

Sandy Lane News!

May 2022



Resilience, Excellence, Self-awareness , Passion, Empathy, Communication, Teamwork

School Fundraising

At the end of the half term the school will be celebrating the Queen's Jubilee. We are asking children to come dressed in red, white and blue for a £1



A message from Mrs Newsome

Dear Families,

I really can't believe we are nearly half way through the Summer term. I would like to say huge congratulations to all our Year 6 children, who this week have completed their SATs. They have all done an amazing job and we are very proud of them.

I would also like to congratulate all of our new nursery children. Monday 25th April saw the opening of Sandy Lane Primary School Nursery, and it was wonderful to see our doors open to welcome our very first cohort of 2 to 4 year olds. All of these children have settled extremely well and the staff have done an amazing job!

The half term has seen the school raise the profile of the importance of good school attendance for all the children. I am really pleased to say that our daily absence figures have fallen from up to 50 children a day, to just 3 or 4 on most days. I am immensely thankful to all of our families as it is you who have made this possible and I feel there is a bright future ahead of the school and it's children with our over-all attendance figure rising to 92.12% this week. I would like to take this opportunity to not only thank all of our parents but also Mrs Walker and Ms Green, the School Attendance Team who have worked tirelessly behind the scene to achieve this.

Roll on to the Spring Bank Holidays!!!

Pupil Offer

As you will be aware from previous newsletters the school is passionate about ensuring all of our children experience a huge host of different trips, visitors and activities while they are here at Sandy Lane Primary School. Over the last couple of months we have added even more trips and enrichment opportunities to our overview, with Key Stage 1 going to Nell Bank, EYFS visiting Eureka, Year 5 and 6 planning their sponsored walk and residential to Black Hills and class assemblies finally making a re-appearance, and parents being invited in to look at the children's amazing work. This will continue to grow over the next few years and I can't wait to tell you about the next set of exciting adventures.

Diary Dates

- 18th May - Blossom Class Assembly - 2.45pm to 3.00pm
- 19th May - UKS2 Eid Parties
- 25th May - Poplar Class Assembly - 2.45pm to 3.00pm
- 25th May - Jubilee Party for the whole school
- 27th May - School closes for half term. Re-open on Monday 13th June
- 16th June - Maple Class Assembly - 2.45pm to 3.00pm
- 21st June - New Reception Intake Open Evening - 4.00pm to 5.00pm
- 27th June - LKS2 Trip to Bolton Abbey
- 30th June - UKS2 Trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park

Crossing Patrol

Bradford council are looking to recruit a new crossing patrol person, which is great news for the school. They have asked us to send out the contact number for anyone who may be interested in the role.

Please contact Sue Heaton on 01274 439458 if this is something you or anyone you know would be interested in. Thank you

Holidays

School works under the guidance of the government when looking at holiday requests. We are not allowed to authorise any holidays in school time. Since September alone we have fined 16 families. Please do not book to go away in term time, the children have 13 weeks holiday a year and all family holidays need to be taken during these times.

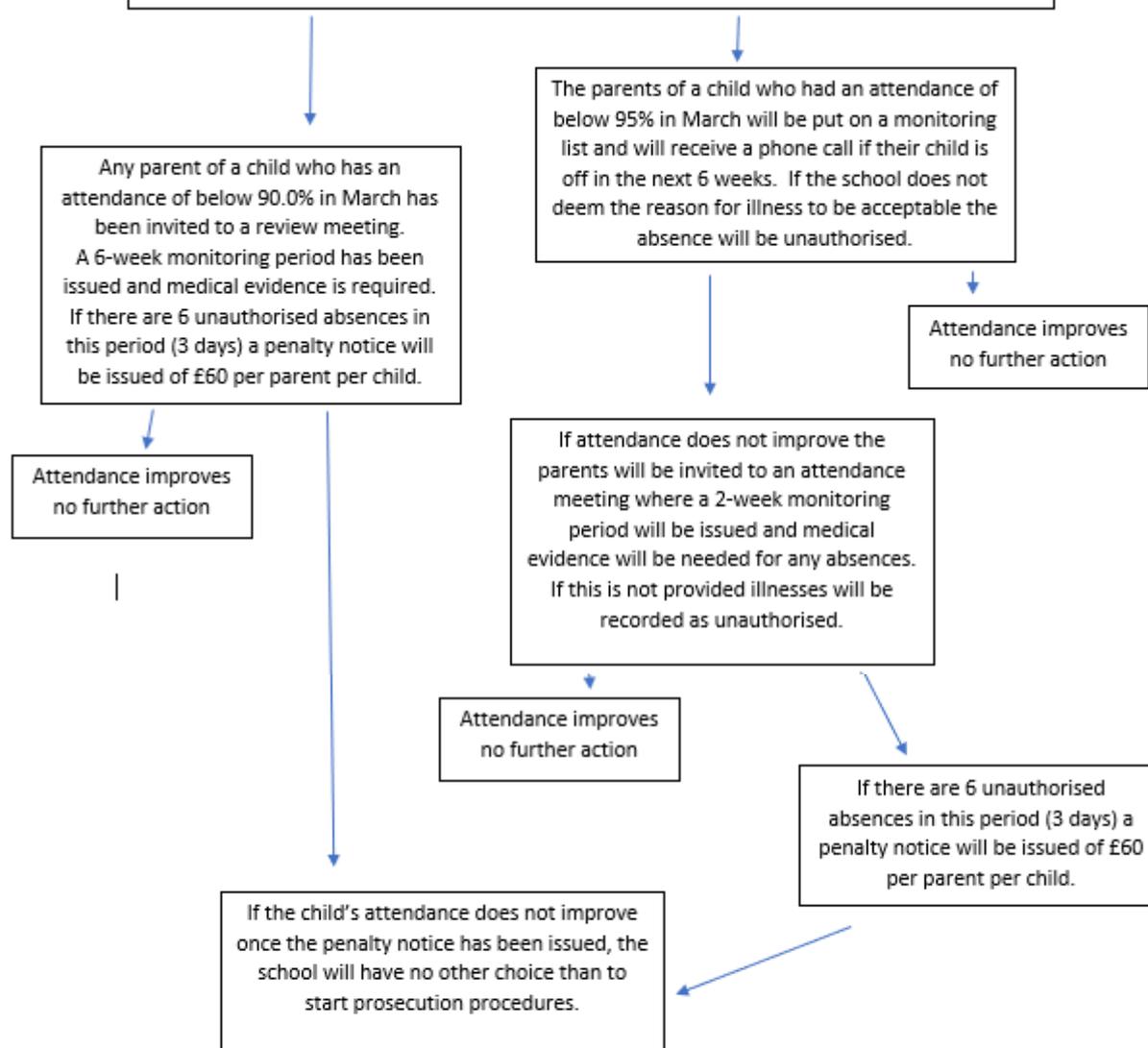
Healthy Lunch

Please send your child to school with a healthy lunch and snack. This may be a cheese sandwich, fruit, yoghurt and small biscuit. They should not be sent with sweets, chocolate, chicken nuggets, chips, burgers etc. Lunch staff will be sending letters home to parents if they feel the lunches are not a healthy option.



Attendance Flow Chart

Action for the parents of children whose attendance falls below 95%



Lates

The parents of pupils who are late more than 5 times over the year will be invited to attend a meeting to discuss this. In the meeting a plan to ensure improvements will be made, and parents will be expected to make sure their children are in school on time.

Meet the Governors

Graham Walker

I have now been retired for coming up to 5 years. In my career I was a Senior Manager in Bradford Council's Youth Service. Prior to this I was the Youth Service's Training Officer and Staff Development Manager with particular responsibility for Quality Assurance. As a Trainer I developed and delivered courses on a multitude of issues such as Child Protection, Management Supervision, all Equal Rights issues and the fundamental skills relating to informal work with young people.

In addition to this I was a part-time Ofsted Inspector for nine years, focussing on youth provision.

Now retired, I intend that my experience and expertise will be of use in supporting the school and the teaching staff in delivering a quality education to the children at Sandy Lane.

Heather Weatherhead

I have spent all of my working life dealing with young people either as a teacher or a youth worker, working in deprived areas.

My teaching has been mainly in the secondary sector although I have worked as supply in primary and special schools.

For the last 25 years of my career I was a language support teacher, helping pupils who were not fluent in English to access the whole of the secondary curriculum from P.E theory to the Arts and Science. I did this whilst bringing up my own three children as a single parent.

Since retiring to this area I have been able to indulge my love of walking, keeping fit and gardening. I hope to be able to bring my knowledge and experience to good use as a governor.

Please RESPECT all School Staff

If you would like to discuss an issue please arrange a meeting through the school office



RESPECT US

AND EACH OTHER

WE ARE HERE TO HELP

WE NEED TO WORK TOGETHER

VERBAL AND PHYSICAL ABUSE

WILL NOT BE TOLERATED