



Welcome to the last newsletter of this school year, I can't quite believe it's that time already. Lots of our children will be moving on to their reception classes soon and this half term staff will be supporting children for this important transition. It's our aim to provide all our children with a life long love of learning and the strong foundations they will continue to build on as they move through their school journey. We hope that our children and families have created lots of lovely memories of their time at Sandy Lane Nursery and Forest School with friendships made for life, and will always look back on their time here with fondness.

goodbye
AND
goodluck
ON YOUR
NEXT
adventure

We also have some staff members leaving us at the end of this half term. Catherine, Karen and Julia, long term members of our supply staff are saying goodbye. We thank them for their hard work and dedication to the school and send them very best wishes for the future. We have appointed new members of staff who I will introduce in the newsletter at the start of the new school year.

I would like to thank all the parents, carers, staff and governors for their support of the school this year. Together, as a Sandy Lane family, we all work hard to make our school the best that it can be for the benefit of all our children. If your child is leaving us in September please keep in touch, we love to hear how everyone is getting on at 'big school'. For parents of children who are returning, we know you will continue to work with us next year on our journey to maintain our outstanding nursery. There are lots of ways you can become more involved with the work of our school, joining our Friends of Sandy Lane Parent and Carers group, volunteering in the classroom, office, forest school or with gardening. If you are interested in any of these activities please have a chat with me on the door at drop off or collection.

I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable summer break when it arrives and look forward to seeing some of our families back with us in September. Marcia Head teacher

Nursery Activities

Garden Room, Sunshine Room and Rainbow Room 'big question' for this half term is

'How have we changed ?'



Sandy Lane Summer Festival

This year we are trying something new for our end of year and leavers celebration. We are having our very own festival and we want you to join us. **Parents are invited to join their child throughout the session.** We have a **DJ, bouncy castle, fairground games, ice cream, a character visit, face painting** and much more. Bring along a picnic and enjoy the fun!

A Microsoft form will be accessible in the next couple of days for you to register your attendance. Unfortunately we are not able to allow siblings to attend.

SAVE THE DATE—THURSDAY 13TH JULY during session time

ATTENDANCE

Thank you for trying to ensure your child attends nursery every day. I'm delighted to share that overall attendance for each room was over 90% last half term. **GOOD ATTENDANCE = GOOD PROGRESS**

IMPORTANT REMINDER

We are a **healthy eating** and 'nut free' school. Please **DO NOT** send your child to nursery with any items that contain nuts. We also encourage parents to send in a healthy packed lunch rather than things like chocolate spread. Page 3 of this newsletter shows where you can find lots of ideas for healthy lunchboxes.

Suncream

Please remember to apply sun cream to your child before they arrive at school.

If you feel your child will need more sun cream applying throughout the session, we will require you to bring a new bottle of cream into nursery which is clearly labelled with your child's name .



Please do not forget to indicate via Tapestry that you give consent for staff to apply sun cream in your absence.

Nursery Uniform

You may wish to consider purchasing a school t-shirt or sweatshirt. These can be ordered using the form available on the website under the 'Parent' and 'New Starters' tabs or pick up a form in the entrance area. Post your completed form in the box by **Monday** and your order will be ready for collection on **Wednesday** each week. If possible please pay for uniform by card, although we can also accept cash payments where necessary.



Nursery places for September 2023



Do you know any families with children who will be 2 or 3 years old soon and are looking for a nursery place from September? If so please encourage them to register for a place at Sandy Lane by contacting the office in person or by ringing **01925 623640**. Please spread the word to friends, family and neighbours about all the wonderful things we do. As parents and carers of children already attending you are the best people to share with others just what a special place Sandy Lane is.

If you are returning to us in September and think you may be eligible for 30 hours free childcare please let us know as soon as possible. If you aren't eligible but would be interested in paying for additional hours please speak to Louise or Janet in the office

School Holidays

School will close at the end of the day on Friday 21st July 2023 and re-open on Wednesday 6th September 2023

Snack Payments



The charge for snack can be found on the school website under the 'Parents' then 'New Starters' tabs. Some families choose to pay for the **full school year**, most pay **termly** but you also have the option to pay **half termly**. Charges for this half term are **£8 for children attending 15 hours and £16 for those that attend for 30 hours**. These charges are based on ALL parents/carers paying the amount due . Your payment is a contribute to the cost of snack, the rest of which is paid by the school

Please make your snack payment by card, or cash if necessary, at the office. You will receive a text message as a reminder when payment is due with the cost to be paid. **All payments are due by the end of the first week of each new half term.**

Please note that if you child is absent, unfortunately we cannot make a refund of any snack payment.

Happy Birthday to You.

Children: Albert, Nova-Lee, Harvey, Louie, Niyah-Esmae, Jenson, Anthony, Bailey, Oliver, Alexei, Bennett, Scarlett, Natan, Rafael, Lena, Maja, Destiny, Leyla, Mia, Valentin, Carter Ella-Sue, Nova, Levi, Charlie, Thomas, Oaklei, Frankie, Logan, Evie, Cora

Staff: Jo, Marcia, Bev, Louise, Beth



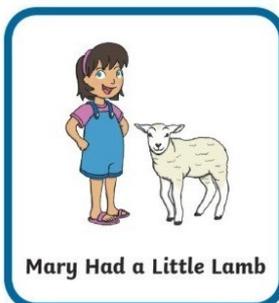
Songs and Rhymes



Old MacDonald
Had a Farm



Baa, Baa, Black Sheep



Mary Had a Little Lamb



Dingle Dangle
Scarecrow

Being Healthy



Healthy Harry, our school travelling ted, helps children learn about being healthy. He has already paid a visit to lots of families and we love to see your Tapestry posts of his adventures with you at home.

Healthy Eating—Throughout this year our school has actively promoted being healthy and healthy eating as part of our school improvement. Parents and carers of children who attend for 30 hours have been given support and advice on healthy suggestions for lunchboxes, We hope you have enjoyed the recipes we've shared on Tapestry too .

Our website contains lots of information on how you can maintain a healthy lifestyle through physical activity, healthy eating, supporting mental health and well being and good oral hygiene. This information can be found under the 'Parents', 'Keeping Healthy' tabs. There you will also find the link to a range of eBooks and activities which invite children to become familiar with a range of vegetables which we hope will encourage them to want to eat them. Here's the link

<https://www.seeandeat.org/>



Cooking Together is a great website where you can sign up for a link to receive healthy recipes ideas to cook meals from scratch. You will receive 2 recipe ideas a week and they even give you a shopping list of the ingredients needed. Register using the link below



<https://cooktogether.betterhealth-healthierfamilies.co.uk>

Tooth brushing — Last term we launched our tooth brushing programme where



Portion sizes for young children are also very important and we know many children can be put off from trying food if there is too much offered on their plate. The British Nutrition Foundation has produced guidance on appropriate sized portions and the range of food recommended for young children can be found using the link below

www.nutrition.org.uk>toddlers-and-pre-school

children have taken part in a range of activities as they learn about the importance of good oral hygiene. Those who attend for 30 hours have been supported to brush their teeth at nursery whilst others have received a toothbrush and paste to use at home. The Community Dental Service has produced some helpful guidance on how you can support your child with tooth brushing at home.



<https://communitydentalservices.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/12-Top-tips-for-teeth.pdf>

If you have any questions or would like support with any aspect of 'being healthy' please speak to your child's key worker who will be happy to help