



Sandhill News



Sandhill Quality Assurance

This week we had our yearly Peer Review; I am so proud of my team of staff but most of all our children! The Peer Review was a great success: Mrs Wilson (our CEO) and other headteachers from the Trust were so impressed with the progress that we are continuing to make. For headteachers, who once supported the school such as Mrs Eggington and Mrs Smith, to say that our school is unrecognisable from when they were at Sandhill was wonderful to hear! Again, our children spoke so passionately about our school, the lessons that we teach and how much they enjoy what it is that we are doing together at Sandhill. Well done everybody!



Stars of the Week

W/C 9th October

Carle - Harley & Reggie
Waddell - Johnny
Donaldson - Lenny
Tomlinson - Isabella
Seuss - Evie
Dahl - Jayden
Rowling - Isabella
Morpurgo - Maisie

W/C 16th October

Carle - Hunter & Tommy
Waddell - Ollie
Donaldson - Mason
Tomlinson - Zak
Seuss - Minnie & Elsa
Dahl - Jacob
Rowling - Sonny
Morpurgo - Blake

Class Attendance Winners

W/C 9th October

Dahl - 97%

W/C 16th October

Tomlinson - 97%



We have added an extra 'R' to our golden rules for this year: Resilience.
"The capacity to withstand or to recover quickly from difficulties; toughness".

School Organisation and Routines

Class	PE Day
Nursery - Carle Class	Friday
Reception - Waddell Class	Friday
Year 1 - Donaldson	Monday
Year 2 - Tomlinson Class	Monday
Year 3 - Seuss Class	Wednesday
Year 4 - Dahl Class	Wednesday
Year 5 - Rowling Class	Thursday
Year 6 - Morpurgo Class	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.

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!

Parent Stay and Read

The first Tuesday of each month will be an opportunity for parents across school to stay and read with their children. This will take place from 8:45am until 9:15am on a monthly basis.

The first session will be Tuesday 7th November. So we can see how many parents we are expecting, a sign in sheet will appear in classroom doors on the Monday morning.

We can't wait for you to hear the stories that your children choose to read to you!

Parents' Evening and Parent Questionnaire Responses

Thank you to all parents who attended Parents' Evening last week and who took the time to complete the questionnaire whilst there; as always, we really appreciate your views on our school and value every comment that has been made.

An analysis of the information has been completed both in terms of class responses and whole-school responses. The following summary shows how parents have responded to each statement:

Parental Questionnaire Results - October 2023	Combined	
	TOTAL	%
My Child is Happy in School	128	95
My Child Feels Safe in School	131	97
School Encourages Positive Behaviours through Relationships and Expectations	131	97
School Deals with Behaviour Well	121	90
The School Makes Me Aware of what My Child Will Learn	124	92
School has a Good Range of Subjects	128	95
School has High Expectations of Children	130	96
School Makes Me Aware of how Well my Child is Doing	125	93
School Offers a Variety of Trips and Experiences Such as Visitors to Enhance the Curriculum	114	84
My Childs Need are Met and Supported	124	92
Staff Deal with Issues Quickly and Effectively	121	90
School Values Good Attendance and Punctuality	135	100

Further information regarding school based on these responses will be sent out in a separate letter.

If you did response saying that you 'Strongly Disagree' to one of the statements, Key Stage leaders will be contacting yourself for further information regarding why you feel like this and what suggestions you have to further improve the school. We value everyone's opinion and want to make Sandhill the best possible school for our children.

Autumn Term Calendar

Wednesday 13th September

Roald Dahl Day

Friday 15th September

Rosh Haashanah

Thursday 21st September

Jeans for Genes Day

Friday 29th September

ECM INSET DAY - School Closed

Throughout October

Black History Month

Tuesday 3rd October

Flu Nasal Spray

Rev. Fiona Visiting School

W/C 9th October

Parent's Evening

Tuesday 10th October

World Mental Health Day

Wednesday 18th October

Sandhill Peer Review

Thursday 26th October

School Council's Halloween Disco

W/C 30th October

Half Term Holiday

Tuesday 7th November

Stay and Read

Friday 10th November

Individual Class Photographs

W/C 13th November

Class Celebrations of Learning

Monday 13th November

Y5 Visit to Cannon Hall Farm - WWII Day

Friday 17th November

Children in Need

Y6 Visit to Cannon Hall Farm - WWII Day

Tuesday 22nd November

Y6 Crucial Crew Visit

Thursday 30th November

Christmas Decoration of School

Tuesday 5th December

Stay and Read

Christmas Celebrations:

Thursday 7th December

Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas Dinner Day

EYFS Stay and Play

Friday 8th December

Christmas Fayre

W/C 11th December

Christmas Performances

Barnsley Hospice Elf Run

W/C 18th December

Christmas Parties

End of Term Progress Reports handing out

W/C 25th December

Christmas Holidays