



# Sandhills Newsletter

## *Letter from the Headteacher*

Dear Parents, Carers, Families and Friends

I would like to say how proud I am of our year 6s. Who have all shown such a positive attitude to their Key Stage 2 SAT this week. I know the teachers have exciting activities planned for your final weeks at Sandhills School, which start in earnest with a week-long residential visit to Plas Nantglyn in a week's time. I do hope the sun shines for you and that you all have a wonderful time.

Next week in school is Online Safety Week, and our children in Key Stage 1 will be learning about how to be safe with Smartie Penguin. Our older children will be watching a series of videos about different ways of keeping safe on a range of technology, and making posters about what they have learned.

Part of this important topic is a presentation aimed at parents on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May at 3pm, which will be delivered by 123ict, our computing support provider. I do hope that many of you are able to come along to this informative and thought provoking presentation.

On this occasion, the presentation is not suitable for children. Families may send their children to after school care, at no extra cost, for the duration of the presentation at no cost.

Mr Taylor, our Computing Co-ordinator, will be recommending a website in his Technology Spot each week. Do look out for his weekly top tips and advice. Check out his first one!

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May is School Census Day. The school receives funding for next year based on the number of children in foundation and key stage 1 who take a school meal on Census day, so it is critically important that all children are in school that day. Even if your child doesn't normally have a school meal, I hope you will support us by encouraging your child to have a school dinner next Thursday. There is no cost for a meal for children in these year groups, however, take up of meals really helps our budget.

With best wishes

Mrs J. Settle

## Key Dates



**Celebration Assemblies**

*May*

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup>  
Acer & Cedar**

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup>  
Oak & Willow**

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup>  
End of Term 5**

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June  
Beginning of term 6**

This term's values

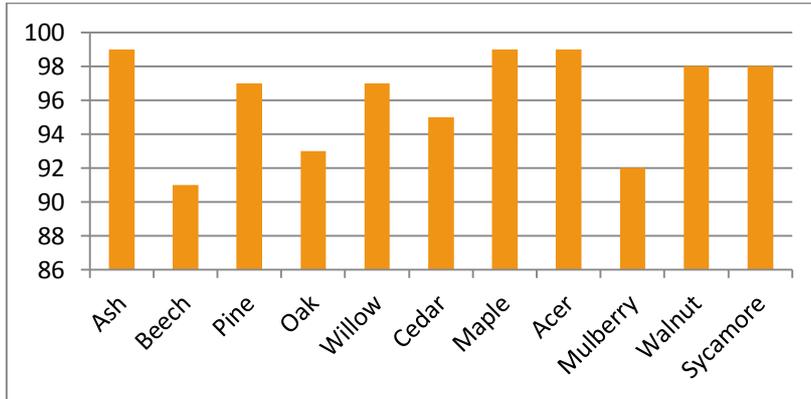
## Honesty and Trust

Not taking things for granted.  
Appreciating the people we know and don't know, who may contribute to our lives.  
Appreciate the world we live in and the familiar things about ourselves.



## ***This Week's Attendance***

Congratulations to **Acer, Ash and Maple** classes for achieving 99% attendance this week.



Sandhill's target is to keep all classes **above 96.5%**.

Please support your children to attend school every-day.

## ***Superstar Learners of the Week***

The award is given to those children who are making a wonderful effort either with work or their attitude to learning.

All of Year 6!

Malakai S. Madison L. Sammy B. Lyla R. Ella B. Maria M. Zoe R. Millie C. Olly C. Otis T. Tayte L.

Well done to everyone today, we are very proud of you.



## ***French Club***

Christine Stewart-Jones will be running a French Club on Thursdays from 3-4pm starting after half term. Christine currently runs a French Club at The Windmill and Phil and Jim's Primary School in Oxford. The French Club is open to all year groups, and will cost £6 per week, payable in advance.

Christine is offering one free trial lesson. If you are interested in your child taking part, please pick up a registration form from the school office. If you have any questions, you can email Christine at [christinesj@live.co.uk](mailto:christinesj@live.co.uk).

### **Mr Taylor's Technology Spot**

Next week in school is our online safety week. The children will be learning about how to stay safe online and how to use technology responsibly. This web site has lots of information for parents and carers to help keep your child safe online: <http://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers>.

I personally also like: <https://www.google.com/intl/en/safetycenter/families/start/basics/>. I think this has some good, concise tips for families.



## LOST PROPERTY

There are a number of unclaimed items of children's clothing stowed in the school office. Unfortunately we cannot store these items indefinitely. If your child has lost an article of school clothing or equipment, please see Anna in the school office. Any items left in the office at the end of this term will be disposed of.

Please ensure that your child's clothing is labelled so that if they get lost they can be reunited with their owner.

## Peanut Allergies - We need your help!

A small but significant number of our children suffer from nut allergies which can lead to Anaphylaxis (the swelling of the mouth and windpipe). This can be an extremely serious condition and very frightening for the child if they come into contact with even nut traces as they could find themselves unable to breathe.

**For one child it is life threatening allergy.**

We are sure you have empathy with the children and families who have this condition. Therefore we implore you to be vigilant when considering foods for your children's lunchboxes and request that these products are avoided so that we can keep the children safe.

We thank you for your support in this matter.

## KEY DATES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR

Date	Event
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> May – 3pm	Online Safety presentation for parents / carers
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> School CENSUS	School CENSUS
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 Residential to 'Plas Nantglyn'
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	End of Term 5
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Start of Term 6
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Y1 Phonics Screening Check week
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July – 2pm	KS1 Summer performance
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> July – 1.30pm and 6.00pm	Summer Concert
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> July - am	Sports Day
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July - am	Reserve Sports Day
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 9.20am	Y6 Leavers Assembly
	End of School Year

