



Newsletter – 11th January 2018

Attendance and punctuality

We really appreciate the effort you make to ensure your children are in school, especially at this time of year when many children have coughs and colds. Clearly we appreciate that children do get ill and we don't want you to send very unwell children to school. If your child is slightly under the weather and you send them into school we will of course get in touch with you if they deteriorate over the course of the day.

This term we are looking closely at punctuality. If your child is late twice in a week you will receive a letter from the school. If the situation continues, Mrs McGill will call you into school in order to discuss ways to improve your punctuality. We understand that lateness is sometimes unavoidable and that there are exceptional situations, however we also know that persistent lateness is detrimental to a smooth start to the day. Not only does the late child feel embarrassed and miss essential learning, their late arrival also disrupts the rest of the class. As a school we are working very hard to instil the values of respect, responsibility and resilience, your assistance with this is invaluable.

Forest School

Thank you so much for all of the interest shown in providing resources for our Forest School. All of the leaves have gone from the giving tree and lots of resources have been bought into school. Reception and Class 1 will be starting their Forest School lessons before half term and Class 2 and Class 3 will start after half term. We will provide more information when timetables have been finalised.

A free supply of wood has been kindly arranged for us in Steeple Morden by Mrs Crankshaw. These photos below show how much is available.

If anyone is able to help transport the wood to school we would be very grateful.



Road Safety

The safety of all members of the school community is hugely important. Please make sure you drive and park responsibly and safely at all times, respecting our neighbours.

After School Football Club cancelled 16th January

There will be no football after school on Tuesday 16th January due to Mrs Reynolds attending a course.

Lunch Menu Change on Thursday 18th January

To mark Census Day, Herts Catering are offering a different menu on Thursday 18th January which your child might like to try: Kentucky baked chicken burger or spiced bean burger with ice cream for dessert. Just let us know on the day as usual.

Lost Property

The lost property baskets next to the zone are full of unnamed items. Please come and have a look if you believe you are missing items of clothing. We endeavour to return all named items. At the end of term we will be placing any unclaimed items in the clothing recycling bin which helps raise money for the school.

Sports News



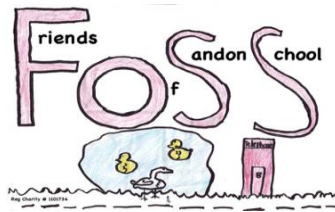
Super performance at the Buntingford Swimming Gala this morning by our Year 3&4 team shown in the photograph. Enthusiastic swimming by all meant we achieved second place. Well done team !

Grounds Day -20th January

Please come along to help tidy up the school grounds including the Willow arch during the morning of Saturday 20th January.

Diary Events

17 th Jan	FOSS Meeting @7.30pm	7 th May	Bank Holiday
18 th Jan	Herts catering change of lunch menu	14 th May	SATs Week –Year 6
20 th Jan	Grounds Day	25 th May	Last Day of Half-Term
22 nd Jan	Year 6 trip to KTS – performance of Wizard Of Oz 2pm -3pm (more info. to follow)	4 th June	First Day of second Half-Term
31 st Jan	Team from Yr.3/4/5 -Football match at St Christophers.	4 th June	Belchamps Activity Centre– Residential trip for Year 5 & 6 (Monday to Friday)
2 nd Feb	School Nurse to see Reception children (Height and Weight measurements etc.)	22 nd June	Occasional Day – No School
9 th Feb	FOSS Disco @ 3.30pm	25 th June	INSET Day –No school
9 th Feb	Last day of Half-Term	29 th June	BBQ and Fayre from 3.15pm. Sports Day Races begin at 4pm.
19 th Feb	First day of second Half-Term	6 th July	Reserve Sports Day
3 rd Mar	FOSS Family Bingo Night	11 th July	Summer Concert -2pm
17 th Mar	Village Spring Market	12 th July	Secondary Transfer Day
29 th Mar	End of Spring Term	20 th July	End of Term -1pm
16 th Apr	First day of Summer Term		



FOSS Meeting - Wednesday 17th January @ 7.30pm in the School Hall

Anyone with a connection with the School is a member of FOSS and is welcome at FOSS meetings. Why not come along and help us plan the events for this term. Don't worry, being at the meeting does not commit you to be involved in helping out at events!

FOSS Diary Dates

Please put the following events in your diary:

- Friday 9th February - Spring Disco
- Saturday 3rd March - Family Bingo Night
- Saturday 17th March - Spring Market

FOSS Committee Vacancies

After being in their posts for nearly 2 years, Jo and Jacqui feel it is time to give someone-else a chance to be the Chair and Secretary of FOSS respectively.

If you are interested in taking on one of these roles and want to know more please talk to Jo, TA in Class 2, (jopugh3003@yahoo.co.uk) or Jacqui (frank.jacqui@ntlworld.com). Neither role would take up a lot of your time. Both Jo and Jacqui are working Mums and have been able to fit the roles into their busy schedules.

Facebook Page & Group

If you have not done so already please like our FOSS Facebook Page (FOSS - Friends of Sandon School) & join the FOSS Facebook Group (Friends of Sandon School)

The FOSS Facebook Page is used to promote events happening at school.

The FOSS Facebook Group (Friends of Sandon School) is a forum for parents to communicate with each other and other members of FOSS.