



Sandhill News



Well done Year 6 pupils! We are so proud of the effort and commitment that ALL of our Y6 pupils put into their SATs last week...every child gave it their all and it was incredible to see how they approached these assessments with such maturity and confidence. I also want to thank the Y6 and wider staff for their outstanding support not just last week, but throughout the year. As one parent said to me, "The school have done a wonderful job in supporting and preparing my child for these assessments; they could not have done anymore!" Well done everyone involved!



Stars of the Week

Friday 27th April

Owlets - Scarlett & Hunter

Spotty Owls - Pia

Snowy Owls - Thomas & Harrison

Tawny Owls - Lukas

Sooty Owls - Skylar & Mila

Barn Owls - Isla

Hawk Owls - Elissia

Eagle Owls - Year 6 Children

We Welcome Your Feedback!

As a school we are really proud of the progress that we have made this year; this has been seen both academically and socially. The feedback that we have received from pupils and parents has also been very encouraging.

Our goal is to be the best that we can be for our pupils and the community that we serve and will strive to keep improving. I would be grateful if you could complete the questionnaire below so we can see what you feel are our strengths and also areas that need further development.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=dp7hA7Z84EKEIdIKZVN0iToonwQTdYDBBsCpyvPZs55NUMjJGUUNRV1A0RFBSOUI0TE5NNk1RR1ZGQy4u>

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

WC 22nd May - EYFS children will have their PPA on Thursday 25th May due to the INSET day on Friday.

School Organisation and Routines

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Eagle Owls	Monday

A number of our children are not bring in their PE kits for their allocated days; this is making it extremely hard to offer high quality PE lessons as they are having to spend time coming to the reception in order to borrow Kit.

From Monday, children will be asked about this during registration with parents contacted to bring kit in for them. Please remind children of their PE days so that parents do not need to be contacted.

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!

Things to look out for in Summer 2...

Year 6 Enterprise

Our Year 6 children have started preparing their Young Enterprise initiative for after the half term holidays: all children have created their own product to sell to the Sandhill community on a daily basis at dinner time. They have come up with incredible ideas that will spark the imagination of all ages. There definitely is something for everyone! This will be launched with a special assembly on the Monday that we return to school and start later on that week.

End Of Year Pupil Reports

Please remember that this Friday is an INSET day in school with children breaking up on Thursday 25th May; part of the day will be dedicated to report writing so that staff can start preparing the end of year reports for pupils. The positive feedback that we received last year regarding the content and layout of our reports means that we will continue with these this year.

Y1 Phonics Screening Check

This will take place on the W/C 12th June completed by Mrs Saddington (formerly Miss Cooper), who has completed all of their assessments, and will be the same format as what children have practised all year.

Y4 Multiplication Check

This will take place on the Ws/C 5th and 12th June completed by Mrs Blythe and will be the same format as what children have practised all year during maths lessons.

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

W/C 15th May

Y2 SATs Start (this will be over two weeks as the children will complete this in small groups)

Tuesday 23rd May

EYFS Visit to Sundown

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

ECO Warriors!

I recently received a report from the local authority showing the power usage that each school in Barnsley has used. Whilst our school was not the worst in terms of total consumption used, I want to improve this significantly. We will be launching an Eco Warrior team of children who will make sure that all stakeholders are educated about the importance of only using power when necessary. Watch this space to see if your child has been chosen for this role!

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.

Transition Days

At the start of the next half term, information regarding transition days will be sent out for our children. Vulnerable children, who require additional transition in order to be fully prepare for the next academic year, will start to receive additional transition by meeting their new teachers and Tas on a regular basis in order to build up positive relationships in preparation for September.

The Transition days for Y6 children moving to their secondary schools have been sent to us. Individual letters for each secondary school will be sent out to Y6 parents so that they can see when that school is completing transition.

I have met with the Netherwood SEND team this week and will be meeting with the Dearne SEND team at the start of next week to discuss additional transition for our vulnerable Y6 children. This information will also be put on their transition letters.

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.

Healthy Eating

We are two weeks into our healthy eating campaign supported through school council. Your child should now have received their Healthy Eating Passports - children who present a healthy snack at break or dinner time, will receive a stamp that will earn them healthy rewards. Thank you to everyone that has supported their children so far by encouraging healthier options over chocolate, crisps and other unhealthy choices.

Weekly Totals

Week 1	
Week 2	
Week 3	
Week 4	
Week 5	
Week 6	
Week 7	
Week 8	
Week 9	
Week 10	
TOTAL	

The Healthy Eating Bank



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