Friday 25th October 2024



Sandringham Infant & Nursery Academy

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Dear parents and carers,

As we reach the end of this first (and very long!) half term, I want to extend a huge congratulations to all our children. It has been wonderful to see each of them settle so well into their new classes and routines, bringing such enthusiasm and kindness to every day. Their positivity and resilience have truly been a joy to witness.

I would also like to thank you, our parent and carer community, for your constant support, whether through morning drop-offs, after-school discussions with teachers, or simply encouraging your child's

progress. The partnership we share is vital to everything we achieve here and your involvement enriches our school in so many ways.

A huge thank you as well for your generosity in our harvest donations to The Hope Hub. These contributions have made a real difference, reflecting our commitment to community support. Together, we are building a culture of care that goes beyond our school gates and I'm so proud of the difference we're making together.

I hope you have a lovely half-term break; we look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 4th November!



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

Jessica, Sebastian, Ethan, Zara,

William, Theo, Aarav, Alfie

Core Values

Ethan, Olivia, Xavier, Harry,

Elena, Esme



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Ger	neral u	lpda	tes
	Attendanc	<u>e</u>	
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	Class groups' atte	endance:	
Moles —95%	Hedgehogs – 93%	Squirrels – 94%	Owls – 95%
	Rabbits – 95%	Foxes – 94%	
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	er—Children in Need day (wear sor	nething spotty/mufti)	
Wednesday 27th Nov	vember—Y2 Foxes parent lunch		
Wednesday 4th Dece	ember—PTA Christmas fayre (wear	Christmas jumpers/mufti) *	updated date*
Monday 16th Decem	ber-sponsored reindeer run for P	hyliss Tuckwell Hospice	
Wednesday 18th Dec	cember—YR nativity performance a	at Frimley Baptist Church (9a	am)
Thursday 19th Decen	nber—YR nativity performance at F	Frimley Baptist Church (9am)
Friday 20th Decembe	er—Christmas dinner for lunch (wea	ar Christmas jumpers/mufti)
Friday 20th Decembe	er—last day of term (1:10pm collec	tion)	
	Staffing upda	ates	
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We are delighted to share two exciting updates news about our admin team! Firstly, our current Admin Assistant, Miss Hensley, has been successful in securing the Admin Officer role. This is a well-deserved promotion and we're thrilled to see her step into this new role where she will continue to support our school with her dedication and expertise. In addition, we are pleased to announce that Mrs Bean has secured the Admin Assistant position. This is an exciting opportunity for her and we are so glad that she will be continuing her journey with us in a new capacity within the office.

With these changes, we will be advertising for the LSA position over the coming weeks; we will keep you updated as we move forward with recruitment.

Please join us in congratulating Miss Hensley and Mrs Bean on their achievements!

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Spotlight on EYFS...

This week, the spotlight is on our Nursery and Reception classes.

In Nursery, we have been reading The Enormous Turnip and learning all about harvest. The children loved listening to the story and exploring different vegetables. We carved pumpkins, dug for vegetables in soil and created some vegetable print paintings. Finally, to top that all off, we baked our own delicious bread rolls!



Reception have continued to settle into school really well and they have blown us away with their quick recall of their phonics sounds. We have been unpacking the stories 'The Colour Monster' and 'Mixed' during our writing, which has led to some great conversations about our feelings. We linked this with our art sessions and explored colour mixing, which was lots of fun. We celebrated our first term at school with a dress up day with the theme of traditional tales and nursery rhymes. Check us out!





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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!

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 a family of 2 parents & 2 children



£160 x2 = £320 Doubled to £640 if not paid in 21 days

+£80 +£80

What happens if school suspects children are actually on holiday?

For each child a penalty is given...

4 children & 1 parent = £320

Doubled to £640 if not paid in 21 days

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

+ £80

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!

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

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).

What are typical reasons given that <u>won't</u> be authorised? Unless there are exceptional circumstances

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



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Is your child starting school in September 2025?

Ofsted

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 26th September 2024

Thursday 10th October 2024

Thursday 24th October 2024

Thursday 7th November 2024

Thursday 21st November 2024

Thursday 5th December 2024

Thursday 19th December 2024

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

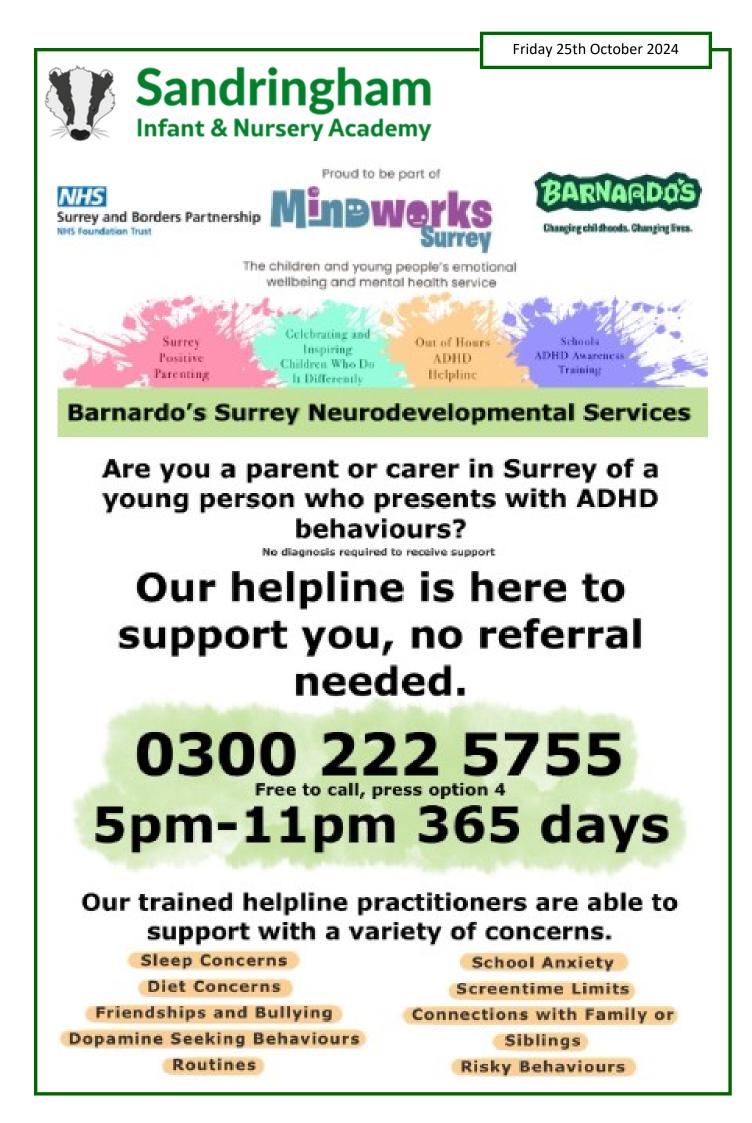
(*You do not require a Microsoft account to be able to access this)

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,

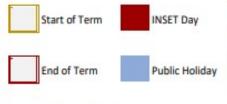
Mytchett, GU16 6JB



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Kite Academy Trust Term Dates & Holidays

2024-25



Academy Holiday

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