



UPDATE FROM THE HEAD

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the new school year. In a year when we have received no year 5s we were able to welcome 9 new pupils who joined in Year 6, Year 7 and Year 8.

The children were a credit to you - well turned out and enthusiastic.

Having a year group less allows us to have the same lesson timings for the whole school, a one week timetable, breaks and lunches together and whole school assemblies. This makes for a much more controlled day. The timings and timetable are in the diary/planners.

We will be without Miss Heather Williams for much of the term as she recovers from illness. For any matters concerning special needs Mrs Brading or myself can be contacted.

You will be aware that next September (2011) all current pupils will be transferring to the new school. Children currently in Year 6 and Year 7 will automatically transfer to Sandown High. There will be an Open Evening for Year 6/Year 7 parents at Sandown High on Wednesday September 29th. Current Year 8s will still be able to apply for any high school if there is space but Sandown High holds its Open Evening on Thursday 24th October. More details will follow.

I include with this newsletter the clubs timetable for this term. I am grateful to the staff who give freely of their time to run these activities.

The museum of Island History and Newport Roman Villa are both free to visit tomorrow between 10.00am - 4.00pm.

I am looking forward to the year ahead and together we can make the changes that are in front of us as easy and well organised as possible.

Have a good weekend.

Gary Booth

ATTENDANCE

Welcome back!

Just a reminder of our school procedures should your child be unable to attend school for any reason.

Pupils are expected to be in school ready for registration by 8.40am. If, on the rare occasion they are unable to attend, parents are requested to contact the school by 9.15am with the details. Upon your child's return please provide a written note confirming the absence. At Sandham we operate a first day response service where we will endeavour to contact parents, should their child not be in school for registration and we have not received contact.

If your child is due to be late for any reason, again please advise us accordingly. Any pupil arriving into school after 8.40am should enter via Reception to sign in. It is obviously a Health and Safety risk if pupils do not sign in.

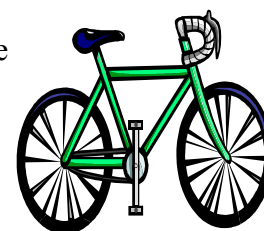
Thank you for your continued support.

CYCLING TO SCHOOL

Under the Travel Plan, we can now offer a locker for anyone who cycles to school, these are situated in the area outside the music room and are large enough to accommodate a coat, cycle helmet etc.

If you would like to have one of these they are available on a first come-first serve basis at £5 per locker per year.

If you are interested please see Mrs Shilton.



SANDHAM MIDDLE SCHOOL CLUBS SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER 2010

- MONDAY**
- Homework Club in the library
- TUESDAY**
- Global Rock in the hall
 - Lantern club in the technology room (starts 21st September)
 - Homework Club in the library
 - Year 6 Boys Football on the field
- WEDNESDAY**
- Animation Club in the technology room (limited places)
 - Year 7/8 Boys Football on the field
 - Year 6 Basketball in the hall
 - Music Club in the music room
- THURSDAY**
- All Years Girls Football on the astro turf
 - Year 7/8 Boys Basketball in the hall
 - Choir in the music room
 - Year 7/8 Netball Girls on the playground
- FRIDAY**
- Art Homework Club in the art room

All clubs run from 3pm - 4pm and are **free!**

They start the week commencing 13th September

Rugby Club will start after half-term.

SANDOWN YOUTH CENTRE

Please see the table below for the new opening times at Sandown Youth Centre and entry costs.
Any further information you may require can be found at www.iwyouthservice.org.uk/youthcentres/sandown

MONDAY	School years 5, 6 and 7	Entrance 50p	6.30pm - 8.30pm
TUESDAY	Duke of Edinburgh's Award		6.30pm - 8.30pm
WEDNESDAY	School years 8 and upwards	Entrance 50p	6.30pm - 9.30pm
THURSDAY	School years 8 and upwards	Entrance 50p	6.30pm - 9.30pm
FRIDAY	DROP IN	Entrance free	4.00pm - 6.00pm
FRIDAY	OUTREACH Sandown and surrounding areas		7.00pm - 10.30pm
SATURDAY	School years 8 and upwards	Entrance 50p	6.30pm - 9.30pm