



# Sandhills Newsletter

Summer Term No. 31

5<sup>th</sup> June 2018

## Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

Welcome to the start of term 6. I hope you all had a restful half term break and are ready for an action packed final few weeks of the academic year. All the dates for key events such as sports day and summer shows are in the calendar section at the end of the newsletter.

On **Friday 8th June** the School Council have organised an event to raise money for Ronald McDonald House Charities. In Oxford, the 'house' is on the top floor of the new building at the JR hospital and offers rooms where parents can get some much needed rest, reassured by the fact that they are under the same roof as their children.

On Friday, children are invited to bring pyjamas in a bag to change into for the afternoon. Please donate £1 to wear pyjamas and to support this wonderful charity.

On **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm**, the school orchestra and wind band will be performing with the Oxford Studio Orchestra in the school hall. Our young musicians will be playing alongside members of the orchestra, which I hope will be an exciting and enjoyable experience for everyone! Orchid in Year 6 will be performing the first movement of a concerto and the orchestra will perform Peter and the Wolf by Prokofiev, narrated by children in Year 6. Please come along to what I hope will be the first of many joint concerts.

Cas Lester, our Patron of Reading, is in school next **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June**. She will be running workshops with the children throughout the day, and then leading the afternoon assembly before selling signed copied of her book in the reception area outside the hall from 3pm. Her books are at the reduced price of £5.50 each. If you cannot get in to school, please send details of the book you would like with payment in a sealed envelope with your child's name on. Find out more about Cas and all her books on her website: [www.caslester.com](http://www.caslester.com)

Please note there is a change of date for our music assembly to **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm**. The assembly will be a celebration of music at Sandhills, with the children in Year 3 performing pieces on their violins, and the school choir, orchestra and wind band showcasing the very best pieces from their respective repertoires!

It's that time of year when the glitter ball makes an appearance and the children get excited about the annual summer disco! The PTA have organised this year's event on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July** – please make sure you keep the date fee. More details to follow shortly.

Sadly, at the end of term we will be saying good-bye to three members of staff: Mrs Marr is retiring after working in Sandhills for 9 years, Miss Searight is traveling to Bali where she will continue to teach, and Mr Godfrey is spending time with his family. We wish them all the very best in their new ventures. In September will be welcoming Miss Davis, Mrs Wright and Miss Barnett to the Sandhills family. We are looking to appoint another member of teaching staff and will keep you informed.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J. Settle – Headteacher



## Attendance

The table below shows the overall attendance for each class since the start of the school year in September, and for last week.

The whole school attendance so far for the current academic year is 95.7% which is well below our school target of 96.5% and the National Average of 96.1%

Only Class 2S has maintained their attendance above the school target.

Class	Overall attendance	Last week of term
FSU-C	95.2%	91.7%
FSU-M	94.9%	89.2%
1H	96.4%	93.8%
1S	95.1%	92.5%
2HL	94.7%	98.3%
2S	<b>97.0%</b>	96.8%

Class	Overall attendance	Last week of term
3N	96.2%	98.7%
4T	95.9%	92.6%
5S	95.8%	96.0%
6G	95.0%	89.2%
6H	95.8%	97.5%

## Superstar Learners of the Week!

I am delighted to list the names of the children awarded Star of the Week! You have demonstrated a growth mindset and worked hard to achieve your certificates – we are all enormously proud of your efforts!



Class	Name
FSU	Leona-Lily S Lucy G Aisha R Halle N
Y1-H	Edward L-W Molly H
Y1-S	Kahelan C Bailey
Y2-S	Lincoln G Abi D

Class	Name
Y2-HL	Madison L Imogen W Sammy B
Y3-N	Mia P Ellie A
Y4-T	Monty L James W
Y5-S	Jaya M Grace S-P
Y6-G	
Y6-H	

## Personal Achievement Cards!

We are enormously proud of the children who have completed a Personal Achievement Card.

Name	Card
Iman R	1
Finley B	2
Precious I	1
Juliet M	2
Charlie L-W	2
May E	2
Olly C	2

Name	Card
Penelope M	1
Noah G	1
Lincoln G	1
Ellie A	2
Oliver T	2
Lola T	1

Name	Card
Owen S	1
Ruben H	1
Mina O	2
Lola T	2
Lula	2
Iniaya K	1



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## From the School Council – PJ Day – Ronald McDonald House

Dear Parents and carers

At Sandhills, we love to support and raise money for charities. So, on Friday 8th June this year, we will be organising an event for Ronald McDonald House Charities. They support families and children in hospitals:

*At Ronald McDonald House Charities we provide families with children being treated in hospital with a comfortable place to stay that's close to their child, giving them more time and energy to focus on being together.*

On that day, children are invited to bring pyjamas in a bag to change into for the afternoon. Please donate £1 to wear pyjamas and to support this wonderful charity. All the money raised will help keep families together, close to their children in hospital far from home.

Yours sincerely,

School Council

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## General Data Protection Regulations - GDPR

On 25 May 2018 the new GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation) replaced the Data Protection Act (DPA). For schools, GDPR brings a new responsibility to inform parents about how pupils' data is being used and who it is being used by.

A great deal of the processing of personal data undertaken by schools will fall under a specific legal basis, 'in the public interest'. As it is in the public interest to operate schools successfully, it will mean that specific consent will not be needed in the majority of cases. A Pupil Privacy Notice is now available on our school website, which outlines the pupil information that we collect, hold and share, including the lawful basis about how we use this information. If you would like a printed copy of the Data Protection Policy or Privacy Notice, please contact the school office.

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## Class Celebration Assemblies

We hope that you can come and celebrate the effort and achievements of the children each week at 2:20pm in the hall.

Date	Class
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	6H
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	2HL
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	6G
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	2S
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	No assembly
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	KS1 Performance
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 Performance



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## KEY DATES FOR THE SPRING & SUMMER TERM

Date	Event
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Pyjama Day – raising money for Ronald MacDonald House
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Assembly with Cas Lester – Patron of Reading
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Summer fete
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	School Disco
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Music Assembly – 2pm
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	EYFS + KS1 summer show - pm
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	EYFS + KS1 summer show - pm
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	End of year reports
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> July – 6pm	KS2 Concert
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Reserve Sports Day
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> July – 1:30pm	KS2 Concert
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> July	End of school year – 2pm Note – no Kidz Club

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**OUR PATRON OF READING IS VISITING OUR SCHOOL!**  
**Come and meet Kids' Author Cas Lester on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June 3pm**



Cas used to make children's television dramas with CBBC, including award-winning programmes like **JACKANORY** and **THE STORY OF TRACY BEAKER**.

Now she writes funny kids' books.

**On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June**

she'll be in school all day doing workshops with the children, but at

**3pm** you can meet Cas and buy

*signed copies*

of her books at a

**SPECIAL DISCOUNT PRICE**

**of £5.50!**

her latest book:

**DO YOU SPEAK CHOCOLATE?**

is about two girls, one of whom is a Syrian refugee, who are determined to be friends even though they don't speak the same language. For 8 – 12s

**NIXIE THE BAD, BAD FAIRY –**

Nixie's wonky wand is naughtier than she is!

For 5 – 8 year olds

**I love Nixie!** – *Jacqueline Wilson*

The **HARVEY DREW BOOKS** –

comedy science fiction about rubbish in outer space!

For 7 – 9 year olds

**WILFRED THE (UN)WISE –**

magical mayhem when eleventh century sorcery meets modern day magic!

For 8 – 12year olds



Find out more about Cas on her website: [www.caslester.com](http://www.caslester.com)