



Sandhills Newsletter

Spring Term No. 27

26th March 2018

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

Last week was the **Easter Egg Decorating competition** and the PTA had the very difficult task of choosing the winners from many beautifully designed creations. The winners were:

EYFS	Mathilda J and Barney P
KS1	Maddison L and Ayesha K
KS2	Mace O and Thomas E

Congratulations to you all and we hope you enjoyed your early Easter treat!

We also had a visit from 'Boffin John' last Thursday to round off our **Science week**. He displayed many wonderful experiments in an assembly and continued to astound the children with investigations with each year group. During the week all classes were involved in some kind of scientific exploration from micro-environments in Year 6 to a 'poo' investigation in Year 3! The children had a great time and were able to show all that they had learned in the Celebration assembly on Friday.

Photographs- Last week Colorbox took black & white photographs of the children at work in class. They will be back in school on Thursday 3rd May to take class photographs. Proofs from both photograph sessions will be sent home during May and parents will be able to purchase copies.

ParentMail - We have had a few enquiries about paying for some items on ParentMail. If you are unable to see an item in payments, then you will need to select the shop option to see the payment item.

Car Park Area - We have mentioned in our newsletter on many occasions that parents should not use the car park or the car park entrance area to turn in, in the mornings and afternoons for safety reasons. There was a near miss last week involving a car and a child. We have therefore, taken the decision to close the gates in the morning and afternoon.

On behalf of all the staff, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a happy and restful Easter break. Please remember that school finishes at 2pm on Thursday, and there is no Kidz Club.

I look forward to seeing you all for the start of the summer term on Monday 16th April.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J. Settle - Headteacher



Attendance

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

The whole school attendance so far for the current academic year is 95.5% which is well below our school target of 96.5% and the National Average of 96.1%

Only Class 2S has maintained their attendance above the school target.

Class	Overall attendance	Last week
FSU-C	95.4%	96.4%
FSU-M	95.2%	95.2%
1H	96.4%	98.3%
1S	94.7%	98.1%
2HL	94.1%	98.4%
2S	96.6%	95.9%

Class	Overall attendance	Last week
3N	96.3%	97.7%
4T	95.7%	96.1%
5S	95.2%	95.8%
6G	95.3%	95.4%
6H	95.4%	94.8%

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	Alfie J Mina D	Zima
Y1-H	Sinead Q	
Y1-S	Rahela K	
Y2-S	Lexie L Lewis A	
Y2-HL	Noah G Summer B	Lyla C

Class	Name	
Y3-N	Luke M Juliet M	Inaayah N
Y4-T	Claudia W Gracie B	Evie D
Y5-S	Whole class!	
Y6-G	Dylan S	
Y6-H	Lily W Koya PF	

Personal Achievement Cards!

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

Name	Card
Michael A	1
Lyla R	1
Luke M	1
Finley B	1
Zain	
Grace P	

Name	Card
Denzel O	
Luke	
Lyla	
Jamie G	1
Michael M	1

Name	Card
Koya PF	1
Reuben J	2
Otis	2
Ella	2
Eve B	2



Sports Relief

Sandhills managed to overcome the rain and have a brilliant afternoon, getting active for Sports Relief. I would like to say a huge well done to everyone for getting involved - I particularly enjoyed seeing everyone from foundation to Year Six (and adults) all joining in the Sport Relief Mile. An extra thanks to Mr Roberts and the amazing Sports Ambassadors for all their help setting up - it wouldn't have been possible without their hard work.

I have heard lots of great stories from children about the money that they have raised. I'm excited to share with you that so far we have raised £1,872 for Sport Relief! A special mention to William G in 2HL who raised £350 all by himself! Mr Taylor

Climbing Club

Climbing Club is taking place after the Easter holidays. There are still a few places left, if your child is interested in learning how to climb with ropes, abseil safely or test their bouldering skills on the holds at Brookes Climb.

Please see Mr Cobb for further details.

Junior Rock Club

Following the success of the Rock Club on Fridays, Paul Morris is starting a Junior Rock Club/singing and rhythm group on a Wednesday 3-4pm in the library from the start of next term. Please pick up a leaflet from the school office for more information.

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.

Summer Term			
Date	Class	Date	Class
Friday 20 th April	1H	Friday 8 th June	6H
Friday 27 th April	4T	Friday 15 th June	2HL
Friday 4 th May	May Day	Friday 22 nd June	6G
Friday 11 th May	1S	Friday 29 th June	2S
Friday 18 th May	3N	Friday 6 th July	Music assembly
Friday 25 th May	5S	Friday 13 th July	KS1 Performance
Friday 1 st June	Half term	Friday 20 th July	KS2 Performance



KEY DATES FOR THE SPRING & SUMMER TERMS

Date	Event
Tuesday 27 th March	Parent consultations - 3.15pm onwards*
Wednesday 28 th March	Parent consultations - 5pm onwards*
Thursday 29 th March – 2pm	End of Spring Term 2 Note – no Kidz Club
Friday 4 th May	May Day Celebrations – pm PTA BBQ after school
Monday 16 th April	Start of Summer Term 1
Thursday 3 rd May	Class photographs
Monday 14 th May	KS2 SATs week
Friday 25 th May	End of Summer Term 1
Monday 4 th June	INSET Day – School closed
Friday 15 th June	Assembly with Cas Lester – Author in residence
Saturday 30 th June	Summer fete
Thursday 12 th July	EYFS + KS1 summer show - pm
Friday 13 th July	EYFS + KS1 summer show - pm
Friday 13 th July	End of year reports
Tuesday 17 th July	Sports Day
Thursday 19 th July – 6pm	KS2 Concert
Thursday 19 th July	Reserve Sports Day
Friday 20 th July – 1:30pm	KS2 Concert
Wednesday 25 th July	End of school year – 2pm Note – no Kidz Club

**times may vary according to class size and staff availability. Mrs Newman will hold her meetings on the Monday instead of Wednesday.*