



Sandhills Newsletter

Autumn Term No 8

31st October 2017

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

Welcome back to the start of a new term!

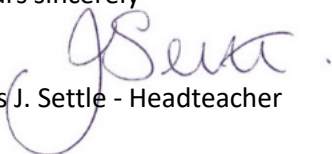


Earlier today we welcomed Cas Lester, our author in residence and Lilley Mitchell, from BBC Radio Oxford who spoke to the children about the books they have been reading. Their views were recorded and go on air tomorrow afternoon during Lilley's live show called – An Afternoon Book Club. Please tune in to hear what our children had to say!

Each year the Oxford Mail publish a feature called the First Days at School. Photographers have been out and about in Oxfordshire schools capturing children in the early years as they start their first lessons and settle in to school life. Children at Sandhills in our foundation stage class will feature in tomorrow's Oxford Mail, so make sure you pick up a copy!

Unfortunately, there continues to be ongoing absence in the school office. Please help us by ensuring that your child arrives at school on time and any messages are passed directly to your class teacher. Your patience and support is very much appreciated.

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 at the end of last term. They have demonstrated a growth mindset, and worked hard to achieve their certificates – we are all enormously proud of you!



Class	Name
FSU	Samuel K Chantelle OB
Y1-H	Ethan CJ
Y1-S	Corey M
Y2-S	Sienna C
Y2-HL	Jessica D

Class	Name
Y3-N	Melissa TV
	Finley C
Y4-T	Morgan T
Y5-S	Owen B
Y6-G	Thomas R
Y6-H	Logan M

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 for last term. Percentages in red show classes that have attendance above our target.

Class	Attendance
FSU-C	98.4%
FSU-M	95.5%
1H	98.4%
1S	96.9%
2HL	94.6%
2S	97.2%

Class	Attendance
3N	97.4%
4T	97.3%
5S	97.4%
6G	95.5%
6H	97.8%

The attendance overall this term is **96.9%**, which is above our target. Please support the school to maintain this attendance target.

Eco Warriors' Top Tip

Don't forget to check your bonfire for any hibernating animals, before you have any bonfire night fires. Hedgehogs especially love to crawl into mounds of wood and leaves to hibernate!! Hedgehogs are becoming more and more rare, so please look at the RSPCA website to find out more about helping them out.

<https://www.rspca.org.uk/adviceandwelfare/wildlife/inthewild/gardenhedgehogs>



Class Celebration Assemblies

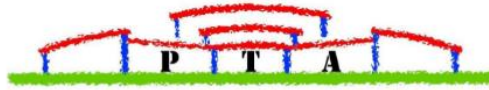
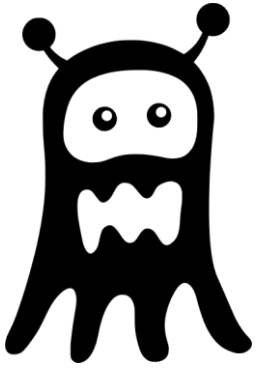
We hope that you can come and celebrate the effort and achievements of the children each week at 2:20pm in the hall.

Date	Class
Friday 3 rd November	Y1-S
Friday 10 th November	Y4-T
Friday 17 th November	Whole School

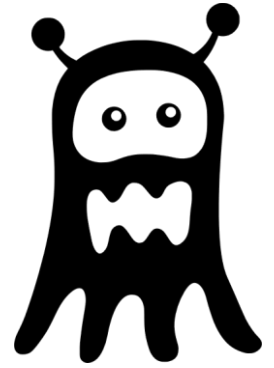
Date	Class
Friday 24 th November	Y1-H
Friday 1 st December	Y3-N
Friday 8 th December	No assembly Xmas Fair!

KEY DATES FOR THE AUTUMN TERM

Date	Event
Friday 3 rd November	Monster Ball Disco
Monday 13 th November	INSET – School closed for staff training
Monday 27 th November	Whole school visit to Oxford Playhouse
Friday 8 th December	Christmas Fair
Tuesday 12 th December	KS2 Carol Concert
Tuesday 19 th December – 2:00pm	End of term



Present



MONSTER DISCO

Friday 3rd November 2017

FSU & KS1 5-6pm

KS2 6.15pm – 7.15pm



£1.50 per child

Includes unlimited squash

Optional instant photos £2.50

Fancy Dress Optional

Pupils of Sandhills School only
