



Sandye Place Academy
Achievement Through Partnership

**1ST MARCH
2019**

**SPECIAL
POINTS OF
INTEREST:**

- **Message from Mrs Kane**
- **Internet Safety**
- **Comic Relief**
- **Writing competition**
- **Holiday notice**
- **Gate update**
- **Dairy Dates**
- **World Book Day**
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Spring is certainly in the air, the lovely weather cheers everybody up. The pupils are enjoying spring lunchtimes and soon we will be utilising the field allowing plenty of space for the pupils to run around and let off steam. Pupils arrived back to school after the half term break, CBC had scheduled this break a week before most of the country, this meant that many families were able to avail of good value holidays; some however had to juggle different weeks for their children. CBC seems to have this scheduled in line with the rest of the country for next year. As always there are some good and bad points; that said I do hope you all had a restful break.

The school is busy preparing for your child's next steps; 1st March 2019 is the date when the outcome of your applications for your child's next school is announced. Central Bedfordshire Council will communicate this to you. If you applied online you will receive an email in this regard, if by paper application you will receive a letter. We are here to support you so should you encounter any issues, please contact the office who can advise you further.

During half term the English team set a writing competition for year 6 pupils. The children were invited to write a piece about a fairground and the winners have been announced. The prizes include Amazon vouchers of different values, the top one is £50. Well done to all those who entered. Mrs Hill provides more detail in her article. Watch this space for the Year 7/8 writing competition coming up over the Easter holiday.

Writing is such an important aspect of your child's education. In fact, the importance of writing has perhaps increased in the last decade or so, thanks to trends in technology. Most of us communicate via email, text, or social media, many millions of pieces of information are flowing between us through the written word every day. With this in mind, a whole school initiative of 'Everybody Writes' is about to be launched and implemented. Mr Sale will explain further in the next issue of the newsletter

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs Kane

I mention about how we all use technology now, it is a way of life for us. E-Safety is so important and as a parent myself I understand the challenges we face to ensure our children take responsibility for their safety online. To support you and your child, we organised for Roger Williams of Bedfordshire Police to attend SPA where he presented 'Staying Safe Online'. He spoke about the access children have these days to the internet: examples of gaming, mobile technology and social media platforms were highlighted.

I'd like to share with you some homework that Roger suggested the pupils carry out; you might like to check with your child to see if they have actioned any of the following.

- ◇ *Security settings need to be set to "Friends only", that includes comments, posts and photos*
- ◇ *These "Friends" need to be people you know and trust in the real world*
- ◇ ***Content** Only post content and photos you wouldn't mind showing your granny!*
- ◇ *Learn how to report an issue directly to the websites you use*
- ◇ *Giving out personal information can be dangerous. You need to treat personal information such as the school you go to or your location like your tooth brush and not share it with anyone!*
- ◇ *Don't webcam with people you do not know from the real world and turn the webcam off after use!*
- ◇ *Delete people who make you feel uncomfortable and tell someone*

Mrs Kane

REPORT IT



Wear your pyjamas for Comic Relief!

We are pleased to support 'Red Nose Day' again this year, on Friday, 15th March and pupils are invited to wear their pyjamas for the day, for a suggested minimum donation of £1.

There will be a cake sale and Comic Relief merchandise will also be available to buy.

Please note that to ensure all pupils are safeguarded, pyjamas must have long-sleeves and long legs and pupils must wear PE kit, or other shorts and t-shirt underneath. Any pupil whose attire isn't appropriate will have to change into suitable clothing. Any pupil who decides not to take part may wear non-uniform for a suggested minimum donation of £1.



Writing Competition

The English Department is delighted to announce the winners of the Year 6 Descriptive Writing Competition, which students entered immediately after half-term. We were really pleased that the children took their own time during the holiday to improve their writing skills - the quality was excellent, as you can see below.

Winning Silver awards (with £25 Amazon vouchers) were: Charlie C, Hannah S and Ava F.

Our Gold winners (winning £50 Amazon vouchers) were Daniel CA and Danae K. We were particularly impressed with the vocabulary and punctuation in extracts like:

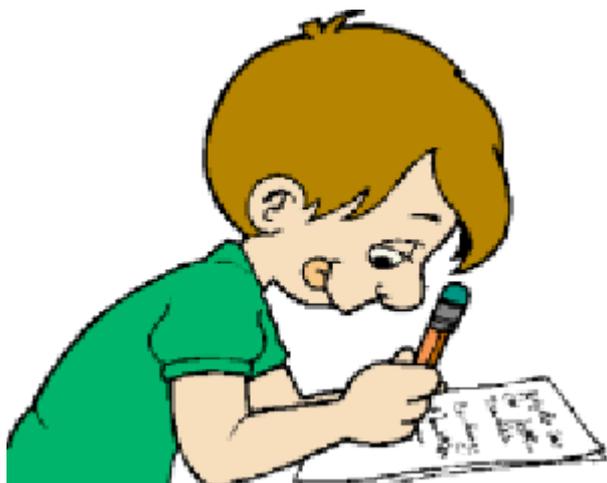
“Just then, I saw the carousel in all its glory! The horses painted and polished to the utmost, the children pushing and shoving to get to the front, and me along with them, having the time of my life. I felt my usually solemn face turn into a smile, then a wide grin, then into full-blown laughter!” (Danae)

“All of a sudden, a dark figure stepped forward: his teeth as sharp as razors and as black as night; his eyes were as blue as cold water; his hands were as big as boulders. At that moment, Joe and Tod had no idea that only one of them would ever leave.” (Daniel)

Many thanks to the entrants for reminding us all that writing should be a joy, not a chore, and that the best writing has the power to take us out of ourselves to other worlds!

Mrs Hill

Head of English



The Year 7 and 8 competition will take place over the Easter holidays, with entries due on the first day back.



It is that time of year where we all think about our annual holidays and getting away for a bit of well-deserved family time. I would like to remind you that even with our closing, the local authority still regularly check each pupil's attendance on a termly basis and fines will still be issued. Please don't be tempted by the last couple of weeks of term, especially with us closing as the local authority will still be fining right up until our last day.

Attendance targets for all pupils is 97% - thank you for your ongoing support.

Mrs Weldon



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Come in We're
OPEN

We have made the decision to close the gates during school hours, this is purely to deter people from parking on school grounds due to the change in parking facilities in town. Should you wish to enter the school premises during school hours you can either park in town and walk to the office or you can contact the telephone number on the notice at the gates and we will advise you further.

Mr B Sale



Diary Dates



- Year 7 Bowling Reward Trip - Friday, 1st March
- Year 8 Matilda trip - Wednesday, 6th March
- Year 6 Harry Potter Studio trip - Wednesday, 6th March
- Year 7 & 8 Shakespeare Globe trip - Thursday, 21st March
- Year 7 Natural History trip – Tuesday, 2nd April
- Last day of Spring Term - Friday, 5th April
- Start of Summer Term - Wednesday, 24th April
- May Half-term - 27th - 31st May
- Pupils return to School - Monday, 3rd June
- Last day of Summer Term - Friday, 19th July



- Year 6 Legoland trip - Tuesday, 21st May
- Sandy Place Celebration Day - Sunday, 14th July
- Year 7 & 8 Thorpe Park trip - Tuesday, 16th July
- Year 6 Celebration afternoon - Monday, 15th July
- Year 7 Celebration afternoon - Wednesday, 17th July
- Academy Awards Night (Year 8) - Thursday, 18th July

WORLD
BOOK
DAY

World Book Day 2019

Thursday, 7th March

Optional Dress-Up As Your Favourite Book

Character for the day – no donation needed!

Activities in the library at break and lunch.

Your child should have already brought home their WBD Book Token – these can be exchanged for one of this year's WBD titles, or used to take £1 off the price of a full-sized book. Vouchers are valid from 28th February to 31st March 2019.

Details of this year's titles can be found here:

<https://www.worldbookday.com/books/>



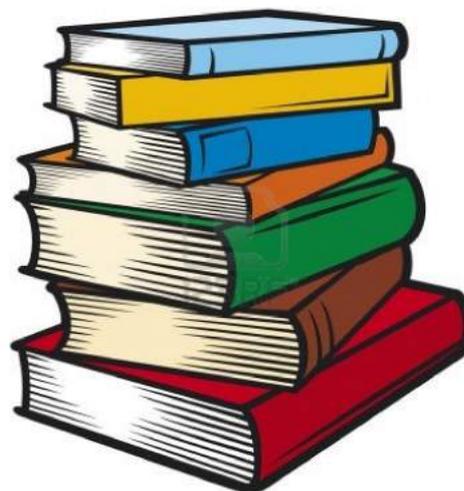
SCHOLASTIC

Scholastic Book Club – March

Our new **Scholastic Book Club is up and running!** Go to: <http://schools.scholastic.co.uk/sandye-place> to browse the latest books and order online.

For **every £1 you spend** on this month's Book Club, **our school will earn 25p** in Scholastic Rewards to spend on books for our library.

Please place your **order online by March 15th, 2019**, to be delivered into school week commencing 18th March.



Child & Adolescent Emotional Wellbeing

Programme



A rolling parent & carer information & training programme run by Bedfordshire CAMHS

Following on from the success of the Bedfordshire CAMHS Parent Information and Training Pilot Session we ran in December 2018, we are now rolling out a monthly programme covering a wide range of topics.

Each month we will cover a different topic and they will take place at The Rufus Centre and a Bedford venue (which will be confirmed) so it is available in both areas

Tuesday 26th March 2019

Anxiety and Panic

Tuesday 16th April 2019

Managing Emotions, resilience and self-esteem

Thursday 23rd May 2019

Exam and school pressure

Tuesday 25th June 2019

Self-harm, suicide, risk taking behaviours and self-medicating

Tuesday 16th July 2019

Low mood

Tuesday 20th August 2019

Teenage Mental Health

Who can attend?

Any parent or carer who has a child registered at a Bedfordshire GP, you do not need to be open to CAMHS

How do I book a ticket?

Tickets will be available on the web from Eventbrite and they will be free

What are the timings of the sessions?

The sessions will take place between 6-8pm

Can young people attend?

These sessions are for parents and carers only

Where can I find more information?

Information for each session will be released closer to the time. These will be advertised on the CAMHS website, at local schools and GP services, as well as at agencies such as the council so please keep an eye out for them!

Extra-Curricular clubs – Spring Term – 2018-19

	Before School 8.00 – 8.50am	Lunchtime 12.40 – 1.30pm	After School 3.45 – 4.45pm
MONDAY		AR quizzes – ICT 3 – JCr Lego Club Room 11 JG	Football Club–All Years (Start date TBC due to light) TS Production Rehearsals Homework Club ICT 1 LC/JC/JW
TUESDAY	Dance Club (Fun) All Years 8.10 – 8.40 ZH	AR quizzes – ICT 3 – RB Reading Club Invite Only Room 7 BH Netball All Years ZH	Homework Club ICT 1 LC/JC/JW
WEDNESDAY	Contemporary Technique Dance All Years 8.05 – 8.45 ZH	AR quizzes – ICT 3 – JR Art Club 12.40 – 1.10 LH	Production Rehearsals Homework Club ICT 1 LC/JC/JW
THURSDAY	SPA Dance Com- pany (Audition Only) 8.05 – 8.45 ZH	AR quizzes – ICT 3 – TG Netball Club All Years ZH	Homework Club ICT 1 LC/JC/JW Science Club Invite Only GC
FRIDAY		AR quizzes – ICT 3 - JR	Homework Club ICT 1 LC/JC/JW Cheerleading Club All Years ZH

Homework Timetable 2018 - 2019

	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8
<i>Mon</i>	English	Science	
<i>Tues</i>	Science	English	
<i>Weds</i>			English
<i>Thurs</i>	Maths	Maths	Science
<i>Fri</i>			Maths

Core Subjects will set and collect in weekly homework on the allocated days shown above

Foundation subjects (any subject other than Maths/English & Science) will set a minimum of 1 piece of homework per half term.

These subjects may set homework on any day but will have a two week deadline in order to help pupils manage their homework load. Pupils should make use of the two days they are not allocated core subject homework to complete foundation subject homework

**Pupils are to read independently for 20 minutes every evening in addition to homework set*

Spring 2019		WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3
w/c		31st Dec, 21st Jan, 18th Feb, 19th Mar, 1st Apr	7th Jan, 28th Jan, 25th Feb, 18th Mar	14th Jan, 4th Feb, 4th Mar, 25th Mar
 PIZZAS  OLD FAVOURITES  AROUND THE WORLD  ROAST THURSDAY  TAKEAWAY FRIDAY 	MONDAY	MARGHERITA OR PEPPERONI PIZZA BBQ PULLED PORK FRENCH FRIES OR RICE BAKED BEANS OR PEAS AND SWEETCORN ICED SPONGE WITH CUSTARD	 MARGHERITA OR BBQ CHICKEN PIZZA VEGETABLE FINGERS FRENCH FRIES OR MINI ROAST POTATOES BAKED BEANS OR BROCCOLI CHOCOLATE SPONGE AND CHOCOLATE SAUCE	 MARGHERITA OR HAM AND PINEAPPLE PIZZA COD AND SALMON PIE WITH A HERB CRUST FRENCH FRIES OR SAUTE POTATO BAKED BEANS OR SWEETCORN JAM AND COCONUT SPONGE WITH CUSTARD
	TUESDAY	BOLOGNAISE OVEN BAKED FISH FINGERS SPAGHETTI OR SPICY WEDGES BAKED BEANS OR GREEN BEANS APPLE CRUMBLE OR CHOCOLATE MOUSSE	 SAUSAGE ROLL PASTA BAKE SAUTE POTATOES OR VEGETABLE RICE BAKED BEANS OR SWEETCORN RICE PUDDING WITH JAM OR RING DOUGHNUT	 TOAD IN THE HOLE VEGETABLE RAVIOLI CREAMY MASH POTATOES OR GARLIC BREAD BAKED BEANS OR DICED CARROTS CHOCOLATE FUDGE CAKE WITH CHOC SAUCE
	WEDNESDAY	 CHICKEN BALTI QUICHE RICE AND NAAN BREAD OR SAUTE POTATOES BAKED BEANS OR ROASTED VEGETABLES WHITE CHOCOLATE AND RASPBERRY MUFFIN	 PORK MEATBALLS CHEESE PINWHEEL SPAGHETTI OR SAVOURY RICE BAKED BEANS OR GREEN BEANS BANOFFEE SPONGE WITH CREAM	 SWEET AND SOUR CHICKEN MACARONI CHEESE NOODLES OR RICE BAKED BEANS OR STIR FRY VEGETABLES CHOCOLATE TART WITH CREAM
	THURSDAY	 ROAST BEEF OR CHICKEN PIE WITH GRAVY CHEESE AND ONION SLICE ROAST OR MASH POTATOES DICED CARROTS OR PEAS ICED SPONGE WITH CREAM	 ROAST PORK WITH STUFFING AND GRAVY VEGETARIAN COTTAGE PIE ROAST OR MASH POTATOES DICED CARROTS OR CABBAGE CARROT CAKE	 ROAST TURKEY WITH STUFFING AND GRAVY VEGETABLE NUGGETS ROAST OR MASH POTATOES DICED CARROTS OR CAULIFLOWER CHOCOLATE MOUSSE CAKE
	FRIDAY	 OVEN BAKED JUMBO PORK SAUSAGE VEGETABLE LASAGNE FRENCH FRIES OR POTATO ROSTI BAKED BEANS OR SWEETCORN CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIE	 BREADED CHICKEN NUGGETS VEGETARIAN CHILLI FRENCH FRIES OR RICE BAKED BEANS OR MIXED VEGETABLES CHOCOLATE CRACKNEL	 HOT DOG IN A ROLL PASTA BAKE FRENCH FRIES OR SPICY WEDGES BAKED BEANS OR SWEETCORN SHORTBREAD

FILLED ROLLS, SALAD, JACKET POTATOES, FRESH FRUIT AND YOGURTS ALSO AVAILABLE DAILY

Sandye Place Academy Academic Calendar 2018/2019



School holiday
 Bank holiday
 Pupil day
 Training Day

Sep-18							Oct-18							Nov-18							Dec-18						
Mon							1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24	31	Mon						
Tue							2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27	4	11	18	25	Tue							
Wed							3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26	Wed							
Thu							4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27	Thu							
Fri							5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30	7	14	21	28	Fri							
Sat	1	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24	8	15	22	29	Sat	1	8	15	22	29				
Sun	2	9	16	23	30	7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25	9	16	23	30	Sun	2	9	16	23	30				

Jan-19							Feb-19							Mar-19							Apr-19						
Mon							4	11	18	25	4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29	Mon							
Tue	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26	5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30	Tue								
Wed	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27	6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24	Wed									
Thu	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28	7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25	Thu									
Fri	4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26	Fri									
Sat	5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27	Sat	5	12	19	26					
Sun	6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28	Sun	6	13	20	27					

May-19							Jun-19							Jul-19							Aug-19						
Mon							3	10	17	24	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26	Mon							
Tue							4	11	18	25	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27	Tue							
Wed	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28	Wed								
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Sun	5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30	7	14	21	28	11	18	25	Sun	4	11	18	25						

Term 1 - 73 days **Term 2 - 63 days** **Term 3 - 59 days**
 Pupil contact amounts to 190 of 195 days. The Academy will be closed on five of the 195 days. These five days enable teacher training to take place in accordance with Teachers' Conditions of Service.
 Training days set as follows:
 Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th September 2018; Wednesday 2 January 2019, Tuesday 23rd April and Monday 22nd July.