



# SANDWOOD NEWS



**September 2020**

**Sandwood Primary School 0141-883-8367**

**[www.sandwood-pri.glasgow.sch.uk](http://www.sandwood-pri.glasgow.sch.uk)**

Dear Parent/Carer,

We have had a busy start to the year. Our 44 new Primary 1 pupils are settling well and we welcome 6 new pupils to other stages throughout the school bringing our school roll to 342.

Colourfoto photography visited the school on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> August. Families are under no obligation to purchase the photographs. The photos are uploaded for viewing. Orders are **NOT** to be returned to school. The deadline for orders to be placed is now Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September online and these will be dispatched to school week beginning 5<sup>th</sup> October. Any orders placed **after** Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September will not be included in the school delivery and you will require to pay the postage. The photographs will be available online for 12 months.

Parents' Nights will not be able to take place as usual in October due to current restrictions. In place of these meetings your child will be issued with an interim report. Should you wish to discuss any aspect of this report with your child's teacher we can organise a telephone consultation for you.

A reminder of our Vision and Values:

## **Our Vision**

To promote a nurturing, inclusive ethos with high expectations, where everyone has the right to achieve, be respected, valued and celebrated.

## **Our Values**

**Resilience**  
**Effort**  
**Success**  
**Positivity**  
**Equality**  
**Caring**  
**Teamwork**



As always, if you require any further information please don't hesitate to contact the school.

Kind Regards  
*Fiona Donnelly*  
Head Teacher



# Health Spot!

## BIKES

In the interest of Health and Safety, all children who travel to school by bicycle **must** wear a safety helmet. No Bikes or scooters are to be ridden in the playground.



## DAILY MILE

All classes are participating in this activity daily. The Daily Mile is beneficial for pupils' cognition and wellbeing.



## SEPTEMBER WEEKEND, INSERVICE DAYS AND OCTOBER WEEK

The September Weekend holiday is Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September and Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September. The October week holiday is Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October (inclusive). Please note the Inservice day is Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October.



## BREAKFAST CLUB 8AM-8:45AM

All pupils enter via the main door by 8:15am. P3-P7 pupils will be escorted to their playgrounds at 8:45am where there is adult supervision. P1 & P2 pupils remain in the Dinner Hall until 9am.



## LUNCH/BREAKFAST CLUB PAYMENTS



If your child is in P5, P6 or P7 and is not entitled to free school meals – please see the information below. There is **no** web link to access for payments. This is completed through online banking using Glasgow City Council bank details.

The bank details for payment are:

**Bank:** Royal Bank of Scotland  
**Account Name:** School Meals BACs Payments  
**Sort Code:** 83-44-00  
**Account Number:** 10836470

You require to contact the school for your child's unique reference number. You will receive a separate number for breakfast and lunch payments. The school will email you with this information and with the bank account details required to make payments. We can provide the reference numbers over the phone but for audit purposes we are required to email this information also.

Once you have made your first payment the payee account can be stored. When you go to make another payment, check that it is the correct reference number for either breakfast or lunch. For example the first 3 numbers of the reference identifies the code as Sandwood - 182. This is then followed by either a 'B' or an 'L' B for Breakfast – L for Lunch.

Your child's unique reference number then follows this. Each time you make another payment you only need to change the 'B' and the 'L' if required. If you make a payment for a week of lunches and your child is absent for any reason or chooses only to have 4 lunches that week, your payments will roll over to the next week. Schools are not issuing refunds as we are minimising our cash handling as part of COVID 19.

## ABSENCE



Our School's Absence Monitoring Procedures help to ensure the safe arrival of all pupils. Parents are required to inform the absence reporting line before 9.30 that their child is unable to attend. Parents will be contacted by text or phone call if their child is absent and no information has been received. If you do not wish to be contacted via text message, please inform the school office. Text messaging is also very useful when keeping parents informed and up-to-date with school events and activities.

Absence Reporting Line - **0141 287 0039**.  
[www.glasgow.gov.uk/pupilabsence](http://www.glasgow.gov.uk/pupilabsence)

## LABELS

Please ensure all your child's belongings are labelled as there has been a lot of items misplaced recently. Although as a school we endeavour to assist the children with looking after their belongings, please note it is not the school's responsibility if items go missing.



## RAINY DAYS

Unfortunately we are not able to permit early entry at 8.45am to the school in wet weather due to Coronavirus Guidelines. Please ensure that your child is appropriately dressed for the weather and reduce time waiting in playground.



At breaks and lunches we will endeavour to have our children outdoors as much as possible, even in light rain. In the event of heavy rain / inclement weather pupils will have indoor breaks / lunches in their own classrooms supervised by staff.

## HEALTH AND SAFETY



Once again, I appeal for your co-operation on the matters below.

1. In order to ensure the safety of our pupils we ask all our families to use the pedestrian gates for entering and exiting the school grounds. The car park is extremely busy with transport for the Language and Communication Resource and staff vehicles. We are becoming increasingly worried with the volume of traffic, both pedestrian and vehicular in this area that a serious accident/incident may occur.
2. Can we also remind parents that the drop off area in front of the school is for school use only and is to provide safe access for the transportation of our pupils who attend our Language and Communication Resource. Only parents that have an agreement with myself due to disability issues are allowed to access the car park for pick up and drop off purposes. Some of our staff members finish before 3pm and are finding when they are going out to their cars before this time, they are blocked in and have no access to leave the car park. Parking across other cars in the car park is at no time permitted.
3. Gates to the school ground will be locked at 9.15am until 2.45pm. This is to prevent unknown adults being in the school grounds during the school day.
4. Please note, no dogs are allowed in the school grounds at any time.
5. Finally, Glasgow City Council's policy is that there is no smoking anywhere within or immediately outside the school grounds.

## **SELF-ISOLATION**



Should your child require to self-isolate during the current pandemic, there are activities available on the **Classes** section of this app and on our Website under **Homelearning during Covid-19**

## **ALLERGY AWARE**

We strive to provide a safe learning environment for all our pupils.



We have a growing number of pupils who have allergies to specific foods and due to this we are becoming a NUT AWARE SCHOOL.

We are asking all members of the school community for their help in minimising the risk to these children by:

- Avoiding giving children nuts or nut products in their packed lunches (Please note that some chocolate spread contains nuts).
- Avoiding giving nuts or nut products or snacks/bars containing nuts for break time snacks.
- Avoiding supplying the school with cakes or food items containing nuts for sales or events.
- Avoiding sending containers such as cereal boxes for Design & Technology / Art lessons into school which may have contained produce made with nuts.

In addition, all nursery, primary and secondary schools in Glasgow follow the Better Eating, Better Learning Policy. This policy emphasises "Good nutrition leads to good learning."

In line with this policy the school is unable to accept birthday cakes to share with classes.

Also, there is a health and safety risk when cakes are brought into be shared, as we are not able to account for the ingredients in the cake, and could therefore unknowingly give a product to a child to which they are allergic (such as gluten, strawberries, eggs).

Please be reassured your child will be made to feel special when it is their birthday and the class teachers will ensure that all birthdays are remembered and celebrated accordingly.

There will of course be times for celebration for other events within the school and these will also be in line with Glasgow's 'Better Eating, Better Learning ' Policy.

As we are a healthy eating school, a reminder that no chocolate, sweets or fizzy juice is permitted and as an ECO school and due to Covid-19 restrictions we ask that all children bring their own water bottles filled from home each day. Usually children have the opportunity to refill their bottles at lunchtime from our 'Refresh' water units, however as per H&S guidance presently refilling of water bottles is not permitted.



We do not allow children to share snacks due to allergies that may be present. Children who forget or do not have a snack will be issued a piece of fruit by the school.



**SCHOOL COMMITTEES**

These cannot take place as previously organised however to alleviate this each class is taking a responsibility for each area. Pupil Council reps have been elected and they will work where possible with Mrs Donnelly to take forward initiatives pupils bring to our attention.

**Primary 1a&b:** Outdoor Learning (Garden)

**Primary 2 & 2/3:** Outdoor Learning

**Primary 3:** STEM

**Primary3/4:** Playground

**Primary 4:** British Sign Language (BSL)

**Primary 5a:** Health and Wellbeing

**Primary 5b:** English as an Additional Language (EAL)

**Primary 6:** Road Safety

**Primary 7/6:** Digital Literacy

**Primary 7:** Learning for Sustainability

.....to our newly elected House captains.



	<b>CAPTAIN</b>	<b>VICE CAPTAIN</b>
<b>Scots Pine</b>	Jack Gemmell	Edy Sava
<b>Rowan</b>	Max Kearney	Millie Howitt
<b>Willow</b>	Liam McKenzie	Brooke Neeson
<b>Lime</b>	Aimee Williams	Sophie Marshall

**Dates**  
for your Diary

<b>August</b>
Tuesday 11 August 2020 (Return date for Teachers)
Wednesday 12 August 2020 (In-Service Day)
Thursday 13 August 2020 (Return date for the pupils)
<b>September Weekend</b>
Friday 25 September 2020
Monday 28 September 2020
<b>October</b>
Friday 9 October 2020 (In-Service Day)
Monday 12 to Friday 16 October 2020 (October Week)
<b>December - Christmas and New Year</b>
Schools close at 2.30 pm on Tuesday 22 December
Wednesday 23 December 2020 to Tuesday 5 January 2021 (Christmas holidays)
<b>January</b>
Schools return on Wednesday 6 January 2021
<b>February Mid-term break</b>
Friday 5 February 2021
Monday 8 February 2021
Tuesday 9 February 2021
Wednesday 10 February 2021 (In-service day)
<b>April - Spring Holiday (Easter)</b>
Schools close at 2.30 pm on Thursday 1 April 2021
Good Friday 2 April 2021
Easter Monday 5 April 2021
Schools return on Monday 19 April 2021
<b>May</b>
Monday 3 May 2021 (May Holiday)
Thursday 6 May 2021 (In-Service day)
Friday 28 May 2021 and Monday, 31 May 2021 (May Weekend)
<b>June</b>
Schools Close at 1.00 pm on Thursday 24 June 2021



# Sandwood Stars



Congratulations to:

**P1a & P1b:-**

All our P1 boys and girls for settling so well into Sandwood Primary School.

**P2:-**

*Helena Flint* – won a gymnastics certificate.

*Maddison McPhee* – won a medal for tap dancing.

*Ty McMillan* – achieved skipping at boxing.

**P2/3:-**

*Ollie Bennett*– for helping others in the playground.

*Gracie Morley-Muir*– for winning House points for helping her friends when they were sad.

*Harris Knox*– for winning House points for good work.

*Nabeeha Rizvi*– for winning House points for helping others in need.

*Sameera Kaur* for winning House points for helping others.

*Olivia Gordon*– for winning House points for producing wonderful topic work.

*Summer Brennan*– for winning House points for producing wonderful topic work.

*Cody Allan*– for winning House points for helping others in the playground.

**P3:-**

*Abbey MacDonald*– learned to tie her shoelaces.

*Ayria Watson*– earned an orange belt in karate.

**P3/4:-**

*Emilia Paul*– is learning how to ride a bike without training wheels.

*Emma Wright*– learned how to swim.

*Zoey Rai Pettigrew*–learned how to swim.

*Maya Glately*– learned how to swim.

*Abigail Moody*– is learning a new song at Glee.

**P4:-**

*James Donald*– did a football trick.

*Elena Nicol* – can now ride her bike.

*Zoey Skelly*– received a certificate from a care home for making a poster at Rainbows. The poster was displayed in the care home

*Alfie Docherty*– won a trophy for being one of the best in his football training course.

*Nadia More*– learned how to sew with a needle.

**P5a:-**

*Hayley Beers* – won 3<sup>rd</sup> place in a dance competition.

*Jamie Brown* – made the starting line up in his football team.

*Tyler Gethins* – has started a new football team.

*Ella Robinson* – managed to sing a high note for the first time.

**P5b:-**

*Lucas Law*– won an award for the best dribbler at football training.

*Byron Butler*– won a karate competition.

*Kayla Wright*– won an award at her gymnastic class. She is able to do a handstand for 10 seconds

*Molly McLeod*– joined a Drama Club.

*Max Jamieson*– joined a new football club.

**P6:-**

*Lauren Took*– is learning to play the keyboard and can play with both hands.

*Carson Hosie*– has a trial with Partick Thistle.

*Karleigh Gilmour*– has moved up a level in football.

*Calvin Brodie*– is in the top 1000 in a European competition on Fortnite.

*Lewis O'Brien*– joined a new football team.

*Madison Logan*– is learning to play football.

*Bailey Bryce*– is learning how to do a backflip in gymnastics.

*Bailey McMillan*– can now do a hand-spring.

*Andi Burns*– can now ride a bike.

*AmyLee Shea*– can now do a bounce into a front drop on the trampoline.

*Duncan Costello*– learned how to play pool.

*Hasna Garman*– learned how ride a skateboard.

*Sophia Shankland*– is learning basketball skills.

*Dalton Jenkinson*– learned how to play golf.

*Hollie Moffatt*– learned how to jump on a skateboard.

**P7/6:-**

*Chanelle Coats*– joined a trampolining club and can now do a back flip.

*Ayla Hawley*– got into the Cheer Team.

**P7:-**

*Lloyd Conway*– scored a Hat-Trick at football.

*Brooke Neeson*– moved up a level in dancing.

*Paul Young*– joined a boxing club.

