



Sandhills Newsletter

Letter from the Headteacher and Chair of Governors

Dear Parents, Carers, Families and Friends,

I have been enormously proud of all the children in Key Stage 1 this week who applied energy and enthusiasm during their SATs. They continue to impress us with their willingness to try their best and meet new challenges – well done to you all!

On a different topic, I would like to say a few words about our recent staffing changes, which some of you may be aware of. At the end of this term we say goodbye to very valued members of staff, who we will all miss very much: Miss Riddel who has been a TA across the school, but most recently in Years 4 & 5; Mrs Ward who has supported the children in Foundation; Miss Traff who has worked in a number of classes and is also our lunchtime supervisor; and Miss Daniels who has worked as a learning support assistant with a number of children. We wish them all the very best in their new ventures.

This week we welcomed back Mrs Nash from maternity leave. She has joined Mrs Ahmad and the children in Beech Class and has already got involved in helping children with plans for our library!

I am sure you will have heard from recent media coverage that many schools across the country are under enormous financial stress, and Sandhills is no exception. Next year the school will receive less money, and this, along with an increase in other costs, means that the school is facing severe pressure on the budget.

Over the next few months, the governors and I will have some difficult decisions to make as we seek to set the budget for the coming year. My priority will always be to ensure the best possible care and education for your children, and the governors and I will do whatever we can to find the best possible solutions for the school.

Please rest assured that the governors and I will continue to put your children at the heart of all our decision making. Your children only have one chance at their primary years and we take our responsibility for this with the seriousness and dedication it deserves.

I will, of course, keep you all informed as the situation becomes clearer.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J. Settle

Headteacher and

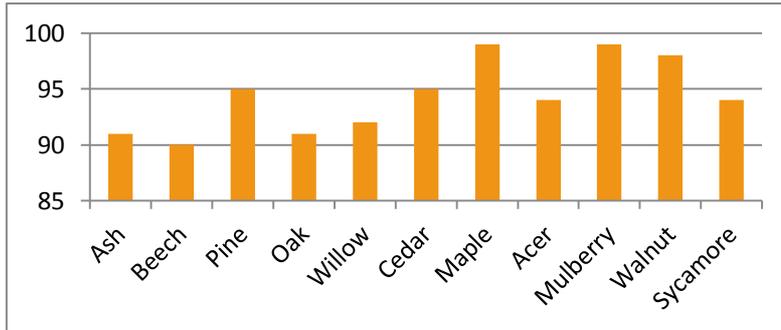
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Chair of Governors



This Week's Attendance

Congratulations to Maple & Mulberry 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.

Christopher B. Nicole A. Precious I. Lola T. Freddie T. Harry G. Riley I. Evie D.

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



Eco Week!

On the first week back after half-term, the children will be taking part in Eco Week! Each class will learn about a specific sustainability topic which they will share in an assembly on Friday the 9th June. Please feel free to come along to the assembly and improve your green thinking! There will also be a cake sale after school on the 9th June with some other fundraising opportunities taking place in the hall.

Mrs Hunter-Lacey

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.



Mr Taylor's Technology Spot

The children have been learning about online safety this week. Ask your child about what they have learned!

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk> is another useful guide on 'safe surfing' for children and parents – check it out!

Eco Warrior's Top Tip

Don't forget to 'follow the frog' when you buy food. This makes sure that your food has not caused harm to rainforests. Food like chocolate, coffee and bananas often have a rainforest alliance symbol on them like this! Happy shopping!

Idea from May in Year 4.



KEY DATES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR

Date	Event
Monday 22 nd – Friday 26 th May	Y6 Residential to 'Plas Nantglyn'
Friday 26 th May	Celebration Assembly – Year 1 Oak End of Term 5
Monday 5 th June	Start of Term 6
Monday 12 th - Friday 16 th June	Y1 Phonics Screening Check week
Friday 7 th July – 2pm	KS1 Summer performance
Tuesday 11 th July – 1.30pm and 6.00pm	Summer Concert
Thursday 13 th July - am	Sports Day
Friday 14 th July - am	Reserve Sports Day
Friday 21 st July 9.20am	Y6 Leavers Assembly
	End of School Year