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Friday 28th April 2017

MESSAGE TO PARENTS AND CARERS FROM THE EXECUTIVE HEAD

Sometimes the world looks a very uncertain place doesn't it? Uncertainty puts everyone on edge. Communities like ours become anxious when changes are forced on them and facilities that they rely upon to help them feel secure alter or get taken away from them. Of course change for the better is welcome, but often change can feel as if there is a hidden agenda behind it. When changes involve our children, then we get very worried indeed. We are left with all sorts of questions. Sometimes we are not even sure what questions we should be asking. Schools form the heart of our community of families. People get used to their schools. Each school has its own character and reputation, offering different facilities, resources and values to our children. Many of you will have been to schools here yourselves. In the 23 years I have been at Sandye Place I have got to know so many of you, teaching several generations of some families. One thing I can claim with some authority is that I know this community from the inside out. You have trusted me and it has been me and my team's privilege and inspiration to serve you. This is my home too, and I care deeply about all of us. There has been so much uncertainty about the changes that our schools are going through. We have all been going through it with you, feeling the same concerns, waking at night, worried for you and the children to whom we dedicate every day.

This has spurred us on nevertheless – and we have created something we feel really proud of, to offer and to explain to you.

We have been looking at how we can continue to offer everything you are accustomed to by minimising the changes to our age range, and at the same time expanding our provision to all of you, our families, so that you can access inexpensive wrap around care from the earliest years right through to the end of year 8. My many years of experience here have allowed us to reorganise in subtle, relevant and meaningful ways. For example by amalgamating Maple Tree and Sandye Place into a continuous single Academy we can create seamless continuity, with the developmental needs of each age group fully catered for, and all inside the consistent culture of care you have come to expect.

The details of our vision are contained in the consultation document that we sent to you. Our vision will need to be approved by the Department for Education. To help this process I genuinely need your approval, feedback and responses, so please, please take time to get back to us with your reactions and ideas as soon as you can. Come in to see us for our consultation evenings, the dates, times and locations you will find in the document.

With our passion and your enthusiastic support we can offer something familiar but even better, something that amounts to a real choice for our community, peppered through with added value.

You can, and deserve to have a variety of great school offerings throughout Sandy that can serve our wonderful town and our growing population long into the future.

Thank you for your many years of support. I am excited to hear back from you as soon as you can.

With my warmest regards,

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AWARDS

<p>Beech Class</p> <p>Georgia T</p>	<p>HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS</p> <p></p>	<p>Chestnut Class</p> <p>Jarid O</p>
<p>Ash Class</p> <p>Imogen B</p>	<p>Willow Class</p> <p>Jessica W</p>	<p>Sycamore Class</p> <p>Lily Rose B</p>
<p>Oak Class</p> <p>Tillie H</p>	<p>Elm Class</p> <p>Alex T</p>	<p>Cedar Class</p> <p>Ryan F</p>

Attendance Award	
The best attendance award is presented to:	
Little Saplings 91.10 %	Lime 98 %
Ash 100 %	Beech 95.3 %
Chestnut 100%	Willow 99.3 %
Sycamore 100%	Oak 95 %
Elm 99.5%	Cedar 100 %

House Point Winners

Congratulations to



Kingfishers

Be in the line by 5 to 9!



Watch out
for the frog
on a Friday!

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Congratulations to Mrs Jacobs who ran in the London Marathon last week and thank you to all who sponsored her. We are very proud of you!



A Reminder from Reception

PE is on a Thursday. Children need a PE kit! Shorts, t-shirt, plimsolls or trainers that will be kept in school. They will be sent home for washing each half term.



Absences

If your child is off poorly then please notify the office first thing.
It is fine to let teachers know when you drop the children off in the playground but they don't have the time to let the office know and you may end up with a phone call.
Thank you!



IMPORTANT DATES

Summer 1

Friday 5th May Community Film Night- 'Bad Moms'

Thursday 18th May Cinema Night- Moana

Half Term

29th May – 6th June

Summer 2

Monday 5th June INSET day Children not in school

Tuesday 6th June Children return to school

Friday 23rd June Non-uniform treat donation day

Saturday 24th June Camp out

Friday 30th June Summer Disco

Friday 30th June Shuffle Up Day

Saturday 8th July Summer Fayre

Friday 21st July Term ends

Tuck Shop

Tuck shop money needs to be brought in on the day in a named envelope in the right amount. The class teacher cannot be responsible for individual money that the children bring in.



Weekly SMSC Snapshot

This week the children have been learning about St. George's day and the story of George and the dragon. We were very lucky to have been visited by St George in our assembly on Monday morning who told stories of dragons and rescue missions.



The children in Sycamore class acted out the story of St George and the dragon.



The children in Little Saplings had fun painting biscuits and making flags.



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