



Sandye Place Academy
Achievement Through Partnership

**14th
September
2018**

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Sandye Place Academy

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Welcome to the new academic year at Sandye Place Academy.

So the saying goes that all things good come in small packages, and a little smaller is what Sandye Place is today, but in reality, what it really does give us, is the opportunity to provide the very best education for all the pupils in our care. I know I speak on behalf of the staff and governors when I say that is exactly what we will endeavour to do. We will focus relentlessly on the standard of education we provide, through engaging teaching and learning.

As you are aware we said goodbye to a number of pupils and colleagues in the summer and wished them all well for the future. We do however have a full complement of fully qualified specialist teachers who have shown a huge commitment to the academy in times of great change within education in Sandy.

I would like to draw your attention to a number of small changes we have put in place for the new academic year. We have altered the time table very slightly, moving from a 55 minute lesson to 1 hour for each lesson – this is to maximise learning time. Pupil's allocated break and lunch time has not been reduced, but the times are slightly different.

Accelerated Reader will now be delivered in English lessons by the English department meaning afternoon registration is reduced to accommodate the increase in lesson times. There is an increase in the allocation of time for both English and Maths lessons to be in line with other primary and secondary schools to ensure there is the required time to deliver the national curriculum.

The academy's Homework timetable has been revamped to make it easier to understand for both pupils and parents, please see the timetable on page 6. Staff will continue to put their homework on to pupil's e-praise accounts, which as parents you have full access to. It will also include brief details of what is expected of them, the time pupils should spend completing their homework, plus any resources and/or more detailed instructions will be attached. Please note, staff will also write 'No homework set' and give a brief reason why. This could be for a number of factors which I will explain later. Pupils are still expected to record their homework in their planners to encourage them to be organised and independent, even if they direct themselves to e-praise for further details.

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We have allocated a day for core subjects to set and collect in homework. This is to establish a routine for weekly homework and ensure that we are not setting too much homework. We appreciate that in some cases pupils may be unable to complete a piece of homework on the allocated day due to a club or another commitment, but we do need your support as parents to help your child manage their time. Homework for year 6 should be 30 minutes per evening, in year 7 it should be 40 minutes and no more than an hour in year 8. In addition, pupils should read independently for 20 minutes every evening.

For non-core subjects, for example History; these subjects will set a minimum of one piece of homework per half term, unlike English/Maths and Science (core subjects) who set a piece weekly. Foundation subjects may set homework on any day and usually teachers set homework the day they see the class. In order to ensure pupils do not become overwhelmed teachers will give a two week deadline to ensure pupils have enough time to complete their homework. Lastly, we have organised an after school homework club that is run by two members of staff. This has been put in place to support pupils who may struggle with some of their homework. Whilst at the club pupils have access to computers, resources and staff to help. If you wish to secure a place for your child please collect a letter from the office and return the permission slip.

We have a vast number of free exciting extra-curricular clubs on offer to all pupils, which you can see on page 10. These range from, before school to after school and at lunch times, and from sports to choir. In some cases these will change each half term so please keep an eye out in this newsletter. A reminder, that year 6 pupils require their parents/carers permission to attend before or after school clubs, again these can be collected from the office.

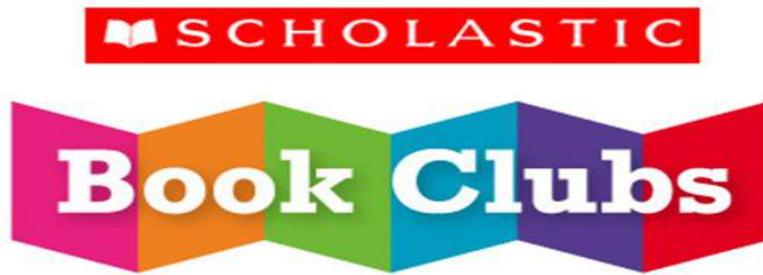
One of our aims this year will be to improve the standard of handwriting at the academy. This is a whole school initiative and therefore pupils will be encouraged to use handwriting pens as part of this. We will provide these for pupils to use. Please note that the equipment that you have provided your child for the start of the new-year is not wasted and will be required for them to be used in various lessons.

We are currently investigating a number of educational trips as we believe that experiences outside of the context of school can be invaluable to pupil's learning. We will let you know about these in due course.

We know that as we move through the year you will have many questions in relation to your child moving on to a new school. We will do our very best to answer these questions and queries. Please be assured that we will work closely with other schools in Sandy, the surrounding areas and Central Bedfordshire council to make the transition at the end of the year as smooth as possible.

Kind regards

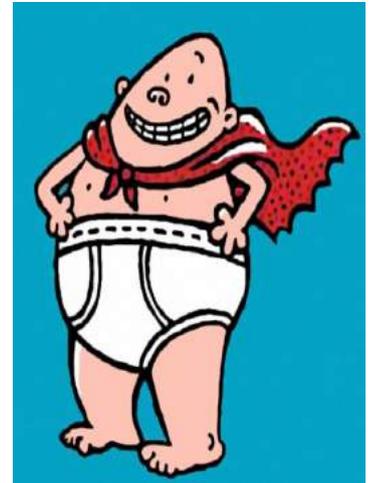
Mr B Sale
Principal



Your child will have been given a Scholastic Book Club leaflet to bring home this week. There are some great offers on packs of books, including David Baddiel (4 books for £12.99), Cressida Cowell's How To Train Your Dragon series (£34.99), the Captain Underpants series for £19.99, and for older readers Beth Garrod's Awkward series for £9.98. Biscuits, Bands and Very Big Plans is the latest instalment in the Tom Gates series and is on offer at £4.99, and Middle School: From Zero to Hero (hardback) is on offer at £6.99.



There are hundreds of books to choose from, as well as stationery and craft kits. View the full catalogue online. All orders will be delivered free to school (please contact us if these are presents – orders will otherwise be given to children to take home!)



Paper orders can be dropped into school, or you can order online via our Book Club at scholastic.co.uk/clubs - we get back 25 % of the value of every order over £10 to spend on books for our library, so thank you for your support!

All orders to be returned to school by **21st September.**

Attendance – Welcome back !

It is well documented that a child's school attendance has a significant impact on their overall achievement and gives them the best chance of reaching their full potential. At Sandye Place Academy we expect all of our students to aspire to 100% attendance and appreciate the full support of parents and carers in encouraging this.

We are however realistic within our aspirations and appreciate that children can become unwell and so our attendance target for each student at the academy is **97%** or above over each academic year. You can track your child's attendance and punctuality on e-praise.

We will aim to communicate with you as soon as possible if your son/daughters attendance becomes a concern. We do this to give you as much notice as possible in order for the situation to improve.

Please remember that we are on your side! We are trying to teach your children life skills that will support them in the work place. It is the Academy's decision whether an absence or late mark is authorised or not and we may ask you to provide medical evidence.

Below are just a few examples of reasons we received last Academic year that were unauthorised by the Academy.

My child is tired because we went to a concert last night.

It is my child's birthday.

We had to go to the shops to get some new shoes.

I must stress that if you have any concerns about attendance, please pick up the phone and speak to me.

Fixed Penalty Notices

There has been a great amount of media attention regarding Fixed Penalty Notices to parents that go on holiday during term time or have a number of unauthorised absences. Sandye Place Academy would like to make it clear to all parents that Central Bedfordshire are continuing to process the fixed penalty notices and therefore please do not take holidays during term time.

Thank you for your ongoing support and co-operation.

Mrs Weldon

Colour code your Attendance



100% - Gold Star Attendance.

CONGRATULATIONS!

You have never had a day off.



99-97% - Well done you have excellent attendance. Keep it up.



96-92% - You need to concentrate on your attendance or provide a medical reason for absence.



91% and below – Persistent absence from school requiring significant improvement. Mrs Weldon will be working with you and you parents to ensure this improves.



You can check your attendance on E-praise. If you want to discuss your attendance further please make an appointment to see Mrs Weldon at break or lunch time.

Homework Timetable 2018 - 2019

	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8
Mon	English	Science	
Tues	Science	English	
Weds			English
Thurs	Maths	Maths	Science
Fri			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*

Diary Dates



Last day of half term Friday 19th October 2018

Return to school Monday 29th October 2018

Accelerated Reader®



Accelerated Reader has already started after the summer break. This year, it will be run as part of English lessons, with children reading regularly at the start of their lessons. There will also be weekly sessions held in the library so that the children will have chance to change their books, take quizzes, and ask any questions they might have to the librarian.

In common with last year, we will be continuing with the three book target, and children have been given a set level, usually in the middle of their ZPD range. These have been set by English teachers, and will be monitored, so you may find that your child's level varies as term progresses.

The library is open to all children every break and lunch to change their books, and in addition, ICT suites will be open at lunch for quiz taking.



There will also be rewards for children who challenge themselves to read above and beyond their three book target.

As in previous years, please make sure you hear your child read at home regularly (20 minutes a day is ideal), talk to them about their book, and encourage their enthusiasm for reading. We have a good variety of books in the library to choose from, with new books being added regularly: if there is something in particular your child would like to read, please ask and we will try to accommodate their request.

Don't forget, you can monitor your child's progress through homeconnect – happy reading!



We have an array of lost property as listed below, we have requested the children come to the office to make a claim on these items but we still have several outstanding. If you are aware your child has lost one of these items please feel free to come to the school office to check if it belongs to them

Glasses

Watches

Jewellery

House keys

Swim goggles

Pencil cases

Baseball caps

Please be aware that if any of these items are outstanding as of the 21st of September they will be disposed of.



Sandye Place Academy Academic Calendar 2018/2019



Sandye Place Academy
Academy of Excellence

School holiday
 Bank holiday
 Pupil day
 Training Day

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Aug-19						
Mon		5	12	19	26	
Tue		6	13	20	27	
Wed		7	14	21	28	
Thu	1	8	15	22	29	
Fri	2	9	16	23	30	
Sat	3	10	17	24	31	
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.

Extra-Curricular clubs – Autumn 1 – 2018-19

	Before School 8.00 – 8.50am	Lunchtime 12.40 – 1.30pm	After School 3.45 – 4.45pm
MONDAY		AR quizzes – ICT 3 – Lego Club Room 11	Dodgeball Club All Years Homework Club ICT 1
TUESDAY	Dance Club (Fun) All Years 8.10 – 8.40	AR quizzes – ICT 3 – Reading Club Invite Only Room 7 Choir Club Music Room	Homework Club ICT 1 Science Club Invite Only
WEDNESDAY	Contemporary Technique Dance All Years 8.05 – 8.45	AR quizzes – ICT 3 – Art Club 12.40 – 1.10	Netball Club All Years SPA Choir All Years Homework Club ICT 1
THURSDAY	SPA Dance Com- pany (Audition Only) 8.05 – 8.45	AR quizzes – ICT 3 -	Ultimate Frisbee Club All Years GC Homework Club ICT 1
FRIDAY		AR quizzes – ICT 3 -	Homework Club ICT 1

Lunch menu Autumn half term

		WEEK 1 3RD SEPT, 24TH SEPT, 15TH OCT	WEEK 2 10TH SEPT, 1ST OCT	WEEK 3 17TH SEPT, 8TH OCT
PIZZAS	MON	CHEESE AND TOMATO OR PEP- PERONI PIZZA WITH CHIPS OR HERBY DICED POTATOES FISH PIE WITH CHIPS OR HERBY DICED POTATOES BAKED BEANS OR SWEETCORN JAM ROLY POLY WITH CUSTARD	CHEESE AND TOMATO OR BBQ CHICKEN PIZZA WITH CHIPS OR MINI ROAST POTATOES GAMMON AND PINEAPPLE WITH CHIPS OR MINI ROAST BAKED BEANS OR BROCCOLI CHOCOLATE SPONGE WITH CHOC- OLATE SAUCE	CHEESE AND TOMATO OR SPICY BEEF PIZZA WITH CHIPS OR RICE BBQ PULLED PORK WITH CHIPS OR RICE BAKED BEANS OR GREEN BEANS ICED SPONGE WITH CUSTARD
	TUES	BEEF BOLOGNAISE WITH SPA- GHETTI QUICHE WITH CROQUETTE PO- TATOES BAKED BEANS OR CARROTS HOMEMADE ICED BUN OR DEV- ONSHIRE SPLIT	TOAD IN THE HOLE WITH GRAVY AND MASH VEGETABLE RAVIOLI WITH GARLIC BREAD DICED CARROTS OR BAKED BEANS RASPBERRY AND WHITE CHOCO- LATE MUFFINS	MINCE AND DUMPLINGS WITH ROAST POTATOES PASTA BAKE BAKED BEANS OR CARROTS RICE PUDDING OR JELLY
AROUND THE WORLD	WED	CHICKEN BALTI WITH STEAMED RICE OR NAAN BREAD MACARONI CHEESE BAKED BEANS OR BROCCOLI TREACLE TART AND CUSTARD OR FRUIT COCKTAIL WITH ICECREAM	SWEET AND SOUR CHICKEN BALLS WITH EGG FRIED RICE OR CHOW MEIN VEGETABLE PANCAKE ROLL WITH EGG FRIED RICE OR CHOW MEIN BAKED BEANS OR SWEETCORN JAM AND COCONUT SPONGE WITH CUSTARD	SPAGHETTI AND MEATBALLS VEGETABLE NUGGETS WITH POTATO WEDGES SWEETCORN OR BAKED BEANS CHOCOLATE TART WITH CREAM
	THUR	ROAST TURKEY, STUFFING AND GRAVY WITH ROAST OR MASH POTATOES VEGETARIAN COTTAGE PIE WITH ROAST OR MASH POTA- TOES DICED CARROTS OR CAULI- FLOWER CHOCOLATE FUDGE CAKE	ROAST PORK, STUFFING AND GRA- VY WITH ROAST OR MASH POTA- TOES CHEESE PINWHEEL WITH ROAST OR MASH POTATOES DICED CARROTS OR BROCCOLI CHERRY CHEESECAKE	CHICKEN PIE OR ROAST BEEF WITH ROAST OR MASH POTA- TOES VEGETABLE LASAGNE WITH ROAST OR MASH POTATOES DICED CARROTS OR PEAS CARROT CAKE
TAKE- WAY FRIDAY	CHICKEN STEAK WITH CHIPS OR SAVOURY RICE CHEESY PASTA AND BEAN BAKE BAKED BEANS OR PEAS AND SWEETCORN OAT AND RAISIN OR CHOCO- LATE CHIP COOKIE	JUMBO SAUSAGE WITH CHIPS OR POTATO ROSTI VEGETABLE TORTILLA STACK WITH CHIPS OR POTATO ROSTI BAKED BEANS OR MIXED VEGETA- BLES	HOT DOG IN A ROLL OR SAU- SAGE ROLL WITH CHIPS OR SPICY NOODLES CHEESE AND ONION SLICE WITH CHIPS OR SPICY NOO- DLES BAKED BEANS OR SWEETCORN CHOCOLATE CHIP MUFFINS	

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

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Development Centres

Monday
Eynesbury
Rovers FC
PE19 2SF
4.00-5.00pm 5-7 Year Olds
5.00-6.00pm 7-9 Year Olds
6.00-7.00pm 10-14 Year Olds
All sessions are mixed.

Monday
Wixam 3G
MK45 3HU
4.30-6.00pm 5-7 Year Olds & 8-14
Year Olds
Sessions are mixed.

Wednesday
Sharnbrook
Upper School
MK44 1JL
5.00-6.30pm 8-16 Year Olds
Mixed Session.

Wednesday
Etonbury
Academy 3G
SG15 6XS
5.00-6.00pm 7-12 Year Olds
Mixed Session.

Friday Sandy
Upper Astro
SG19 1BL
5.00-6.00pm 7-12 Year Olds Mixed
6.00-7.00pm 12-16 Year Olds Mixed
6.00-7.00pm 10-14 Year Olds Girls Only

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£4 per week payable as a block of sessions.



CHRISTMAS DECORATION COMPETITION



DESIGN A SPECIAL GLASS DECORATION WIN A VOUCHER FOR £25

We are running a competition in which we would like you to design a **SPECIAL** decoration which we will make out of glass. It will be **HUNG** on the tree in the **MARKET SQUARE** for **EVERYONE TO SEE.**

Information for Parents and Carers: Terms and Conditions

The competition closes on Friday 14 September 2018 and winners will be notified no later than Friday 5 October, 2018. Entries should be handed in to your school or alternatively to Sandy Town Council Reception. Entries will be on display at Sandy Library from 26 September to 9 October and they will be judged by the Mayor, a Stained Glass Artist and the Librarian. Their decision will be final. By entering the competition you agree to photographs of the entry being used for promotional purposes and to the name and age of the entrant being shared.

Entrants must be 11 years or under and must have permission from a parent or carer to take part. The winner must be accompanied by a parent or carer for the hanging of the decoration on Sunday, 2 December when the prize, a voucher for £25 will be awarded to the winner.



Sandy Secondary School is one of the highest performing Schools in Bedfordshire

Open Evening

Thursday 4th October 2018

Doors open at 5.15pm • Presentations at 5.30pm, 6.45pm and 7.45pm

Come and meet the Executive Principal, Head of School, staff and students.

If interest is high from surrounding areas, school transport may be arranged.

- Outstanding A Level pass rate
- OFSTED rated HIGH 'GOOD' with Outstanding features
- Exceptional standards of teaching and learning
- Dynamic and personalised curriculum
- Preparation for working life
- Excellent progression opportunities to Higher Education
- Extensive extra-curricular opportunities
- Exceptional student behaviour, attendance and safety
- Well established Gifted and Talented and SEND provision
- Outstanding pastoral care
- In the top 20% of non-selective schools for attainment and top 10% for progress as awarded by SSAT

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