



# Sandhills Newsletter

Spring Term No. 23

20<sup>th</sup> February 2018

## Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

Welcome back to the start of term. I hope you are all well rested after the break and ready for the term ahead.

Yesterday our author in residence, Cas Lester, spent the day working with years 1 to 6, running creative writing sessions based on some of her own books. The children worked on invaluable skills, such as creating their own stories and building up word banks to help them use exciting vocabulary in their writing.

Cas also introduced next week's World Book Week, where the children will take part in reading activities. This will include 'Guess the teacher's favourite book' as well as DEAR time (Drop Everything And Read) where, at a given signal, all children across the school must do just that! We will also be encouraging children to take part in a Book Swap – the idea being that each child brings in a book for a friend to read so that children read a book that they might not normally read. Please ensure your child has a book to share with a friend on **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February**.

On **Friday 2nd March**, teachers and children have the opportunity to take part in a Pyjama and Bed Time Story day. Children can come to school wearing their pyjamas (they may also bring a teddy bear if they wish). Teachers will share a story with their class and the children will take part in book related activities. We are asking for a voluntary donation of £1 per child to raise money for books for our library, so your support with this would be greatly appreciated.

A huge thank you to parents who have donated books to the school library by leaving them in the box in the entrance. If you are doing a spring clean at home and come across any good quality books that could do with a good home, please donate them to our library. We also have a book fair in school during the week commencing 5<sup>th</sup> March. More information on this will be in next week's newsletter.

The NSPCC and O2 have partnered up to help children and their families stay safe online. They will be running a parents' workshop in the school hall on **Monday 26th February at 9:00am**. Tea and coffee will be available from 8:45am.

We hope the workshops will provide useful tools, support and guidance to help you as parents have conversations with your children about their online lives. The idea is to help you understand your child's online world and build their confidence to have important conversations to keep them safe. Please visit [nspcc.org.uk/o2](http://nspcc.org.uk/o2) for more information. The workshop is free and lasts for one hour.

We look forward to seeing lots of you there. If you have any further questions, please speak to Mr Taylor.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J. Settle - Headteacher

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## Attendance

The table below shows the overall attendance for each class since the start of the school year in September, and for last week.

Class	Overall attendance	Last week
FSU-C	95.6%	94.6%
FSU-M	95.3%	95.3%
1H	96.2%	93.4%
1S	94.9%	92.3%
2HL	93.5%	95.4%
2S	96.6%	96.2%

Class	Overall attendance	Last week
3N	96.2%	95.6%
4T	95.6%	97.4%
5S	94.7%	99.2%
6G	95.9%	89.4%
6H	95.6%	95.1%

## Registration Times

The school gates open at 8.30am and school starts at 8.45am. If your child arrives after the bell at 8.45am, they will be marked as *late* in the register. The gates are closed at 9.00am, and anyone arriving after this should bring their child to the front entrance to sign the late register.

Children arriving after 9.00am will be marked as *unauthorized but present* in the register, which will affect their attendance record. Parents will receive an updated attendance record at parent consultations in March.

## 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
FSU	Sophia J Sara JS
Y1-H	Ziad A
Y1-S	
Y2-S	Ruben H
Y2-HL	Archie L

Class	Name
Y3-N	Jack F
Y4-T	
Y5-S	
Y6-G	Katie M
Y6-H	Pearl B

## Personal Achievement Cards!

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

Name	Card
Aleks E	1
Joe O	1
Orchid H	1
Isabel M-C	1

Name	Card
Lyla C	1
Hugo M	1
Coen C	1
Veronika	1

Name	Card
Archie L	1
Anya D-M	1
Harry F	1
Lucas A-H	2



## Eco Spot!

STOP PRESS! If you want to have your very own soft and cuddly orang-utan, then please bring in £1 to play 'Name the Orang-utan.' The orang-utan and game will continue to go around school until next Tuesday. The winner will be announced on Friday of next week.

### Eco Display

The Eco Team would be very grateful if you could send in any used, but clean, blue or green small plastic water bottles. We will shortly make an ocean themed display with these thanks to an idea from Tom H in year 6.

## 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 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	4T
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	1S

Date	Class
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	3N
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	5S
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Science focus Whole School

## KEY DATES FOR THE SPRING & SUMMER TERMS

Date	Event
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February 8:45am	Online safety workshops for parents
	Children bring in books to share
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Pyjama and Bed Time Story day
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Individual school photographs
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent consultations - 4pm onwards
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent consultations - 5pm onwards
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March – 2pm	End of Spring Term 2 Note – no Kidz Club
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Start of Summer Term 1
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Class photographs
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATs week
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	End of Summer Term 1
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET Day – School closed
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Assembly with Cas Lester – Author in residence
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Summer fete
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> July	End of school year – 2pm Note – no Kidz Club