

8 September 2023

Dear Parent or Carer,

Welcome Back

On behalf of everyone at Sandringham, I am delighted to welcome pupils and their families to our new school year. I hope that you all had a wonderful summer break and that your child has enjoyed their first few days of term. Pupils have settled quickly into their routines and I have been really pleased with their exemplary conduct and focus when I have been visiting classes, and during breaks and lunchtimes.

Buildings Update

Most of the planned building works have been completed during the summer and we are almost back to normal. We now have an amazing outdoor area in our Early Years provision, new doors, windows and lighting in key stage 1, and full redecoration and 'behind the scenes' improvements in key stage 2. A huge thank you goes to staff for setting up the school from scratch this week having been unable to access the building until Monday. We look forward to welcoming you into the building in the next few weeks to see the transformation.

Meet the Teacher Sessions

I hope your child has settled well into their new classes. To give parents the opportunity to meet children's teachers, I am pleased to provide you with information about 'meet the teacher sessions' that we will be holding in a few weeks' time. The sessions will take place in your child's classroom and will include an activity with your child, a chance to meet your child's teacher and for them to share any important class information with you. We are offering sessions on Tuesday 19th September and Wednesday 20th September:

- Nursery times: 8:30-9:00am or 3:00-3:30pm
- Other Classes: 8:40-9:10am or 2:45-3:15pm

If you are attending a morning session, please come with your child into class at the start of the day. If you are attending an afternoon session, please arrive at the session start time and go to your child's classroom door/external door where they usually exit. You only need to attend one of the sessions and don't need to sign up.

Autumn Term Key Dates

Fri 15th September	M&M performance for Years 3-6
Mon 18 th September	Me in Mind Assemblies
Tue 19 th & Wed 20 th September	Meet the teacher sessions – Nursery: 8.30-9.00 or 3.00-3.30 – Reception-Y6: 8.45-9.15 or 2.45-3.15
Mon 25 th September	Me in Mind Coffee Morning
Tue 26 th September am	Y6 Body Image Workshops
Tue 3 rd October	Early Years Outdoor Area Celebration Event
Wed 11 th October	Dentist Visit to Classes
Fri 13 th October	SCHOOL CLOSED - Training Day
Tue 17 th October am	Y1-6 Harvest Services at St Aidan's
Wed 18 th & Thu 19 th October	Parents Evenings from 3.30pm
Fri 20 th October	Last day for pupils
HALF-TERM	
Mon 30 th October	Pupils return to school
Thu 2 nd November	Individual Photographs
Tue 7 th November	Flu Vaccinations
Mon 13 th November	Anti-Bullying Week: Make A Noise About Bullying
Thu 16 th November	Social Justice Event (selected Y6 pupils) 1-7pm
20 th -24 th November	Road Safety Week
Thu 23 rd November	Flu Vaccination Catch Up Session
Fri 24 th November	Get Bright Day
Tue 5 th December	EYFS Craft Sessions
Tue 5 th December	St George's Carol Service (evening)
Tue 12 th December	EYFS Nativity 9.15am & 2.15pm
Wed 13 th December	Rock Steady Concert 2.15pm
Thu 14 th December	KS1 Christmas Play 9.15am & 2.15pm
Fri 15 th December	KS1 Christmas Play 9.15am
Tue 19 th December am	Y1-6 Christingle Services at St Aidan's
Tue 19 th December pm	Y1/2/3/4 Christmas Parties
Wed 20 th December pm	EYFS & Y5/6 Christmas Parties
Thu 21 st December	Christmas Lunch (PROVISIONAL DATE)

Information about what your child is learning

This information is published on our website at <https://www.sandringham.school/curriculum>. If you have any questions about our curriculum, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

Named Clothing

Please also check your child's clothing to make sure that all items are clearly named so we can return any lost uniform as we've found several jumpers that we've been able to match to their owners.

Reading at Home

We ask pupils to read at home at least 3 times each week. Following feedback from parents, and in line with other academies in our trust, we are introducing a new online reading record. We will be sharing details of this next week and during our meet the teacher sessions.

PE

In Years 1 to 6, pupils should arrive at school dressed in their PE bottoms, white t-shirt and usual school jumper. PE days this term are:

- Dolphins - Wednesday
- Whales - Tuesday
- Lions & Giraffes - Tuesday & Friday
- Lizards & Chameleons - Monday & Friday
- Dragons - Tuesday & Wednesday
- Unicorns - Wednesday & Thursday
- Phoenix & Flying Fish - Monday & Thursday
- Swans & Toucans - Monday & Friday
- Doves & Eagles - Monday & Thursday

Our PE kit expectations

- usual navy-blue sweatshirt (for outdoor PE, school logo optional)
- plain white t-shirt (school logo optional)
- navy blue/black sports shorts (no logos)
- navy blue/black leggings or tracksuit bottoms (for outdoor PE, no logos)
- plain trainers

Everyone at Sandringham is looking forward to meeting you all over the coming term. In the meantime, if there is anything at all we can do to help, please do not hesitate to contact me or your child's teacher.

Yours sincerely,
Mr C Metcalfe
Principal