

Dear Families,

I hope that you are looking forward to a long weekend. I am not sure it will be wall to wall sunshine, but we have had a brief glimpse of sunshine and increases in temperature this week. It has felt promising!

Thank you Mrs Darling for organizing our visit from The Dogs' Trust.



While some of us were a little disappointed that Mrs Hill didn't bring a 'real' dog with her, we understood when she explained that a different school and different children day after day would be stressful for a dog. The main focus for her workshops was to teach our children how to understand the world from the perspective of a dog. This means they can be safe when encountering an animal out and about and also be responsible owners for their own pets. I hope the children in both schools enjoyed the sessions.

Class 1 at Sand Hutton have had a busy week. They have a visit from Mr Fox, showing them how to clean teeth correctly and they were sent home with a smashing bag of goodies, Thank you Mr Fox! Then yesterday they spent the day out on a visit with Mrs Jones and Mrs Darling, returning home with delicious bread they had baked themselves.



I have been contacted by a number of parents at Sand Hutton who are aware of complications with the pick up and drop off situations with the buses. As you are aware, the yellow zig zags are there to prevent parking and stopping. The buses have always pulled up in front of the school gate, which is the only safe place, to let children get on and off. A member of the public has made a complaint about this and legally bus drivers can be issued with tickets. A risk assessment has been carried out regarding alternatives and has determined that the only safe place to stop is where buses are stopping at the moment. This means signage changes or re-painting I believe. While this is frustrating, we cannot act above the law and it has been escalated to the highest department in the LA. Thank you for your offers of help. It will take time to resolve and thank you for your patience in the meantime.

On happier notes. Please enjoy the longer bank holiday weekend with your children. The shorter week leads happily in to FOWS coffee morning at Warthill on Saturday 11th May. Everyone is welcome and we have booked some sunshine. I am looking forward to seeing all these miniature gardens! What a super idea! Thanks FOWS!

Have a great weekend. With every best wish,

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