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Newsletter

24th October 2024

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MESSAGE FROM MRS COLLINS

The Aims of the WhatsApp Parent Groups at Sandfield



The class WhatsApp groups are a useful and efficient way of communicating to the whole class or groups of parents. The aim of using WhatsApp is to send messages to an entire group, which are relevant to school or to the parents in the group. The PTA find these groups very helpful to share information about an upcoming school event and to enlist other parents / carers to come along and volunteer to support.

The messages in WhatsApp groups either come from parents in their personal capacity or are messages forwarded on behalf of the school. The school does not post directly on any WhatsApp parent/carer groups. There is no requirement to join these groups and participation is voluntary.

That said, we need to have an agreed code of conduct for all to use these WhatsApp groups. This ensures that everyone uses these groups in a respectful manner.

We ask parents and carers to:

- Respect the ethos, vision and values of our school
- Work together with staff in the best interests of our pupils
- Treat all members of the school community with respect – setting a good example with speech and behaviour
- Seek a peaceful solution to all issues
- Approach the right member of school staff to help resolve any issues of concern.

For any individual concerns regarding pupil performance, school policies, staff conduct etc. please raise any issues directly with the class teacher or, where necessary, a member of the Senior Leadership Team, rather than using WhatsApp as a platform to air views.

If a parent or carer is disrespectful then they will be contacted by a member of the Senior Leadership Team and this could result in the removal from the group.

To read the full guidance please click here >> <https://sandfield.surrey.sch.uk/new-in-year-starters-information/>

We thank everybody in advance for being kind and respectful to everyone in our school community.

Wishing you all an enjoyable half term and we look forward to welcoming you back to school on **Tuesday 5th November**.

Mrs Collins and the Sandfield Staff

KEY DATES

Autumn Term 2024

Friday 25th October – INSET day, school is closed to all pupils

Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November, Half term

Monday 4th November – INSET day, school is closed to all pupils

Friday 15th November – Year 6 Netball Tournament at Surrey Sports Park

Friday 22nd November – KS2 Girls Football Tournament at George Abbot School

Wednesday 18th December – Whole School Christmas Lunch and Whole School Christmas Sing-A-Long

Friday 20th December – 1:30pm – End of Term

NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOMS

Reception Class

Our last week of half term, we began to explore Autumn and the changes we are seeing around us in nature. The children explored and investigated different types of pumpkins (their favourite was the white Ghost Pumpkin) and used newly learnt vocabulary to talk about what they could see, feel, hear and smell!

PE day for Reception Class for Monday



Year 1 & Year 2

Year 1 and 2 have been learning about beats and using different instruments to create their own. They loved using the glockenspiels, hands and voice to create different beats. We hope you enjoy watching their performance on Seesaw!

PE days for Year 1 & Year 2 are Mondays and Wednesdays



Year 3 & Year 4

Year 3 and 4 have had their last gymnastics lesson this week and we got as much of the climbing apparatus out as we dared! There were monkeys on ropes, soldiers on pipes and firemen going up and down ladders. Fun and learning in a safe and controlled world. Hope everybody has a lovely half term!

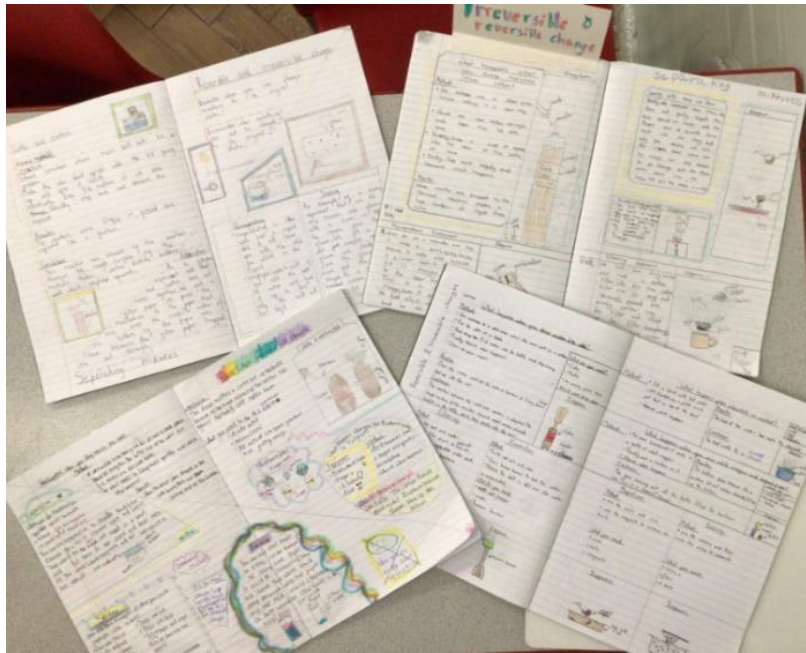
PE days for Year 3 & Year 4 are Tuesdays & Thursdays



Year 5 & Year 6

In Science, we have been writing a 'double-page spread' to explain the carousel of investigations the children completed exploring reversible/ irreversible change and ways to separate materials. Scientific vocabulary, labelled diagrams and the use of concise language were the features to be included in this piece of writing. Well done everyone – you've worked so enthusiastically this half term!

PE days for Year 5 & Year 6 are Thursdays and Fridays



COMMUNITY NEWS

Guildford Family Centre Newsletter - Please click here for the October edition of the Family Centre Newsletter: <https://sway.cloud.microsoft/IEgeDOc31b8PTQzp?ref=email>

North Street Re-Development: Please note that there are changes to access in several roads around the town centre as the North Street Development begins. This may affect parents driving to Waitrose to park and also general traffic after half term.