



Sandhill News



Welcome back to school everybody! We hope you all have had a wonderful half-term break. We have some exciting changes to our school playground that our pupils will see when they arrive to school; it has been very hard to keep this quiet as it has been something that I have been excited about since I was given the dates for it.

We have a lot of events that are coming up in school, please look carefully at our calendar on the next page for further details.



Stars of the Week

Friday 3rd February

Owlets - Lorenzo, Skyler & Connie

Spotty Owls - Ferrari & Esmae

Snowy Owls - Mary-Kate

Tawny Owls - Jenson & Bethany

Sooty Owls - Zach

Barn Owls - Samuel

Hawk Owls - Jack

Eagle Owls - All of Y6

Friday 10th February

Owlets - Harley & Ryder

Spotty Owls - Evelyn

Snowy Owls - Ava

Tawny Owls - Amber

Sooty Owls - Mason & Jack

Barn Owls - Isla

Hawk Owls - Tommy

Eagle Owls - Thomas

Sandhill's Art Exhibition

After half term, Sandhill will be hosting an art exhibition around the theme of 'water'. All children will be creating a piece of art that will go on display and that can later be bought. Each class will have a different artist to study and create work in that style.

Times Table Rockstars Competition

Current Class Leaders:

Snowy - Gabriel

Tawny - Keira

Sooty - Sofia

Barn - Charlie

Hawk - Elissia

Eagle - Freya

Our new times table competition has been launched! Please encourage your children to practise their times tables at home using TT Rockstars as this is a skill that will support them throughout their maths learning journeys; there is a £50 Smyths Toys voucher for the person that earns the most tokens for this term so it is definitely worth taking part. If you require your child's login details again, please speak to your class teacher.

School Organisation and Routines

Class	PE Day
Owlets (full time children)	Thursday
Spotty Owls	Thursday
Snowy Owls	Wednesday
Tawny Owls	Wednesday
Sooty Owls	Monday
Barn Owls	Monday
Hawk Owls	Friday
Eagle Owls	Friday

From Monday 27th February, some children's PE days will be changing. These changes have been highlighted in **RED** ink to show which classes have been affected.

Lunchtime Club (12:30pm - 13:00pm)

Monday	- Top Trumps & Board Games
Tuesday	- Lego
Wednesday	- Art
Thursday	- Reading
Friday	- ICT

If any families have any spare items for our clubs that are no longer needed, we would appreciate them in school!

Parents' Evening

The week commencing 27th February will be when our next Parents' Evening meetings will take place.

These will be on Monday 27th February and Wednesday 1st March.

Timings for Parent's Evening will be:

Monday 3:30 - 5:30pm

Wednesday - 3:30 - 6:30pm

If you cannot make these days, please speak to your class teacher about arranging an alternative appointment.

Children's art work (as mentioned on the front page) will also be available to see during that week.

Key Stage 2 Water Works Visits

Over the next fortnight, our children in KS2 will be taking part in a visit to Ewden Education Centre where they are facilitating a workshop around rivers and the water cycle which is our current topic. The cost of this trip is £9 per child. We appreciate that this is short notice regarding these trips; if you require any assistance regarding payments for this trip, please speak to our office staff who will be happy to suggest solutions regarding this.

Y6 SATs Boosters

Y6 SATs booster sessions will start on Tuesday 7th March; we would like all of children to attend. It will last until 4pm and take place each week up until the May tests. A letter will be sent out for this later this week with further details on it.

Fantasy Football Lunchtime Club

Mr Crouch will be running a Fantasy Football Lunchtime Club daily for any children that are interested in participating. This will involve Match Attax, Top Trumps and the setting up of a fantasy football league. All children are welcome to attend.

We Welcome Your Feedback!

At Sandhill we endeavour to give our children the best possible education that enables them to learn, grow and develop. Sometimes, however, we do not get everything right!

If you have any concerns regarding your child that you need to raise, please come and speak to a member of staff. Our doors are always open!

If you would like further information regarding school's procedures in order to raise specific concerns, please refer to our website where policies and procedures are on hand to support you. Alternatively, if you speak to the reception staff, they will be able to support you in which path to take.

Spring Term Calendar

Friday 24th February

Y4/5 Aqua Fest (12 children)

Monday 27th February

Parent's Evening

Wednesday 1st March

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Tawny Owls Water Works Visit

Thursday 2nd March

World Book Day

Sooty Owls Water Works Visit

Friday 3rd March

Read Write Inc. Development Day

Monday 6th March

Y1/2 Multi Skills (12 children)

Tuesday 7th March

Barn Owls Water Works Visit

Wednesday 8th March

Hawk Owls Water Works Visit

Thursday 9th March

Eagle Owls Water Works Visit

WC 13th March

Y6 Mock SATs Week

Friday 17th March

Red Nose Day

Friday 31st March

Break Up for Easter Holidays

World Book Day

On Thursday 2nd March; it will be World Book Day. Their slogan is: **Changing lives through a love of books and reading.** We want to celebrate this by inviting children to dress as their favourite book character, wear comfortable clothes that they enjoy reading in or come in their PJs so they can have a 'bedtime story.' Whilst I know that some children will want to dress up and this costs money, please do not think that this is a necessity...developing a love of reading should not come with a cost!

Changes to Our Timetable

Each morning when arriving at school, children will have the opportunity to read for pleasure.

Please make sure that your child brings their book bag each day that contains their reading and library book.

Reading Records

We love to see how the children are sharing books at home and impressing their parents. The importance of reading with your child is limitless. For the older children the Reading Record is used as a 'Magpie Book'. As they read at home, the children write down words, phrases or sentences that they like that the author has used. This could be one or two or twenty! These ideas can then be used in their own writing back in school. If your child doesn't want to read aloud, they could review the book in their own words, what they enjoyed etc. That way you are still sharing the book, but in a different way.