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Headteacher News

I cannot believe I am already writing the last newsletter of the term. Time is flying by and so much is going on at Sissinghurst! We have had various visits from the local authority and governors this term and it has been very exciting and productive to be talking about how our curriculum is growing and developing and for the children to share their books and learning with visitors. How much children know and remember is important as this helps them use and apply this knowledge across their learning and helps them make links and new learning easier to access. Teachers and Teaching Assistants have been focusing on adapting the curriculum so it is accessible to all learners and this is something all schools are focusing on so all children make good progress.

Surveys

It is a year since we last sent you questionnaires and two years since Ofsted visited Sissinghurst. I would like to thank you for your time in completing these as they are vital to us so we can consider how well we are doing and any areas to improve on from all the school

community. Children completed a similar questionnaire in school and staff also. I will share the findings with you when all the responses are collated.

Safeguarding

All staff regularly receive updates for child protection and safeguarding. Click here for safeguarding information <https://sissinghurst.ovw8.devwebsite.co.uk/page/?title=Safeguarding&pid=27> and remember that although we have a number of DSLs to help you, Mrs Ridgway can always assist if you need help or advice and that I (Mrs Holman) am the safeguarding lead at Sissinghurst Primary.

Wellbeing

We have an amazing wellbeing section of our website. This includes information and support on a variety of issues that frequently as families, we need. They include – Anger and Behaviour, Anxiety and Self-esteem, Being calm, Grief and loss, Family time and much more – do take a look <https://sissinghurst.ovw8.devwebsite.co.uk/page/?title=Wellbeing&pid=32>

Coats etc. for cold weather

Please make sure that your child is suitably attired for school as the cold weather continues. They do need a coat for lunch times as they will, of course, normally be outside for a period of time. Can you please also ensure that your child brings in a tracksuit or 'old' sweater and jogging bottoms for outdoor games lessons. They can be left in school in your child's PE bag. It is important that all children take a full part in PE and games lessons and are suitably clothed for outdoor sessions so that they can enjoy them without getting too cold. We are sure you will support us in trying to encourage them to adopt healthy life styles now and for the future.

We look forward to the disco tomorrow and wish you a happy holiday when it gets here.

We break up on Friday 14 February and children are back in school on Tuesday 25 February.

Sarah Holman

Have a lovely weekend when it gets here

Sarah Holman



[Click here for dates](#)

Anti racism workshops

This week we have all enjoyed and assembly from the group PANDA who have encouraged us to think about racism and the difference between being non-racist and anti-racist.

The assembly was followed for children in KS2 by 2 workshops where this was explored further. Please do ask your children about their learning about this and look at PANDA's website here for more information <https://www.pandaantiracismteam.com/>

"It is not our differences that divide us. It is our inability to recognize, accept and celebrate those differences"

- Audre Lorde

PE at Sissinghurst

Mrs Kidd is our PE lead at Sissinghurst and Mrs Saxby is our lead PE TA. Both staff ensure that PE is delivered to a high standard in all year groups, led by the class teacher or HLTA. As we let parents know last year, we now use Get Set 4 PE to plan our lessons and every class has at least one PE lesson each week, some classes have 2 separate sessions or a longer session to ensure curriculum coverage.

We are pleased to be able to offer a number of sporting clubs after school and sports too at lunchtimes. Of course Opal play also offers many opportunities for active play including team games and the use of bikes and scooters and variety of gym equipment on the field for the older children and climbing equipment for all children to use to develop strength in their core and upper body particularly. If you wish to see the lessons taught for PE please do look at our curriculum overview for the school

here <https://www.sissinghurst.kent.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=618&type=pdf> This shows the progression from YR to Y6 and where we develop skills to ensure children can develop the aspects from the pillars of PE that includes outdoor learning opportunities such as forest school and the Y6 residential trip. If you have any questions regarding PE for your child's class, please do ask their teacher.

Safer Internet Day - 11th February 2025

On Safer Internet Day Sissinghurst Primary School will join millions of people around the world to promote the safe and responsible use of the internet. We are discussing with students the importance of online safety, including how to spot misinformation, respect others online, and protect personal information. Parents can support these efforts by using resources

like www.saferinternet.org.uk and www.nspcc.org.uk/online-safety to stay informed about the latest online risks and strategies for keeping children safe. For more tips and advice, visit these sites and explore how to create a positive online environment for your child.

World Book Day - Vocabulary Parade Extravaganza! Date: Thursday 6th March

Please see the attached flyer from Mrs Desai regarding the Vocabulary Parade Extravaganza coming up in March. Hopefully you can choose your word and start preparing your outfit over half term so you have it ready in good time for the day!

NSPCC - Online Safety

Want to keep your child safe? Watch the webinar from NSPCC here <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/free-online-safety-group-workshops/> Their new Keeping Children Safe Online workshop provides parents and carers with information about how to support their child in their online world. The 40 minute pre-recorded presentation covers topics such as online bullying, mental health, and social media, as well as signposting to resources and organisations for help and support.

Benenden Symphony Orchestra Film Music - Free Concert

There is a FREE concert being held at Benenden Girls School by the Benenden Symphony Orchestra on Friday February 28th from 7:30pm. This is a really excellent local opportunity to go and see a live orchestra formed of students from the girls school playing some famous film music including James Bond and Gladiator. If you have never been to Hempsted Park Centenary Hall - it really is an excellent local venue. You can book your free tickets via the link below. If you decide to go along with your children, please do let Mrs Pain know.

Free Concerts for AllBenenden's Symphony Orchestra perform a programme of Film Music:

- Music from *Dambusters*, *Gladiator*, *James Bond*, *Dunkirk* and more...

Enquiries about any of the free events should be directed to music@benenden.school .running time: 75 min approx.

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/hemstedpark/benenden-symphony-orchestra-film-music-free-concert/e-eyyped>

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FACE - Newsletter February 2025

We are aware of these family courses that may be of interest to our families. Please note, that we are not able to check or vet such providers, do let us know if you feel they are positive or otherwise if you do attend any, so we can promote further or cease passing such information on.



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Thursday
20th Feb

19:00 - 20:00
FREE



FREE SESSION

Supporting Healthy Screen Use

A range of steps that can help minimise the harms from screens

Monday
3rd Feb

10:00 - 11:30
£24



Supporting a Child with ADHD

Challenging the stereotypes and giving practical interventions. Clear explanation of the condition in all its forms and extremely useful advice.

Tuesday
11th Feb

19:00 - 20:30
£24



Facing Defiance

Specific strategy to help parents manage defiant and challenging behaviour, especially aimed at ADHD, ODD and PDA conditions, 5 to 12 years old.

Tuesday
18th Feb

19:00 - 20:30
£24



Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness

Get the facts and know the harms about these two drugs so you can hold an informed conversation with your teens.

Tuesday
25th Feb

19:00 - 20:30
£24



Understanding the Teenage Brain

A 'must see' for all parents and teachers of teens and pre-teens. Explains why teens think, feel and behave very differently from adults and how we can support them.

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Understanding Anger	10 FEB 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	11 FEB 10am
Facing Defiance	14 FEB 7pm
Raising Self-Esteem	27 JAN 7pm 25 FEB 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	28 JAN 7pm 24 FEB 10am
Supporting a Child with ADHD	3 FEB 10am 3 MAR 7pm
Improving Family Communication	3 FEB 7pm 4 MAR 10am
AUTISM: Improving Communication	4 FEB 10am 4 MAR 7pm
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	4 FEB 7pm 3 MAR 10am
Anxiety-Based School Avoidance	10 FEB 10am 10 MAR 7pm
What is ACT?	17 FEB 10am 17 MAR 7pm
Introduction to OCD	17 FEB 7pm 18 MAR 10am
Anxiety Explained	18 FEB 10am 18 MAR 7pm
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	18 FEB 7pm 17 MAR 10am
Decreasing Depression	24 FEB 7pm 25 MAR 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	25 FEB 7pm 24 MAR 10am



KID'S Art Classes age 9-11

@annasaunders_art



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Saturday 1st March
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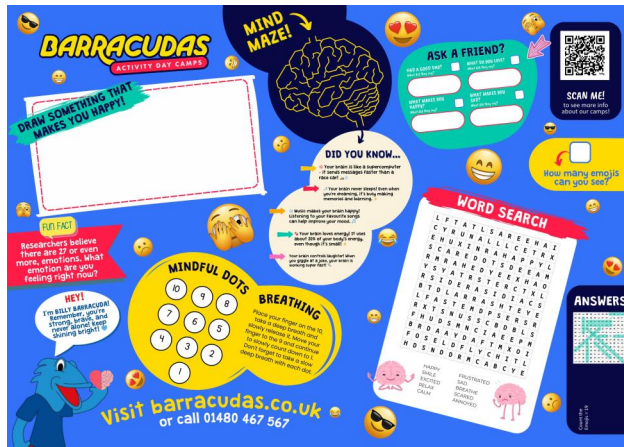
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<https://cranbrookandsissinghurstpc.co.uk/>

Or follow the Parish Council Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/CranbrookandSissinghurstPC>

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