



Sandhill News



Welcome back everyone! I hope you all had a wonderful Easter break. Children have settled back into school really well after the Easter holidays. Today we celebrated our ALWAYS children for the last term: these are the children that ALWAYS make the right choices in all areas of school life. It was wonderful to see so many children receiving their certificates for these today. Keep up the incredible work everyone!



Stars of the Week

Friday 21st April

Owlets - Oscar and Ronnie

Spotty Owls - George

Snowy Owls - Millie

Tawny Owls - Jacob

Sooty Owls - Archie

Barn Owls - Harry

Hawk Owls - Harley

Eagle Owls - Thomas

PE Days For Summer Term

Please look carefully below to see when your children's PE days are for this half term.

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

School Organisation and Routines

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

Jewellery

We have noticed that children have returned to school since Easter wearing jewellery. From Monday, any child that arrives with jewellery that is not part of their religious beliefs will be asked to pass it to their adults in class and given back to them at the end of the day. Please remind them of this.

Healthy Eating

School Council will be launching a healthy eating campaign over the summer term to encourage children to choose healthier snacks. Healthy Eating Passports will be handed out with children who present a healthy snack at break or dinner time, receiving a sticker that will earn them healthy rewards. Please support your children by encouraging healthier options over chocolate, crisps and other unhealthy choices.

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.

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!

Section 8 Ofsted Monitoring Visit

As I mentioned on previous newsletters, school received a monitoring visit in February to look at the progress that the school has made towards securing a 'good' grade during the next inspection.

I am pleased to now be able to share this information with you all.

Attached to the newsletter is the Ofsted report from that visit. I cannot be more proud of our Sandhill family and the progress that we have made together; this is shown again and again in the report from February.

Upcoming Events at Sandhill

On Friday 5th May, in order to celebrate King Charles III Coronation, Sandhill children will take part in a Coronation Playground Party during the afternoon where we will have a picnic, play music and complete Coronation themed activities and games. Children will be encouraged to wear red, white and blue on this day.

Further information will go out about this nearer to the time.



Y6 Leaver's Hoodies

A letter has now gone out for Y6 children who wish to purchase a leaver's hoody. A variety of colours are available; however, only red hoodies with the school logo on will be allowed in the classrooms as part of the school uniform.

Please speak to the office staff if you require further information.

Keep Our Children Safe

I have received reports from a number of parents concerned about the safety of Sandhill children when playing out in Great Houghton at present on an evening or weekend. Children from other villages as well as children considerably older than our pupils are coming to Great Houghton and displaying anti-social behaviour such as under-age drinking and smoking. Our children have been encouraged to take part in this. Please stay vigilant and report any concerns to the police in order to keep our children safe from harm.

Behaviour Update

Every half-term, we complete a behaviour report in order to monitor, evaluate and action the behaviours that are taking place around school. The behaviour for Spring Term in comparison to Autumn and this time last year has improved significantly. This is mirrored in the Ofsted report attached:

"At the time of the last inspection, behaviour was improving but pupils were not always focused on their learning in lessons. You have had a clear focus on rewarding positive behaviour and pupils' engagement in lessons. Pupils keenly collect 'points' for good behaviour and effort, which are then turned into star badges, which pupils wear with pride. Pupils' efforts are further rewarded in assemblies through 'star of the week' awards. Pupils are now consistently showing high levels of engagement in their learning. Behaviour in lessons and around school is calm. Your work in this area has been effective."

Sunny Weather

As the days begin to get warmer, please can you remember to bring water bottles for children along with sun cream, hats and glasses as well as given them hay fever medication if necessary.

Summer Term Calendar

Thursday 27th April

Phonics Screening Check Parents Meeting

Monday 1st May

May Day Bank Holiday

Thursday 4th May

Whole School Photographs

Friday 5th May

Sandhill Coronation Playground Party

Monday 8th May

King Charles III Coronation Bank Holiday

W/C 8th May

Y6 SATs Week

Thursday 25th May

Children Break Up For Spring Bank (Half Term)

Friday 26th May

School INSET Day

Monday 5th June

Children Return From Half Term

Year 1 Parent's Meeting For Phonics Screening Check

Thursday 27th April @ 9:00am

We will be holding a meeting for all parents and carers of Y1 children to discuss the upcoming Phonics Screening Check. We are so proud of the progress that our Y1 children have made this year and wish to give them every opportunity to pass their phonics screening check; however, we need your help with this by practising and reading as much as possible with your children.

It will be fantastic to have the support of all our Y1 parents in the meeting next week. We look forward to seeing you all there.

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.