



Sandhills Community Primary School

Dear parents and families,

Friday 2nd November 2018

I hope everyone who is going has fun at the school disco tonight. I am rather disappointed that no trick or treaters visited my (rather remote) house on Halloween, I had lots of chocolate ready for them. Now, what to do with the left-over chocolate....!

Staffing structure

One of the key areas I have been working on with governors over the first half term is in clarifying the leadership structure of the school. I am pleased to let you know that Mr Tom Harper and Miss Laura Chappell have been appointed as Key Stage 1 Leader (Years 1 and 2) and EYFS Leader respectively. Ms Vic Davies will continue as leader of Key Stage 2 (Years 3,4,5 and 6). Our two SENCos - Miss Charleii Stanley and Mrs Jo Newman alongside Mrs Sue Clark, our Deputy Headteacher, complete the school's senior leadership team for this academic year.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact your child's teacher in the first instance, either by speaking to them to arrange an appointment or phoning or emailing the school office. If you would like to speak to a senior leader about an issue then please contact the school to arrange an appointment with Mr Harper, Miss Chappell, Ms Davies or one of our SENCos. Mrs Clark and I can also be contacted by telephoning or emailing the school office.

Decorated Pumpkin Competition

Congratulations to the competition winners and runners up: Scarlet, Marita, Finley, Isla, Matilda and Lexie.

Celebration Assemblies

Date	Class
Friday 2 nd Nov	2T
Friday 9 th Nov	1S
Friday 16 th Nov	1H
Friday 23 rd Nov	6H
Friday 30 th Nov	No assembly
Friday 7 th Dec	4T
Friday 14 th Dec	5G

Attendance

I have also been working with governors on a way of rewarding good attendance. Just before Christmas we will be sending home certificates for those who have met or exceeded the school target of 96.5% over the first full term and certificates for the children with the most improved attendance compared to last year.

Those children who have 100% attendance over the first full term will receive a certificate in assembly.

We will also have a weekly class award: to calculate this we will take out any low attendance for pupils who have a long term diagnosed medical condition, but they will, of course, enjoy the class reward with their friends. We plan to start this weekly award next Friday.

School Disco

I have seen some of the emails flying between various PTA members in preparation for the disco so I am sure that the children will have a great time. Just a reminder that all children will need to be collected by an adult at the end of the disco.

Remembrance Day

If your child would like to buy a poppy the older children will be selling them in school next week. Each class will be doing some work about the significance of Remembrance Day, following on from the World War 1 play a couple of weeks ago, and preparing a display book for the school foyer.

Stars of the Week

Congratulations to our stars from last week:

Claudia, Lois, Ruby, Morgan, Eve, Jaydan, Khloe, Noah, Kelis and Isabelle.

Childhood Flu Vaccination Programme

The childhood flu vaccination forms for children in years reception to year 5 have been sent out this week.

The nurses will collect the forms on Monday 12th November, so please can we ask parents to complete the forms and return them to the school office as soon as possible. The vaccinations will take place on Tuesday 20th November.

School Photos

The photographer will be in school on the 12th November to take individual photos. If you would like a photo with your child's brother or sister *who doesn't attend the school*, please come to reception at 8.30am. We will sort out sibling group photos of children who are Sandhills pupils during the day.

Diary Dates

Halloween Disco	Friday 2 nd November	
PTA Meeting	Tuesday 6 th November	7pm
Anti- Bullying Week	12 th to 16 th November	
School Photos (Individual)	12 th November	8.30am for photos with siblings
Book Fair	Mon19 th Nov – Fri 23 rd Nov	
Big Christmas Sing	Thursday 29 th November	
Christmas Fair	Friday 30 th November	3.15pm in school hall
Christmas Wreath Making (adults)	Friday 7 th December	7.30pm
EYFS Nativity	Tuesday 11 th December	Afternoon - exact time tbc
EYFS Nativity	Wednesday 12 th December	Afternoon - exact time tbc
Pantomime Trip	Thursday 13 th Dec (am)	
Years 1 and 2 Christmas performance	Tuesday 18 th December	Afternoon - exact time tbc
Years 1 and 2 Christmas performance	Wednesday 19 th December	Afternoon - exact time tbc
Years 3,4,5 and 6 Christmas performance	Wednesday 19 th December	Evening - exact time tbc
Years 3,4,5 and 6 Christmas performance	Thursday 20 th December	Afternoon - exact time tbc
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	
INSET (SCHOOL CLOSED)	Monday 3 rd June	

Have a lovely weekend!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Emma Coleman

Headteacher
