

# NEWSLETTER

Term 2B

## A message from our Principal – Mr Metcalfe

The Spring Term has whizzed by! Our pupils have been extremely busy with their fabulous learning in classrooms and excellent enhancements to our curriculum. Most recently it has been amazing to see so many wanting to make a positive difference by supporting our litter pick - thank you for your support and sponsorship for this. I have loved hearing about pupils' experiences as part of their trips - Year 4 loved being archaeologists in York, Year 3 were buzzing as historians at Doncaster Museum and Early Years enjoyed a great time at The Deep. We have lots more experiences planned as we move into the summer term! I would also like to extend a huge thank you to the Friends for the brilliant Easter fundraising. Finally, we send our best wishes to Mrs Stringfellow as she leaves us temporarily to begin her maternity leave - as soon as we have baby news to share, we'll pass this on. On behalf of everyone at Sandringham I would like to wish you an enjoyable break and we look forward to seeing pupils back for an action-packed Summer Term.

## A message from the Chair of Governors – Maggie Blount

I can't believe it is nearly Easter already! Sandringham continues to be a great school with lots going on. We have welcomed back teachers to year 4 and the children in year 4 have been pleased to see them and are enjoying their learning. SATs will be upon us soon for our year 6 children. They are all working unbelievably hard to achieve the very best that they can. In order to support them, the school is delivering weekly booster classes which are well attended and taught by a high number of Sandringham's very good teachers. On behalf of the governing board I would like to thank you for your continued support and wish a very happy Easter to you all. Let's hope the weather improves and we can all enjoy some quality time outdoors in some much-needed spring sunshine.

## P.E. Days

Reception Dolphins: Wednesdays  
Reception Whales: Tuesdays  
**Reception pupils now require a P.E kit.**  
Year 1: Tuesday & Thursday  
Year 2: Monday & Friday  
Year 3: Tuesday & Wednesday  
Year 4: Wednesday & Thursday  
Year 5: Monday & Friday  
Year 6: Tuesday & Thursday

## School reminders

**School start times:**  
Nursery: 8:30am to 11:30am or 12:30pm to 3:30pm  
Gates open at 8:30-8:40am, 12:30-12:40pm & 3:20-3:30pm  
Reception to Year 6: 8:45am to 3:15pm  
Gates open at 8:40-8:50am & 3:05pm-3:25pm  
Absences must be reported to the main office no later than 9:30am. Unexplained absences may result in a home/welfare visit from the school.



## Did someone say summer?

As we start to edge closer to the warmer months, we would like to remind you to send your child to school with a cap, pre-applied sunscreen and a water bottle. Please note, staff are unable to apply sunscreen. All pupils must ensure they have their own, named water bottle in school which they will be able to refill as necessary from class. Children should not share water bottles with their friends.

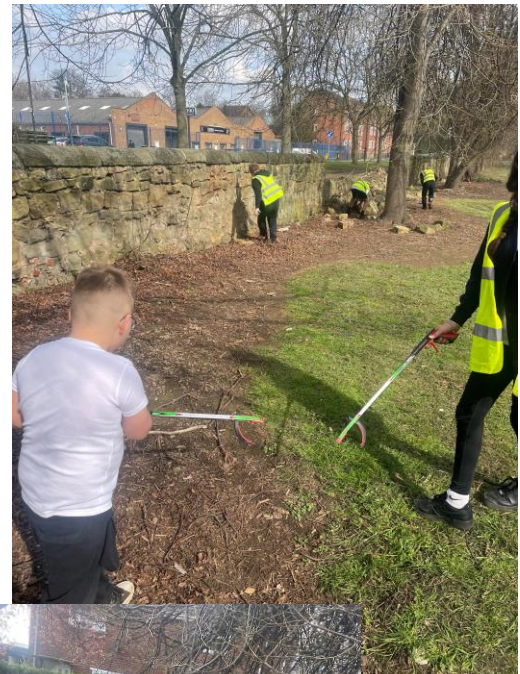
## How to contact your child's class teacher

Class teachers no longer have access to a class email address. If you would like to forward anything to your child's class teacher please do so via Tapestry/Seesaw or email [admin@sandringham.school](mailto:admin@sandringham.school) where a member of the office team will forward on your request.



### Great British Spring Clean 2024

The children have had a great time taking part in the sponsored litter pick within our school grounds and also some of the surrounding areas. The children took it in turns to collect litter throughout the week. We would like to say a BIG THANKYOU for all the sponsor money raised. So far, we have collected a staggering **£1116!!!!** If you haven't had a chance to donate yet there is still time to add this on ParentPay. School council have decided to use the fund-raising money to improve our school wildlife area and also our school grounds, by re-planting our flower beds to encourage new wildlife. The class who raised the most will be announced after the Easter break.



## Nursery

Nursery have been learning all about plants and growing. They have enjoyed planting flowers outside and planting lots of seeds. They have been able to see their cress grow!

## Reception

Reception have loved learning all about the amazing oceans and the creatures that live in them! They had an incredible trip to The Deep, where they saw some wonderful creatures, including the endangered sawfish! The children have also been learning about pollution, and how we can all do our part to save our planet!

## Year 1

Year 1 have been writing instructions for how to make a honey sandwich. They have enjoyed sharing many stories, their favourite story was 'Where the Wild Things Are'. In Maths they have been learning about numbers to 50 and have started learning how to measure the length of different objects. They've enjoyed learning about continents, oceans and the four countries of the United Kingdom in Geography.

## Year 2

Year 2 have written a diary entry inspired by Flat Stanley. They have learnt all about the Great Fire of London, how to use and create pictograms in computing and explored different materials and textures in Art to create some interesting collage pieces.

## Year 3

Year 3 have been learning about the Romans and what it was like to live in Roman times. The children went on an exciting visit back to Ancient Rome, via Danum Museum! The children dressed up as Roman soldiers, played traditional Roman games and even learnt some Roman numerals. In RE they have been learning all about Holy Week and the Easter Story and thought about why we give Easter eggs as gifts at this time. They have visited St Aiden's Church to participate in an Easter workshop, which the children loved.

## Year 4

Year 4 have been learning about the Viking invasion of Britain and ended with the Battle of Hastings. As part of this History unit, they also visited the Jorvik Dig experience. The children made us really proud with their enthusiasm and knowledge of the topic. They have now finished their class text 'The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane', which seems to have become a firm favourite among many of the children.

## Year 5

Year 5 have enjoyed creating newspaper reports about the mysterious disappearance of Flight 19. During their DT, they really enjoyed their slow cooked curries, all made from fresh ingredients, at a low-cost budget. In art they have been looking at sculptures, and had a go at making their own apertures. It was great to have the WonderDome visit as part of their science.

## Year 6

Year 6 have been writing a newspaper report and have very much enjoyed learning about the outbreak of World War Two. They have imagined what it might have been like to be an evacuee and learned about the heroes of the Battle of Britain. In Science, they've learned about the circulatory system and why it's so important to look after our heart.



## Our learning next half-term

### Nursery

Nursery will be learning about insects! They are going to be learning all about little creatures and have a fantastic bug workshop day planned in school. Please login to ParentPay to make the contribution if you haven't already done so. **Reminder:** Please bring book bags on a Monday for a new reading book. Please ensure jumpers, cardigans and water bottles are named and brought every day.

### Reception

Receptions topic is 'On The Farm'. The children will be learning about farming and growing. They will be enjoying some wonderful stories, such as 'Farmer Duck', 'What the Ladybird Heard' and 'There's a Pig up My Nose'! The most exciting part of the next-half term will be the chicken and duck eggs that are coming to school! They will get to watch them in their incubation, and then care for them when they have hatched! **Reminder:** Please bring water bottles and book bags to school everyday.

### Year 1

Year 1 will continue their learning about plants and animals in science, they will be experimenting with clay in Art and learning about the lives of significant people such as David Attenborough in History. They will be reading many more stories including Dogger and will be writing an information text about animals. **Reminder:** Yorkshire Wildlife Park trip will take place in June. If you haven't already paid please continue to make contributions via Parent Pay to avoid cancellation of the trip.

### Year 2

Year 2 will be using George's Marvellous Medicine to inspire their creative writing. They will be learning about life in Kenya and how it compares to our lives in Doncaster, plants in science and mechanisms in design technology. **Reminder:** Please can we ask that children do not bring trading cards to school as this is causing unnecessary upset during break times. Thank you.

### Year 3

Year 3 will learn more about the Romans and the impact they had on life in Britain.

### Year 4

Year 4 will be reading 'The Girl who stole an Elephant' as their class text in English. As part of this they will explore the setting of an Indonesian jungle and follow characters on an exciting adventure. They will also be moving onto their Ancient Egyptian Topic and looking at key environmental regions in Geography (Russia, Europe, North America and South America). **Reminder:** All year 4 pupils will be taking part in their Multiplication Tables Check in June. Please encourage your child to use TimesTables Rockstar for plenty of practice.

### Year 5

Year 5 are looking forward to reading Room 13, and comparing Whitby to Doncaster.

### Year 6

Year 6 are going to be busy preparing for their Key Stage Two Assessments (13.05.24 - 16.05.24). They've already been working really hard at their reading and maths skills and can't wait to show off how well they have been doing. Just to confirm, SATs boosters on Tuesday after school will continue up until May 8th. Any children that haven't signed up to come and would like to are very welcome to come and join us.

## Sporting Events

Wow what a busy half-term we have had for sporting events!

7<sup>th</sup> March saw some of our Year 4's take part in the Basketball finals at the Park Community Arena Sheffield, home of the Sheffield Sharks Basketball team. Not only did our team play a fantastic game but one of our girls was scouted by Sheffield Hatters to join the Under 12's team! Watch out, we could have a pro basketball player in town!

12<sup>th</sup> March was the turn of our footballers. Two teams attended New College Doncaster on a very wet & cold morning. From years 5 and 6 we have a team of girls and a team of boys. Through the rain, both teams battled on and our boys team won every single game becoming overall winners. Miss Walker said "she was amazed with the standard of football". Our girls team worked so hard and Mrs Maddox said "I was so proud of all our girls for giving their best" they came in 6<sup>th</sup> place overall.

15<sup>th</sup> March, 30 pupils from across KS1 and KS2 who took part in the Festival of Sport at the English Institute of Sport in Sheffield. From year 1 to year 6, all of our pupils did Sandringham Primary School proud.

21<sup>st</sup> March a team of 9 netballers travelled to HallCross Lower school. Our mixed Netball team from years 5/6 had a wonderful afternoon which involved improving their skills and a chance to play matches against other schools within the borough. Mrs Sutton was very excited to see how well her after school club performed. Our team won 2 games out of 3 which is very promising. We would also like to thank Hall Cross Academy students who passed on their Netball tips to younger pupils.

26<sup>th</sup> March saw 12 of our KS1 pupils raise the flag for Sandringham for the Multiskills competition at New College Doncaster. Well done to our Year 1 and Year 2 pupils who attended, you were all amazing and did your school proud.



## Dates for your diary!

Date	Event
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Last day in school for pupils & staff
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	School CLOSED for Bank Holiday
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> April to Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	School CLOSED for Easter Half-Term
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	School REOPENS to all pupils and staff
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Nursery – Bug workshop
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 5 & Year 6 – Online safety workshop at Intake Primary School (morning)
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	School CLOSED for Bank Holiday
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> to Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATs week
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 5 Swimstars online safety
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Last day in school for pupils
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	School CLOSED to pupils for staff training day
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May	School CLOSED – Half-Term
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	School REOPENS to pupils and staff