



# Sandhills Newsletter

Autumn Term No 15

19<sup>th</sup> December 2017

## Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

We've made it! It's the last day of term, the sun is shining and there are only 5 more sleeps until Christmas!

The festivities at Sandhills began on the 1<sup>st</sup> December with a Christmas tree decorating assembly, when all the children hung a jewel on the tree kindly bought by the PTA. In the following weeks, the sound of children's voices practising their concert songs has created a wonderful atmosphere around school. Adding to this, the PTA having been buzzing in and out planning the Christmas Market, collecting prizes and mince pies and organising ticket sales for the various musical events and there have been raffle prizes, musical instruments and chocolate everywhere!

The foundation stage traditional nativity was an absolute delight and the children sang beautifully - even some of the parents knew the words! The Key Stage 1 team presented a nativity with a twist, featuring a grumpy inn-keeper and his wife who had a rather disturbed night's sleep! It was full of super acting and wonderful songs, sprinkled with a little festive humour. Our Christmas offering this year finished with the Key Stage 2 Carol Concert last night, which show-cased the many talented children at Sandhills School. The singing was absolutely magnificent, and I was very impressed by the contributions from the choir, wind band and orchestra, as well as the Year 3 children who have only been playing the violin for 8 weeks!

Christmas really is a magical time, and there is nothing like the sound of children's singing to put us in the festive spirit. But none of the performances would have been possible, without the hard work and dedication of all the staff. A heartfelt thank you to you all.

I would also like to thank you as parents and carers of all the children, they are a credit to you, their teachers and the school.

All that remains is for me to wish you all a merry Christmas and New Year.

Best wishes

Mrs J. Settle - Headteacher

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## Attendance

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>97.1%</b>
FSU-M	95.6%
1H	<b>97.1%</b>
1S	95.7%
2HL	93.5%
2S	<b>96.7%</b>

Class	Attendance
3N	<b>96.8%</b>
4T	96.0%
5S	96.3%
6G	<b>97.3%</b>
6H	96.4%

The attendance overall this term is **96.2%**, which is disappointing, as this is below our target of **96.6%**. There are only 5 class with attendance that is above our target. Please support the school to maintain good attendance.

## School Meals

The current school lunch menu will continue for the first two weeks after Christmas. The menu choices for 4th and 5th January are week one of the current menu. Week commencing 8th January will be week two of the current menu.

New menus will start from 15th January and these will be sent out in January.

## Foundation Stage Places for September

REMINDER - The closing date for applications for the 2018 Reception intake is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018 and it is extremely important for parents to make an on-time application as this greatly increases their chances of being offered a place at one of their preferred schools. On-time applicants will receive a school offer on 16<sup>th</sup> April, but applications received after 15<sup>th</sup> January will not be processed until the second allocation round in June.



## 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 5 <sup>th</sup> January	No assembly
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> January	6H
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> January	2HL
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	6G
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	2S
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Sign2sing 5S

Date	Class
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	4T
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	1S
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	3N
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	1H
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Science focus Whole School



## KEY DATES FOR THE SPRING TERM

Date	Event
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	Start of Spring Term 1
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2018	End of Spring Term 1

## Clubs for the Spring Term

Day	Activity		Time	Lead
Monday	Orchestra (KS2)	£50 per term	Hall 3.00-4.00pm	Mrs Lloyd
	French (KS1)	£20 per term	Library 3.00-3.45pm	Miss Bodereau
Tuesday	Art Club (All)	See flyer from Geri	Hall 3.00-4.30pm	Mrs Sedgewick-Coward
	Outdoor Adventure Club (Years 3 & 4)	Free	Field 3.00-4.00pm	Mr Cobb
	Multi-Skills Club (KS1)	See flyer from WR Soccer*	Field 3.00-4.00pm	WR Soccer
Wednesday	Karate		Hall	Mr Patrick
	Outdoor Adventure Club (Years 5 & 6)	Free	Field 3.00-4.00pm	Mr Cobb
Thursday	French Club (KS2)	£25 per week	Library 3.00-4.00pm	Miss Bodereau
	Football	Free	Field 3.00-4.00pm	Mr Cobb
	Multi-Skills Club (KS2)	See flier from WR Soccer	Field 3.00-4.00pm	WR Soccer
Friday	Rock Band Club (Years 2- 6)	See flyer from Mr Morris	Library 3.00-4.00pm	Mr Morris

\*WR Soccer flyer is available in the school office

Registration forms will be in book bags on the first day of term.