



# Sandhill News



Last Friday, school had a visit from an Ofsted inspector to complete a Section 8 Ofsted inspection on the school. I could not be more proud of the staff for their hard work and commitment to Sandhill but more importantly of our children who represented our school with hard work, passion and a love for Sandhill that shone throughout the day. The whole experience was very rewarding in supporting the school in moving forward; the report will be finalised shortly and shared with all stakeholders when it has been released.



## Stars of the Week

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February

Owlets - Kaiden & Harley

Spotty Owls - Maicey

Snowy Owls - Isla

Tawny Owls - Taraji & Angel-Rose

Sooty Owls - Reuban

Barn Owls - Charlie

Hawk Owls - Daniel

Eagle Owls - Ava

## Times Table Rockstars Competition

Current Class Leaders:

Snowy 1<sup>st</sup> - Gabriel; 2<sup>nd</sup> - Eleanor

Tawny 1<sup>st</sup> - Keira; 2<sup>nd</sup> - Marnie

Sooty 1<sup>st</sup> - Sofia; 2<sup>nd</sup> - Reuban

Barn 1<sup>st</sup> - Charlie; 2<sup>nd</sup> - Taya

Hawk 1<sup>st</sup> - Elissia; 2<sup>nd</sup> - Jack

Eagle 1<sup>st</sup> - Freya; 2<sup>nd</sup> - Poppy

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)	Monday
Spotty Owls	Monday
Snowy Owls	Wednesday
Tawny Owls	Wednesday
Sooty Owls	Friday
Barn Owls	Friday
Hawk Owls	Thursday
Eagle Owls	Thursday

All children in school will be involved in PE each week. All children will require an indoor PE kit as well as suitable trainers or pumps. Children who forget their PE kit or who have not brought a suitable kit, will be given a spare school kit. These will be in each classroom so the size should be appropriate.

## RWI Development Day

On Friday, school completed their termly Read Write Inc. development day with staff from Ruth Miskin. Again, Miss Cooper and her team of RWI teachers showed what an incredible phonics programme we offer at Sandhill - well done everyone on another fantastic day!

## Sandhill's Art Exhibition

Sandhill hosted their first art exhibition around the theme of 'water' last week. Parents, during Parents' Evening, remarked on how well each and every child did with their finished pieces. These are now on sale at £2 each. Please speak to the school office to purchase your child's work.

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

Thank you to all parents that took part in Parents' Evening last week. It was lovely to see so many of you hearing about the progress that our children have made this year. If you could not attend for whatever reason, please speak to your class teacher about organising a different appointment time.

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### Spring Term Calendar

#### Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February

Y4/5 Aqua Fest (12 children)

#### Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February

Parent's Evening

#### Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March

Parent's Evening

Tawny Owls Water Works Visit

#### Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

World Book Day

Sooty Owls Water Works Visit

#### Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

Read Write Inc. Development Day

#### Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March

Y1/2 Multi Skills (12 children)

#### Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March

Barn Owls Water Works Visit

#### Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March

Hawk Owls Water Works Visit

#### Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March

Eagle Owls Water Works Visit

#### WC 13<sup>th</sup> March

Y6 Mock SATs Week

#### Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March

Red Nose Day

#### Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March

Break Up for Easter Holidays

### Y6 SATs Boosters

Y6 SATs booster sessions will start on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March; we would like all of children to attend. It will last until 4pm and take place each week up until the May tests. The letter has now gone out regarding this.

### Y1/2 Multi Skills

Unfortunately, the Y1/2 Multi Skills tournament scheduled for next week has been cancelled due to the organiser being unwell. Rest assured, we will make sure that the children selected still get the chance to compete this year.

### 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.

### Easter Raffle

Mrs Holroyd and Mrs Smith have very kindly put together an Easter raffle with proceeds going towards end of year rewards for children in school. These are on sale from Monday at various times of the school day including before and after school.

### EYFS and KS1 Prizes

1<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> Place

### KS2 Prizes

1<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> Place

### 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.