



# Sandhills Newsletter

Autumn Term No 10

13<sup>th</sup> November 2017

## Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

This week is **Anti-Bullying Week**. Anti-Bullying Week shines a spotlight on bullying and encourages all children, teachers and parents to take action against bullying throughout the year. The theme this year is 'All Different, All Equal' and the aims are to empower children to celebrate what makes them, and others, unique and help children understand how important it is to be able to be themselves, without fear of bullying.

Over the week teachers will be talking with children in their classes and in their buddy groups to identify issues around bullying, learning strategies to prevent and respond to bullying, celebrating difference and encouraging kindness. Please join us on Friday at 2:20pm to share all the things the children have learned.

We have four **vacancies for parent governors** and we are therefore holding a governor election. As a parent of a child attending Sandhills School, you are eligible to stand for a position as a parent governor. Parent governors are elected by and from other parents and are vital to our governing body. They share equally with other governors the responsibility for carrying out the governing body's wide range of responsibilities. Governors do not run the school day to day, as their role is at the strategic or policy-making level in the school. You do not have to be an expert on education to be a school governor, nor do you need any special qualifications. Please see the attached information on becoming a school governor. The closing date for nominations is next week, Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November

There will be a Book Fair next week. Please see next week's newsletter for more information about when it will be open.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J. Settle - Headteacher





## Superstar Learners of the Week!

I am delighted to list the names of the children who were awarded Star of the Week on Friday. They have demonstrated a growth mindset and worked hard to achieve their certificates – we are all enormously proud of you!



Class	Name
FSU	Noah T
	Grace O
Y1-H	Joe H
Y1-S	Jayden P
Y2-S	Lyra C
Y2-HL	Sammy B

Class	Name
Y3-N	Charlie L-W
Y4-T	Ryan S
Y5-S	Zunairah MN
Y6-G	Daunte K
Y6-H	Tilly O
	Kymani S

## Attendance

At the end of last year, the annual attendance at Sandhills School was 95.58%, which is well below the national average of 96.1%. This year, the school has set an ambitious target of at least **96.5%**, which with your help and support, I am sure can be achieved.

The tables below show the attendance for each class since the start of the school year in September. Percentages in red show classes that have attendance above our target.

Class	Attendance
FSU-C	<b>97.8%</b>
FSU-M	95.4%
1H	<b>97.4%</b>
1S	95.6%
2HL	93.8%
2S	<b>97.1%</b>

Class	Attendance
3N	<b>97.6%</b>
4T	<b>97.1%</b>
5S	<b>96.8%</b>
6G	<b>97.6%</b>
6H	<b>97.6%</b>

The attendance overall this term is **96.69%**, which is above our target. Please support the school to maintain this attendance target.

## Personal Achievement Cards!

I am enormously proud of the children who have completed a Personal Achievement card this week.

Name	Card
Megan H	1



## Children in Need

Next week is **Children in Need** and we're encouraging the children of Sandhills School to be Spot-tacular and wear one item of clothing (e.g. t-shirt, trousers, jumper, headband) that is spotty.



Please bring in a minimum donation of a pound. You may bring more if you want to. All the money will go to Children in Need. This will happen on **Friday 17th November**.

Wristbands with Pudsey on them will also be sold, starting from Tuesday 14th, for £1 each.

Thank you and GET SPOTTY! School Council

## Eco Top Tip

Christmas is around the corner, so you might be thinking about going to buy a Christmas tree soon! Don't forget that it might be worth investing in a living tree in a pot, not one that's been chopped! They have the benefit of being sturdier, so no more fighting with a Christmas tree stand and hopefully, you will never need to buy another tree again! But don't forget to water it and repot it straight after Christmas.

## End of term - Kidz Club – After School

Please note that school finishes for the Christmas break at 2pm on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December and there will be no Kidz Club on that day.



## 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 17 <sup>th</sup> November 2:20pm	Whole School Anti-Bullying
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Y1-H

Date	Class
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Y3-N
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	No assembly Xmas Fair!

## KEY DATES FOR THE AUTUMN TERM

Date	Event
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Whole school visit to Oxford Playhouse – morning
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Fair
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December – 6:00pm	KS2 Carol Concert
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December – 9:30am	Foundations Stage Unit (FSU) - Nativity
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December – 2:00pm	FSU - Nativity
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December – 2:00pm	End of term

