good weather) or in the lunch hall (bad weather)

On the Swap Day feel free to take items in exchange for ones you donated.

For parents/carers who feel like contributing any money on the day there will be some honesty buckets provided.

All proceeds will go to the PTA and will directly help towards enrichment for your child/ children.

Many thanks

Mel aka 'Uniform Fairy' and the PTA

## **PTA AGM**

The AGM is taking place on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November in the Learning Lab. Please come along and support the PTA your input is important. We will be voting in new PTA member roles and discussing fundraising events for the year.

## **PTA Winter Fair**

Organisation for our Winter Fair on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 5:00pm-7:00pm is well under way. Following on from the flyer sent out last week, below is some information so you can start collecting items needed for the fair as well as some important dates:

- Start collecting small recyclable boxes, packaging, paper bags, tubes etc for Jolly Jingles (instructions to follow)
- Booking slots for Santa's Grotto go live on Saturday 11th November, further details to follow.
- 'Decoration making workshop' for Santa's Grotto. Saturday 18th November 9.30am-1.00pm. Come to the school's learning lab for some festive crafting. Slots available for younger children (KS1 from 10am) and older children (KS2 from 11am) – use the link below to sign up:  
[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeVyxfasbI4d9ZNAUWxGGNoJ677sQSXtjyWRMCzeriE7Fw/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeVyxfasbI4d9ZNAUWxGGNoJ677sQSXtjyWRMCzeriE7Fw/viewform?usp=sf_link)
- Winter Fair Organising Volunteer slots available! Are you good at organising or project management? We could do with an extra pair of hands (or two) to make the Winter fair happen! Please contact Charlotte on 07708530445
- Please pass any raffle prizes you have managed to source to Charlotte yr2

We look forward to seeing you all there!



## **SANDFEST 2024**

Plans are underway for our summer fundraising event, SANDFEST 2024.

Please book the date in your diary, Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2024 from 2 – 5pm.

Come along to our annual music festival – more details to follow nearer the time.