



Sandhills Newsletter

Spring Term No. 25

5th March 2018

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

After a very difficult journey home last Thursday night after an afternoon of non-stop snowfall, I hope that this is the last of the snow for another year! I am pleased to see that the temperature is beginning to raise again and hope that spring is on its way.

Our Bedtime Story and Pyjama Day has been rescheduled for this Friday, so please make sure that your child **comes to school wearing their school uniform** and brings their **pyjamas** (and teddy if they wish) **in a separate bag**. 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.

The Book Fair is open this week, so please pop along after school. Money is given to the school from every purchase made, so please come along and look at the books on offer.

The PTA will be hosting a World Book Day cake sale and competition on Friday after school. There will be prizes for the foundation stage, and key stages 1 and 2. Please remember that all cakes and bakes must be nut free. More information is on the poster accompanying this newsletter.

Congratulations to Summer who has won the orang-utan adoption, by correctly choosing the name of Cherry!! Mrs H-L wanted the orang-utan to be named after something red, as orang-utans are often referred to as the red-ape. Summer will receive regular updates on how her new little friend is getting on.

We have had instances of head-lice reported. Please check your child's hair regularly and treat where necessary.

We expect to receive our OFSTED report in the next few days. We will send a copy of the report out to parents via Parent Mail.

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 95.4% 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.

This week, parents will be notified if their child's attendance is below the school target. We are closely monitoring attendance as there is a link between attendance and academic achievement.



Class	Overall attendance	Last week
FSU-C	95.3%	93.6%
FSU-M	95.0%	93.5%
1H	96.1%	91.8%
1S	94.6%	87.5%
2HL	93.6%	93.2%
2S	96.7%	96.1%

Class	Overall attendance	Last week
3N	96.2%	100%
4T	95.7%	96.3%
5S	94.9%	94.8%
6G	95.3%	88.9%
6H	95.5%	92.2%

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.

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 9 th March	3N
Friday 16 th March	5S

Date	Class
Friday 23 rd March	Science focus Whole School

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
Friday 9 th March	Pyjama and Bed Time Story day
Wednesday 21 st March	Individual school photographs
Friday 23 rd March	PTA Easter Egg Competition (more info to follow)
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.*