



Dear Parents and Families,

Friday 14th September

Welcome to the start of another school year. I hope you all enjoyed the summer break and the first few days of another school year. I have started getting to know the children through assembly and spending as much time as I can visiting each classroom. I am really impressed at how polite and welcoming the children are and I know the teachers are pleased at how quickly their classes are settling into their new routines.

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome our new Foundation Stage children and their families to the school. The children are settling in well and starting to get used to the routines of "big school". Let's hope they are just as keen when they start to stay all day next week! If you have any worries, concerns or just forgot to mention something when you dropped your child off then please do speak to the staff in the Foundation Unit or phone or email the school office. Welcome also to the new children who have joined us in other year groups.

There is a busy term ahead so please keep an eye on the diary dates at the end of each newsletter.

Communication

You should have received, or will be receiving very soon, the topic web for your child's class showing details of the areas the class will cover in each subject. Teachers are holding **information evenings on the Wednesday 26th and Thursday 27th September**. The times and dates for each class are in the Diary Dates at the end of this newsletter. This an opportunity for you to meet with your child's new teacher and find out more about class routines and timetables.

Rules and values

I am sure your children will have told you that we now have 3 simple school rules: Stay Safe, Do Your Best and Show Respect. We will be talking to the children about these rules in class, in assembly and when we need to remind children of our expectations. Our value for this half term is, aptly, FRIENDSHIP.

School Uniform

We have been told that some of the new uniform orders are taking longer than we might have hoped. We know that this is particularly tricky for our new foundation children who don't have any spare uniform from the year before. We are doing our best at this end to try to speed things up for everyone. In the meantime, please just do your best to match the uniform as far as possible and we will make allowances until the supplies come through.

Macmillan Afternoon Tea and Non-uniform day

Sandhills School will be holding this event on Monday 24th September from 3pm in the hall. We will be serving refreshments, cakes and biscuits. We will be very grateful for any donations bought or homemade, these can be brought to the office on the day. If you can help with the setting up or the selling please pass your details to the office.

*To run alongside our MacMillan event we are inviting the children to wear **non-uniform on Monday 24th Sept** in return for a minimum donation of £1.*

Our Sandhills school family have always been great supporters of this event and we would like to continue doing so. A big thank you in advance to every one of you who helps, volunteers or contributes.

Mel Williams

Celebration Assemblies

Celebration assembly will continue to be held on Fridays at 2:20pm. The assembly will include our usual Star of the Week and Personal Achievement Cards as previously. One class will take a lead in the assembly each week following the timetable shown below.

Date	Class	Date	Class
21 st September	4T	2 nd November	2T
28 th September	3S	9 th November	1S
5 th October	5G	16 th November	1H
12 th October	3D	23 rd November	6H
19 th October	2HL	30 th November	4T
		7 th December	3S
		14 th December	5G



Curriculum

We are very excited to be starting the school year with some brand new topics in all our Key Stage One and Key Stage Two classes. Only on Tuesday, a stream of small children in fancy dress came 'flying' into the playground on their way to Year One Wow Day as part of their new Superheroes topic!

Staff have carefully selected topics from the Cornerstones Curriculum. This is a skills and knowledge-based curriculum with a creative edge. It aims to support teachers in ensuring that children are engaged, inspired and have a broad, fun learning experience as well as ensuring that all areas of the National Curriculum are covered throughout the school.

The table below shows the topics for each year group term by term and I've no doubt you will hear more about these throughout the year from the children. There will also be more detail about the current topic in each year group coming shortly on the school website.

Year group	Term one	Term two	Term three	Term four	Term five	Term six
Year one	Superheroes	Paws, Claws and Whiskers	Dinosaur Planet	The Enchanted Woodland	Bright Lights, Big City	Moon Zoom!
Year two	Towers, Tunnels and Turrets	Muck, Mess and Mixtures	Wriggle and Crawl	The Scented Garden	Land Ahoy!	Beachcombers
Year three	Scrumdiddlyumptious	Tribal Tales	Tremors	Predators	Urban Pioneers	Flow
Year four	Traders & Raiders	Playlist	Burps, Bottoms & Bile	Blue Abyss	Potions	Misty Mountain Sierra
Year five	Alchemy Island	Allotment	Stargazers	Time Traveller	Beast Creator	Pestilence
Year six	ID	Hola Mexico	Frozen Kingdom	Tomorrow's World	Gallery Rebels	Scream Machine

Sue Clark
Deputy Headteacher

Diary Dates

Macmillan Fundraising day	Monday 24 th September	3.00pm
Class Welcome meetings	Wednesday 26 th September	4:00pm 1H and 1S (in class 1S) 4:45pm 2T and 2HL (in 2HL)
	Thursday 27 th September	4.00pm 3S and 3D (in 3D) 4.45pm 4T and 5G (in 5G) 5.30pm 6H
Read, Write Inc Parent Workshop	Wednesday 3 rd October	5.30 pm
African Storytelling Workshop	Thursday 11 th October	
Parents' Evenings	16 th and 17 th October	
Half Term	22 nd to 26 th October	
Anti- Bullying Week	12 th to 16 th November	
Book Fair	Mon 19 th Nov – Fri 23 rd Nov	
Big Christmas Sing	Thursday 29 th November	
Pantomime Trip	Thursday 13 th Dec (am)	
Christmas Break	24 th Dec to 4 th Jan	



INSET (SCHOOL CLOSED)	Monday 7 th January	
Half term	18 th to 22 nd February	
INSET (SCHOOL CLOSED)	Monday 25 th February	
Easter Break	8 th April to 22 nd April	
Half term	27 th to 31 st May	

I will send details of the clubs and Stars of the Week in the next newsletter. Have a lovely weekend!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Emma Coleman
Headteacher