



Sandhills Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

It has been lovely to see the children enjoying our new library and their excitement at finding so many good-quality texts to choose from. Now that all the classes have been to borrow their books, the shelves are looking rather empty. The PTA have generously promised a little more money to help fill the shelves, but I am also asking for your help. I have put a box in the main entrance, into which you can put any children's books that your children no longer read, which are suitable for children aged 5 to 11 years. If the books are in good condition, we can give them a good home!

Cas Lester, our patron of reading, will be in school to launch Book Week on Monday 19th February, so keep an eye out in the newsletter for further information about our plans.

Each term, as part of good health and safety practice in school, we practice a fire evacuation which the children are very familiar with. Recently, we have improved our procedure with the introduction of two-way radios which enable senior staff to be in contact with staff in all the muster points around the building, including the pre-school.

This week we will be talking to the children about a lockdown and having our first practice. Whilst a lockdown isn't a statutory requirement, schools and other establishments are being encouraged to do this as part of best health and safety practice. The need for a lockdown could be in response to a number of situations, ranging from an incident or civil disturbance in the local community, to a dangerous dog roaming loose.

Teachers will be talking to the children in their classes this week before the whole school practice, so the children are clear about what to expect.

There are a number of families who have not yet paid for the multi-skills sports club from last term. All payments for clubs run by external providers should be paid directly to the company, and will not appear on ParentMail.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J. Settle - Headteacher



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 achieved attendance above our target.

Class	Attendance
FSU-C	96.35%
FSU-M	95.6%
1H	96.8%
1S	95.6%
2HL	93.3%
2S	96.5%

Class	Attendance
3N	96.9%
4T	95.6%
5S	96.1%
6G	96.8%
6H	96.1%

The national average for attendance in primary schools is 96.1%. The school's overall attendance has now fallen below the national average. There are now only 3 classes with attendance that is above our school target of 96.5%.

There is a clear link between pupils' achievement and their level of attendance at school. The governors and staff, alongside the Local Authority firmly believe that all pupils benefit from regular attendance. We want all pupils to achieve the very best they can and for this they need to be in school regularly, for which we ask your support

Superstar Learners of the Week!

I am delighted to list the names of the children awarded Star of the Week! You have demonstrated a growth mindset, and worked hard to achieve your certificates – we are all enormously proud of your efforts!



Class	Name	Class	Name
FSU	Scarlett W	Y3-N	Austin J-P
	Elijah M	Y4-T	-
	Ayra N	Y5-S	Sophie K Iniaya K
Y1-H	Jesiah T	Y6-G	Veronika F Olly C
Y1-S	-	Y6-H	-
Y2-S	Christopher B Chantal L		
Y2-HL	Ruby L		

Personal Achievement Cards!

We are enormously proud of the children who have completed a Personal Achievement Card.

Name	Card
Dylan L	1
Freddie B	1
Sophia K	1

Name	Card
Naomi C	1
Thomas R	1
George M	1

Name	Card
Bella K	1
Mathew K	1



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 26 th January	6G
Friday 2 nd February	2S
Friday 9 th February	Sign2sing 1H*
Friday 23 rd February	4T

Date	Class
Friday 2 nd March	1S
Friday 9 th March	3N
Friday 16 th March	5S*
Friday 23 rd March	Science focus Whole School

*A change of date for 1H and 5S

KEY DATES FOR THE SPRING TERM

Date	Event
Friday 9 th February	End of Spring Term 1

