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Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you all enjoyed receiving the daffodils last week and that they brightened your weekend!

World Water Day - Go Blue

To coincide with the focus of our British Science Week investigations, we are asking our children to 'Go Blue' on **Monday the 22nd of March** which is World Water Day. The children can come dressed in blue clothing on the day and bring a donation which will be donated to the WaterAid charity.

World Down's Syndrome Day

World Down Syndrome Day is a global awareness event...and we need you to help spread the word.

How can you help? By wearing #LotsOfSocks! Although WSD always takes place on the 21st March each year, we are celebrating and raising awareness on the **Tuesday 23rd March**. We look forward to seeing your ODD SOCKS!!

National day of reflection

We are supporting Marie Curie's national day of reflection on Tuesday 23 March. As part of the day we are participating in a minute's silence at 12 noon and will light a candle in memory of those who have passed away due to COVID-19, and to show support to those who are grieving. Schools across the district are being encouraged to take part in a range of activities during the day; drawing or crafting flowers as a symbol of hope, writing poetry, creating a time capsule of 2020 or planting memorial flowers.

Reading Books

If you have any school reading or library books at home that you have now finished with, please return them to school so that we can quarantine them for other people to enjoy. This way, we can make sure that everyone has the books they need and continue sharing our love of books through our lending libraries. Thank you everyone, just bring any you have at home and have finished with back to your teacher and we will do the rest!



Website

Please continue to refer to the curriculum pages of the school website which reflect the breadth and depth of the curriculum on offer at Sandal Castle. Recent updates have been made to the following pages:

- Celebrating our Remote Education Curriculum
- Creative Arts
- Maths
- Science
- Golden Time
- School meals and lunchtimes
- Fairtrade
- News

World Book Day Vouchers

Don't forget to exchange your World Book Day vouchers before the 28th March 2021.

PE Kits

In response to parental requests, we agree that wearing PE kits to school on the days children have PE makes sense. This reduces changing time and increases the time children are engaging in PE and will ensure that all children are dressed for the session with appropriate footwear particularly as the majority of PE is taking place outdoors.

Reminders...

Parent Consultation Phone Calls

Parent consultation calls were scheduled to take place in March. Due to lockdown and the fact that staff have been communicating on a weekly basis with all parents, we feel that to go ahead with the calls in March would only be repeating what has been communicated already during the Spring term. Therefore, we plan to move the parent consultation dates to May. Please note the designated date for each year group. Calls will take place between 2.30pm and 5.45pm.

4 th May	Foundation Stage
5 th May	Year 1
10 th May	Year 2
11 th May	Year 3
12 th May	Year 4
13 th May	Year 5
17 th May	Year 6



INSET days 2021/22

We are very grateful that the Local Authority have agreed to not use school as a polling station for the elections in May 2021. However, due to school being used for the District/Police & Crime Commissioner Election Day next year, we have had to make a slight change to our INSET days for 2021/2022.

1. Monday 6th September 2021
2. Thursday 5th May 2022
3. Friday 22nd July 2022
4. Monday 25th July 2022
5. Tuesday 26th July 2022

Relationship and Health Education

As a part of your child's educational experience at Sandal Castle VA Community Primary School we aim to promote personal wellbeing and development through a comprehensive programme of Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) education that gives children and young people the knowledge, understanding, attitudes and practical skills to live healthy, safe, productive and fulfilled lives, both now and in the future.

The new guidance:

Before we can start to discuss the revised RSHE or PSHE curriculum we need to know what the guidance says. There are some parts we have to do and other parts that we can choose to do. You can help us to decide on what matters to our school and our community.

The following documents can be accessed via the links below:

- The full statutory guidance can be found at DfE: statutory guidance 2019
- A very useful summary version can be found at DfE: guides for parents
- Some frequently asked questions can be found at: DfE: FAQs

The new guidance focuses on healthy relationships and keeping children safe in the modern world. It also covers a wide range of topics relating to physical and mental health, wellbeing, safeguarding and healthy relationships. Learning about the emotional, social and physical aspects of growing up will give children and young people the information, skills and positive values to have safe, fulfilling relationships and help them take responsibility for their own well-being.

We would now like to ask you your views about the new curriculum and how we can best work with you to support your child with their learning. Please access the Curriculum Consultation via the newsletter page or the parent voice page of our website.

Please return your views to school via email - headteacher@sandal.wakefield.sch.uk or via the main reception. Thank you.



Drop off and Collection

It is vital that all members of our school community note and adhere to the following;

- We also ask that parent/carers are punctual at collection times as we only have a short amount of time between each bubble arriving and leaving.
- Only **one adult per child** allowed at drop off and collection.
- We must adhere to government guidance and state that we cannot have any waiting/congregating on the school grounds. Parent/carers must leave the premises immediately after drop off and collection.
- There can be no waiting on the school grounds, in line with government guidance, in between drop offs and collections.

School Gates

To ensure the continued safety of all families whilst on the school site, the school gates will resume daily closing between 8am and 9am and between 2pm and 3pm. The gates will not be opened during these timescales to allow entry or exit, so please do not ask. Please do not block the drive or the gates to our neighbours' property. Please do not park on the school site if you need to leave the premises between 8am and 9am or 2pm and 3pm. Cars must remain parked with engines turned off until the gates reopen. Thank you.

Enjoy the weekend

Nichola Russell

