

Friday 11th October 2024



Sandringham

Infant & Nursery Academy

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Dear parents and carers,

It's hard to believe we're already in the sixth week of our school year, with just two weeks left until the half-term holidays!

With Christmas fast approaching, it may be that you are having a de-clutter at home. If you have any used toys at home that are in good condition and no longer needed, we'd be so grateful for your contribution. For a list of the toys that we currently need, please see the box on page 3.

It is brilliant to see lots of the families in our school community walking to school each day and many children riding their bikes or scooters. To keep everyone safe, we ask that children always dismount from bikes and scooters as soon as they enter the school site.

As you know, we are part of a family of nine local infant and primary schools called The Kite Academy Trust. We are delighted to share the fantastic news that The Grove Primary Academy has recently received a glowing Ofsted report following their inspection towards the end of the last academic year. A huge congratulations to the entire school community at The Grove! You can read the full Ofsted report here:

<https://files.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50257911>

As the weather is changing, we ask that all children come to school with a warm and, where possible, waterproof coat as we will continue to spend playtimes and lunchtimes outside as much as we possibly can. If your child also brings in a hat, scarf and gloves to school, please ensure these are clearly labelled. As always, please label all items that your child brings to school, as this will ensure we can return any lost items.



Take care,

Mr Lodge

Star of the Week and Core Values Awards

A huge well done to all of these superstars for winning a Star of the Week or Core Values award!

Star of the Week

Darcey, Nelly, Dylan, Henry,
Frankie, Violet-Ivy, Cora, Harriet

Core Values

Wilf, Freddie, Demi, Ariana,
Sheryl, Charlie, Penny, Finn



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General updates

Attendance

Whole school target: 97%

Year-to-date whole school attendance: 96%

Class groups' attendance:

Moles —97%

Hedgehogs — 95%

Squirrels — 94%

Owls — 96%

Rabbits — 96%

Foxes — 95%

SEND updates

Thank you to everyone who came to our SEND coffee morning on Wednesday! As a working parent, I understand that meetings during the day can be difficult to attend. I will be at parents' evening later this half term and hope to meet many more of you then. If your child does currently have additional needs and is on our school's SEND register, you will have received a letter from me last week confirming this. If you did not receive a letter but think you should have please contact me via the school office or on: senco@sandringham.kite.academy



Next Wednesday, we have our Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools (PINS) project parent/carer meeting in the hall at 2:30pm. This meeting is for all parents/carers of children with SEND, so please do come along if you are able to.

Toy requests!

With Christmas fast approaching, it may be that you are having a de-clutter at home! We would love to refresh our collection of toys and are kindly asking for donations from parents/carers. If you have any used toys at home that are in good condition and no longer needed, we'd be so grateful for your contribution. Please make sure they're clean, safe and ready for lots of fun with our children and drop them into the office if you are able to.

- Toy cars
- Clothes for barbies
- One / two / three piece puzzles
- Marble run (and marbles)
- Train tracks and trains
- Dress ups (people who help us - e.g. nurse, doctor, fire fighter etc)
- Accessories for dressing up (e.g. hats, purses, suitcase)
- Toy food for kitchen role play
- Orchard toy games with all pieces included (appropriate for 2, 3, 4 year olds)



General updates

Diary updates:

Autumn 1

Tuesday 15th October – individual and sibling photographs (Ladybirds, YR, Y1, Y2)

Tuesday 15th October—PINS project parent/carer meeting (2:30pm in the hall)

Tuesday 22nd October – parents' evening (3:30pm to 6:30pm)

Thursday 24th October – parents' evening (3:30pm to 6:30pm)

Friday 25th October – YES day

Friday 25th October – last day of half term (3:15pm collection)

Autumn 2

Monday 4th November—term begins

Wednesday 13th November—Y2 Rabbits parent lunch

Friday 15th November—Children in Need day (wear something spotty/mufti)

Wednesday 27th November—Y2 Foxes parent lunch

Wednesday 4th December—PYA Christmas fayre (wear Christmas jumpers/mufti) ***updated date***

Monday 16th December—sponsored reindeer run for Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice

Wednesday 18th December—YR nativity performance at Frimley Baptist Church (9am)

Thursday 19th December—YR nativity performance at Frimley Baptist Church (9am)

Friday 20th December—Christmas dinner for lunch (wear Christmas jumpers/mufti)

Friday 20th December—last day of term (1:10pm collection)

Staffing updates

Mrs Ash has decided to move onto a new job that allows her to take term-time holidays with her family as her child is growing older. We are incredibly grateful for all her hard work and support in the time she has been with us—she has been a valued member of our school community and she will be greatly missed! We will be advertising for our admin officer role internally and will keep you updated with further news.





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New Attendance Rules!

There are new rules for unauthorised absences, whether this is due to holiday, irregular attendance, or otherwise. Don't get caught out!

1

I'm a parent and I want to take my child out of school for a half or full day.

Any absence must be recorded on an absence request form. The form enables us to communicate whether an absence will be authorised or unauthorised. Holiday requests will not be authorised. If your child will miss 5 school days, they will be given a penalty notice fine. **The fine is £80 per parent, per child, if you pay it in 21 days, otherwise it is £160.**



For each child a penalty is given...



4 children & 1 parent = £320
Doubled to £640 if not paid in 21 days

For a family of 2 parents & 2 children



£160 x2 = £320

Doubled to £640 if not paid in 21 days

What happens if school suspects children are actually on holiday?

Photos on Facebook?
Foreign mobile dial tone?
Other children talking about your holiday?
Amazing sun tan?
Home visit shows no-one at home?



Please don't be offended if we ask for evidence or mention these questions to you. We're required to do this to ensure a fair system!

2

What about subsequent absences? Is it still the same penalty amount?

No, not anymore. If in any period of not more than 3 years, your child has a 2nd and 3rd leave of absence OR pattern of irregular attendance, which is unauthorised, then...

2nd TIME

2 parents and...
1 child = £320
2 children = £640
3 children = £960
4 children = £1280

NO DISCOUNT FOR EARLY PAYMENT

3rd TIME

A penalty notice fine **will not** be given. Instead, your case will be taken to court. A magistrate can fine each parent £2,500 for each child.

1 parent & 4 children = £10,000
2 parents and 4 children = £20,000

3

What about irregular attendance? Could I get a penalty notice?

If your child is absent (or late after registers) for 10 or more sessions in 10 weeks, and their absences are unauthorised, then the school is required to consider penalty notices / prosecution.



So, half a day here and day there could all add up to 10 sessions in 10 weeks. If unauthorised, then it would be a penalty notice. Remember, 1 day is 2 sessions (morning and afternoon).

YES

4

What are typical reasons given that won't be authorised?

Examples of unauthorised absences

A family member's birthday
Shopping for uniforms
Inadequate clothing for school
Child being used as a carer
Problems with transport
Visiting relatives abroad

Sickness of parent or sibling
Sibling's school closed
Refusing to attend, but able to
Poor family organisation
Family holidays
No absence request completed
Non-essential appointments

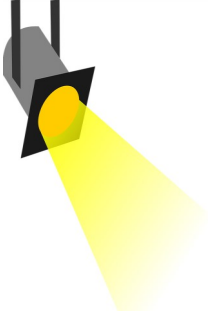
Where attendance is irregular, or historically poor, sickness absences may be unauthorised unless medical confirmation by a GP surgery is given.



EVERY DAY COUNTS – ATTEND TODAY; ACHIEVE TOMORROW



Spotlight on KS1...



This week, the spotlight is on our **Y1 and Y2 classes**.

In year 1, we have been enjoying our geography lessons! Our big question is 'Where do we live?'. We have been learning all about maps and how to identify if an area is rural or urban. We have had the opportunity to look at maps of different places and we have also created our own map of the school. We have also looked at what features we can see on a map and whether these are human features or physical features.



In year 2, we have been learning about the Victorians in our history lessons. Our focus over the past couple of weeks has been on the Industrial Revolution and the different inventions during this time period. We absolutely loved making our own telephones and creating a timeline of key events during this period in history!



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Is your child starting school in
September 2025?

Ofsted
Good
Provider

We would love to invite you to visit
Sandringham Infant and Nursery Academy!



Wednesday 25th September 2024 – 9:15am

Tuesday 8th October 2024 – 2:15pm

Wednesday 23rd October 2024 – 9:15am

Tuesday 12th November 2024 – 2:15pm

Wednesday 11th December 2024 – 9:15am

Wednesday 8th January 2025 – 9:15am

Scan the QR code to book your place:





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The Kite Academy Trust
Kite Family Hub



Family Support Worker

Come & Ask sessions

Come & Ask sessions

Our Kite Family Support Workers will be holding Come & Ask sessions fortnightly during the Autumn term. One-hour appointments are available every other Thursday morning between 9:00am and 1:30pm. During the Come & Ask session you will have the opportunity to share what the concern is, discuss it and look at ways to address the situation.

Sessions can focus on a range of topics that impact you and/or your child. This may include (but is not exclusive to) sleep patterns, routines, diet, child anxiety, parent anxiety, family finances, housing and your child's behaviour.

All appointments can be booked via Eventbrite using the link below.

Thursday 26 th September 2024
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Thursday 10 th October 2024
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Thursday 24 th October 2024
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Thursday 7 th November 2024
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Thursday 21 st November 2024

Thursday 5 th December 2024
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Thursday 19 th December 2024

Appointments can be held virtually through Microsoft Teams*, by telephone or face to face.

(*You do not require a Microsoft account to be able to access this)

Booking Link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/kite-fsw-come-ask-autumn-term-2024-tickets-964964243027>

The Kite Family Hub is located next to Mytchett Primary & Nursery Academy, Hamesmoor Road,
Mytchett, GU16 6JB



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Kite Academy Trust Term Dates & Holidays

2024-25

- Start of Term
- INSET Day
- End of Term
- Public Holiday
- Academy Holiday

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