



Welcome Back

Welcome to the start of our summer term. Staff have lots of exciting learning opportunities planned as well as a number of workshops and events we hope you will attend. You will find out more about the fun and learning this half term in this edition of our newsletter. Happy Reading!

Marcia Head teacher

Our sponsored Rhyme Time raised £604.92, the Easter Egg Raffle raised an incredible £241.20 and donations for Tanya's Manchester Marathon raised £331 towards the running costs of our minibus. A huge 'Thank You' to everyone who got involved to help us raise the **GRAND TOTAL of £1177.12**. You have been so generous, we can't thank you enough and a special 'thank you' to our children who did such a great job learning and performing the rhymes.



DOWN SYNDROME
CHESHIRE

Your kind donations last half term also raised £116.60 for this excellent cause.



Nursery places for September 2022



In this last term of the school year we start to make plans for September. **Do you know any children who will be 3 years old, eligible for 2 year funding or anyone looking to self fund a nursery place next school year?** 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. Please share the post on our Facebook page advertising places too.

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.

Nursery Activities

Garden and Sunshine Room - This term's 'big question' is **'Where do plants and flowers come from?'**



And the direction for learning for **Rainbow Room** this half term is **'What do I know about animals?'**

Celebrations

This half term we will be celebrating the Queens Jubilee and learning about the Thai New Year celebration of Songkran as well as celebrating St Georges Day, and the Islamic festival of Eid. Look out for more information on Tapestry.



We will also be spending time in **Forest School** and as the weather improves we will doing more work and planting in our **nursery garden**.

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 the term are £16 for children attending 15 hours and £24 for those that attend for 30 hours. Please make your snack payment by card at the office if possible or by cash if necessary.** You will receive a text message as a reminder and **payment is due by the end of the first week back each term.** A small proportion of your payment also goes towards little extras for the children, things like birthday gifts, cookery ingredients and food as part of our celebrations. **Snack charges are based on all parents/carers paying the amount due.** If you are experiencing difficulty paying for snack please make an appointment to speak to the Headteacher. Unfortunately, we are not able to provide a refund of this payment if children are absent.

Suncream

Just a little reminder as the weather gets warmer, your child should have sun cream applied before coming to nursery.

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. This should be labelled clearly with your child's name.



Would you also indicate via Tapestry that you give consent for staff to apply sun cream in your absence.

Can You Help?

As the weather is improving we plan to resume work on the gardens at the front of the school. We already have a small group of volunteers who help to do light weeding, pruning and planting. If you are interested in helping just let me know.



Could you help in forest school, our kitchen garden, in the classroom or with some jobs in the school office? Do you have a talent or interest you would like to share with our children? If you would like to join in or know someone who would be willing to spare some time to help please have a chat with me at drop off or collection. All offers of help, whether as a one off or on a regular basis would be very much appreciated.

School Holidays



School will close at the end of the day on Friday 27th May 2022 and re-open on Monday 13th June 2022.

Clothing

Just a little reminder regarding suitable clothing. We continue to spend a large amount of time outdoors as children have 'open access' choosing where they want to learn. We also continue to follow COVID guidance regarding ventilation. Children are engaging in sensory play and quite often become wet or messy. Please could you ensure your child has a change of clothes in nursery and that they come to school dressed for the changing weather.

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. **We ask that payment for uniform is done via a debit card which will enable us to provide you with a receipt.**



Happy Birthday to You.

Children:

Hayden, Alfie, Harrison, Brodie, Sauda, Oaklei, Matilda, Ajay, Anthony, Hudson, Darcy, Viktoria, Chloe, Marciana, Charlotte,



Staff:

Catherine, Brian, Katy, Jo

Dates for your diary—Parent and Carer Events

We have lots of events planned for this term, remember to look out on Tapestry for your invitations. Our website <https://www.sandylanenurseryandforestschool.co.uk/> also shows event dates.

A special celebration on Friday 27th May—Children and some local elderly residents will be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with an tea party. We hope to have some special visitors joining us too!



Friends of Sandy Lane Parent and Carers Group.

This friendly group meets in the staffroom each half term to discuss how parents/carers can support the work of the school with things like fundraising, parent/carers involvement and how we can all work together to make our school the best it can be. Our next meetings are **MONDAY**

9TH MAY FROM 8.30AM (STRAIGHT AFTER DROP OFF) or THURSDAY 12TH MAY FROM 2.15PM



Rainbow Room Parent and Carers Group

Pop along for a drink and a chat with other parents and carers of children attending our rainbow room. It's an opportunity to share ideas, meet new friends and support each other. Our next meeting is **WEDNESDAY 4TH MAY, AFTER BOTH MORNING AND AFTERNOON DROP OFF**

Coming to Nursery EVERYDAY

Attendance really matters! **Good attendance is the key to good progress**

When do children learn and develop the most?

It's NOW! From birth to five years old!

We never learn so much, so quickly again for the rest of our lives

Good attendance (95%) has a significant impact on children's achievements and children who start off right will benefit all through their schooling ... and beyond!

If your child is unwell and needs to be absent from nursery please can I remind you to ring the office on **01925 623640** or text **07415 869045**. Please let us know if your child's absence is related to COVID. For children that are well enough but need to be absent, staff post a range of home learning on Tapestry which we encourage you to share with your child. Thank you for your cooperation

190 School Days

190 Opportunities for Learning

