



NEWSLETTER

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EXECUTIVE HEADTEACHERS WELCOME

A very warm welcome back to the school year and our new newsletter! We sincerely hope you all had a lovely summer and were able to rest and recharge for the year ahead. May I extend a special welcome to those families who are joining us for the first time. We hope both you and your child will be very happy at Sandford Primary School, and that their time here will be successful and rewarding. We also welcome Mrs Bryony Durnell to our school, who will be working in Ashton Class on a Thursday and Friday, and Mrs Lauren McCarthy and Mrs Sasha Robinson who will be supporting our children at lunchtimes. Mrs Beth Stoves is joining the school office team on a Tuesday morning and Friday all day, supporting Linda and Helen. Enjoy the challenge Beth!

I was full of pride seeing the smiles from the children yesterday, as they enjoyed their return to school. We have designed an exciting start to the year for the children as we begin our Aspirations weeks. This is an opportunity to inspire our children for the future with visitors and experiences. Creativity is our theme of choice this year and we will be enjoying workshops based around the text 'The Dandelion Seed's Big Dream'. We have a visiting artist in Dabinett Class and a film company joining us for an assembly. Every child will also enjoy a trip to Mendip Outdoors for team building fun. The children will be asked to think about their dreams and goals for the future, culminating in a ufti day on Thursday 14th September. Please see below for more details.

We will also be inviting you to our annual 'Welcome to my Class' event next week, details below, to share key messages about your child's forthcoming year at school. Many thanks for your continued support and we very much look forward to the year ahead.

Mrs Lorna Richardson

REMINDERS

Sports coaches will continue to come into school on a Friday. Please remember PE kits are to be brought to school this year and everything labelled please.

Please inform the school office of any absences BEFORE 9am. You may leave a voicemail.

The children all looked very smart yesterday on their return to school and we will be expecting this to continue all year. Please take note of our Uniform expectations on our website.

CALENDAR DATES

- 12.9.2023 Classes 4 & 5 to Mendip Outdoors
- 14.9.2023 Dress Up Day
- 14.9.2023 'Welcome to my Class'
- 29.9.2023 Classes 2 & 3 to Mendip Outdoors
- 29.9.2023 Mendip Outdoors to visit Class 1
- 16.10.2023 Parent Consultations
- 18.10.2023 Parent Consultations
- 17.11.2023 BBC Children in Need
- 1.12.2023 PTA Xmas Fayre
- 4.12.2023 KS1 Nativity (VIP's only)
- 5.12.2023 KS1 Nativity
- 7.12.2023 KS1 Nativity
- 11.12.2023 Xmas Pantomime
- 12.12.2023 Xmas Dinner
- 14.12.2023 KS2 Carol Service

Our goal is a nurturing community that expects respect, encourages creativity and embraces aspiration



Learning Power
RESPECT

British Value
DEMOCRACY

'Welcome to my Class' event

Thursday 14th September, 3.30pm-4pm and 4.05pm - 4.30pm

This is an opportunity for you to hear useful information from your child's class teacher to help prepare you, and your child, for the year ahead, plus an opportunity to see your child's learning environment.

Our teachers will hold two sessions, the first will begin at 3.30pm, followed by a repeat session at 4.05pm. This allows you to move between classrooms for siblings.

For those families who cannot attend at all, or cannot be present in every classroom for all their children, we will be sharing the information shared via Class Dojo shortly after the event.

If you cannot find alternative childcare for your children during this time, they may be dropped in the school hall, where there will be a suitable DVD playing, with members of staff on hand to support, including myself.

After school club and extracurricular clubs will continue as normal.



Dress Up Day

'What I want to be when I grow up'

As mentioned, your child is invited to come to school dressed as their future career aspiration as the final event of our suspended curriculum.

Alternatively, an object or item can be brought in to represent their future ambitions, alongside mufti clothes.

This will take place on **Thursday 14th September**



Premises

In our planned work to continually improve the premises of our school to make it the best possible learning environment for our children, we have finally found the funds to have our school hall painted! We are thrilled with the results and a huge thank you to our caretaker, Mr Tyley, for undertaking such a wonderful job.

Aspens

We continue to receive our school meals from Aspens but they will be cooked at Winscombe School this year and brought over to be served. The ordering system is exactly the same.

Please could you make sure you have sufficient funds available on both Aspens and ParentPay accounts.

Safeguarding our children is everyone's responsibility

Designated Safeguarding Lead: Miss Angie Stevens

Deputy Safeguarding Leads: Mrs Lorna Richardson, Mrs Sara Gooding, Miss Sam Momber