



UPDATE FROM THE HEAD

Another busy week at Sandham is over. It was good to meet with parents on Tuesday. They were able to give good feedback about Sandham that is always helpful when you start in a new school.

I will be repeating the exercise for parents in Years 7 & 8 on Tuesday next week between 6.00pm–7.00pm. A flyer went out yesterday.

Remember also that I will be here between 5.30pm–6.30pm each Monday evening. This is a call-in opportunity.

Congratulations to our Year 7 & Year 8 cross-country team who represented the school in the Island Championships held at Swanmore Middle School in Ryde. (See results on the Sports Page).

I have been impressed by the commitment and enthusiasm that staff and children are showing. They are equally pleased to support and offer suggestions.

We have changed slightly the start time to Lesson 1. Lesson 1 will now start at 8.50am which means that all children need to be in their form rooms by 8.40am so that the registers can be taken and children are ready to begin their learning at 8.50am.

The school is investing in a text messaging service (similar to Sandown C of E /Grove Road Primary). I want to use this system as soon as possible. Could you please ensure that the school has an up-to-date mobile contact number.

The newsletter will be a weekly publication. Please check all bags!!

Have a good weekend.

Gary Booth

ATTENDANCE

Parents will now be in receipt of attendance letters, sent to all pupils detailing their attendance for this last term.

Please rest assured these letters are sent purely to inform parents of their child's percentage attendance.

We are aware some pupils have had serious medical needs which do impact on their attendance.

If you have any queries regarding these letters, please feel free to contact us.

CHRISTMAS CHARITIES

KS2 supported the Shoe Box Appeal run by the rotary, sending boxes to Africa and Romania.

KS3 chose and supported a class charity.

8 classes chose the Earl Mountbatten Hospice and raised £463.30

1 Class chose Air Ambulance and raised £58.00

1 class chose Leukaemia Research and raised £35.50.

WELL DONE!



Ways to donate to the Haiti Earthquake Appeal: **PLAY FOOTBALL!**

- * There will be a boys & girls competition *
- * Each team is guaranteed a minimum of 2 games *
- * Games will take place on the astro at lunch *
- £1 per person * 5 in a team * Medals for winners & R-ups
- * See PE dept. or reception for entry form *

FREE OPEN DAY

Sunday 24th January
10.30am
at Wooton Bridge
Community Centre.

Isle of Wight Radio is actively supporting this event for children aged 8–16.

The E Minor Pop Academy's launch day is on 24th January. A team of 10 vocal coaches and trained choreographers will teach the children songs that have been performed by JLS and Cheryl Cole.

FREE EVENT !!

HAITI APPEAL

Another way Sandham pupils will be raising funds for the Haiti Appeal:- Each Tutor Group will have an outline map of Haiti and their challenge is to fill the outline with silver coins in 1 week.

Please do support your child in helping to raise funds for a very important

HOUSING & COUNCIL TAX BENEFIT

As you will be aware, many families will be struggling financially and the Revenue and Benefits Team within the IOW Council are keen to support families in maximising the uptake of Housing & Council Tax Benefit. As from November 2009, Child Benefit is no longer used in the calculation and it therefore means that more families will be eligible.

SPORTS NEWS

Don't
forget

Sports Clubs
are held
after school
on
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
and
Friday

Please see
the PE
Department
if you would
like to
attend
a club



Sports Clubs

January – February 2010

Day	Club	Year	Venue/time	Staff
T U E	Football	Yr7/8 Boys	Field 3-4pm	JHn
	Netball	Girls	3-4pm. Hall or playground	KWk
W E D	Fitness <small>This can be anything YOU want to do, from walking, running, cycling, aerobics</small>	Yr7/8 Girls	Hall & outside 3-4pm	KWk
	Football	Yr6 Boys	Field 3-4pm	JHn
T H U	Basketball	Yr6-8 Boys	Hall 3-4pm	JHn
	Football	Girls	Astro 3-4pm	KWk
F R I	Rugby	Yr7/8 Boys	Field or Hall 3-4pm	LLy DEs

Please remember that **KIT IS NEEDED** to take part in school sports clubs.
Please see individual staff for questions.
You will need your parents to sign in your homework diary to give you permission to stay

2010 ISLE OF WIGHT CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

13 Schools Competed / 120 Children per race

Year 7 Girls

6th Place

Year 7 Boys

2nd Place

Year 8 Girls

2nd Place

Year 8 Boys

1st Place

**Well done to all
those who competed**

Individual Results

Matt Miselbach	4th	Year 7 Boys
Tommy Bayliss	4th	Year 8 Boys
Ashley Barrass	5th	Year 8 Boys
Ben Ballard	9th	Year 8 Boys
Dylan Kulmeyer	15th	Year 8 Boys
Conor Richards	14th	Year 7 Boys
Rhea Morgan	14th	Year 7 Girls
Stephanie Smith	7th	Year 8 Girls
Bethany Bruce	9th	Year 8 Girls
Rhianna Ford	11th	Year 8 Girls

**These pupils will now compete for the
Island in the
Hampshire Cross-Country
Championships**