



April Newsletter

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT REVIEW

On the 15th March, our Academy Trust conducted a School Improvement Review. This was similar to a 'mini Ofsted inspection' as all areas of school life were considered, including teaching & learning, personal development & welfare, leadership & management and pupil outcomes.

As you all know, in our March 2017 Ofsted Inspection, we were found to be 'good' in all areas and for 'overall effectiveness'. The two School Improvement Partners who visited on the 15th March believe that this is still the case, but we have made further improvement in all areas. **They now believe that the Leadership & Management of the school is 'outstanding' because of this continued improvement.**



Here are some of the quotes from the report which will be shared with Governors next week:

- *The Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher have driven improvement at a pace since the last inspection ... they lead by example embedding their high expectations for pupils.*
- *Teaching is good because teachers have a very secure understanding of the needs of the context and their pupils.*
- *Pupils are extremely positive about the teaching they receive.*
- *Teaching assistants have a marked impact on the pupils they work with.*
- *Pupils say they feel safe in school.*
- *Behaviour and attitudes observed during the review were particularly strong.*
- *Current data evidences outstanding progress within school*
- *Early years has seen rapid improvement ... pupils have the strongest possible start to their education.*

Thanks and congratulations go to all staff for their continued hard work and dedication every day of the school year. Our visitors really did feel that Sandal Magna is a very special place to be – we agree!

SUN SAFETY

If the weather forecast is correct then we should hopefully see some sunshine and warmer weather this week (we certainly hope so!) We therefore need to make sure that the children are safe in the warmer weather.

Please ensure that your child has a sunhat and suntan lotion in school (with their name on) – especially if they are fair skinned.



WATER BOTTLES – every child needs to have a water bottle in school now that the weather is warm. This is the most hygienic way of providing water for the children. They can be purchased from the school office for £1.

SUMMER UNIFORM

During the warmer summer months, girls are allowed to wear a blue or jade green checked dress, with a white, navy or jade green cardigan.

Boys can wear navy school shorts if they wish.



SUMMER FOOTWEAR



Please make sure that your child wears sensible shoes or sandals for school. Flip flops are not safe for children to wear as they tend to trip over and their toes are exposed if anything falls on them.

Could I please remind all parents that girls must wear plain navy or plain white socks/tights for school. Brightly coloured/patterned tights are not suitable.

GIRLS' HAIR ACCESSORIES

Can I please remind all parents that multi-coloured hair bows are not allowed to be worn in school. Navy blue or jade green bows are acceptable, as long as they are not too large.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Over the Easter holidays we are pleased to announce that Miss Fox, our Year 2 teacher, got married – she will now be known as Mrs Ward-Fox. I am sure you will join us in congratulating her and her new husband!

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Monday 7th May is a Bank Holiday – all schools will be closed on this day.

School closes on Thursday 24th May for the May Spring Bank Holiday (Friday 25th May is an INSET Day). The children will return on Monday 4th June at 8.55am.

We then have two other INSET Days on Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th July, meaning that school closes for the main summer holidays on Friday 20th July.