



Sandhill News



Welcome back everybody and Happy New Year! I hope everybody had a wonderful Christmas break. Since returning to school, we have been looking at new year's resolutions; children have made a 'promise' to themselves regarding a target that they want to achieve both in and out of the classroom, these are on their tables as reminders to what they have pledged for themselves. I'm so proud of all the children with their mature attitude they are showing to their learning.



Stars of the Week

Friday 6th January

Owlets - Lenny & Ronnie
Spotty Owls - Georgia
Snowy Owls - Jacob
Tawny Owls - David
Sooty Owls - Vinnie
Barn Owls - Freya & Alex
Hawk Owls - Peyton
Eagle Owls - Savannah

Friday 13th January

Owlets - Everleigh & Harley
Spotty Owls - Farrah
Snowy Owls - Bobby
Tawny Owls - Cole
Sooty Owls - Nora & Amy
Barn Owls - Malaya
Hawk Owls - Violet
Eagle Owls - Harvey

NSPCC Rocks

On Friday 3rd February, school will be supporting NSPCC Rocks where children can dress up as a TT rockstar or as a number or maths symbol and complete maths related puzzles and games all day.

Times Table Rockstars Competition

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 |
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| 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.

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

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| 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!

Roblox Concern Summary of Information

Please read this summary below regarding a concerning game that appears to be circulating on Roblox. School will be sending out further advice regarding this from online safety experts about how to discuss this with children without alarming them.

'The Game' on Roblox

We have received reports of a viral post circulating on social media about an alleged self-harm 'game' being shared on popular gaming platform Roblox. Known as 'The Game', the post claims that the game appears through private chats in an attached Word document that contains the rules and instructions.

According to the Facebook post, 'The Game' is a list of self-harming actions for children and young people to complete, often in view of their family and friends. It is allegedly shared via Word document on Roblox and Snapchat.

Two images of this document have been circulating in the posts on social media. One is a screenshot of the document itself. The other is a photo of a person holding a phone with the document on screen. Neither photo has been authenticated.

In the photos, the document is dated September 16th, 2022 and is titled 'The Game'. Actions include self-harm prompts, such as cutting, overdosing, starving, and bruising. There are multiple references to "ending your own life" with one part stating the "only way to win [the game] is to die". It also states different methods of suicide, as well a timeline for when to do so during the game.

Most notably, there is a reference to 'players' receiving an anonymous message in Snapchat that includes the word 'dare', with further self-harming instructions. It also encourages the person to involve or harm other people, such as siblings and friends.

Please read the full advice that will be sent out separately regarding how to support children at home. If you hear anything relating to this circulating amongst children in Great Houghton, please contact school immediately. School have already started to have discussions around online safety relating specifically to Roblox; however, have been advised not to mention 'The Game' directly as this may prompt children into researching it when at present, they are unaware of it.

Spring Term Calendar

Monday 2nd January

Bank Holiday

Tuesday 3rd January

Children Return To School

W/C 16th January

Y5 Bikeability Starts

Monday 16th January

Martin Luther King Day

Wednesday 18th January

Reception Children - Eye Test

W/C 23rd January

Chinese New Year

W/C 30th January

National Story Telling Week

Wednesday 1st February

SEN Parents' Coffee Morning

Friday 3rd February

NSPCC Rocks! Day

W/C 6th February

Children's Mental Health Week

Friday 10th February

School Breaks Up For Half Term

W/C 13th February

Half Term

South Yorkshire Y5/6 Football Finals

This week, on Thursday, it will be the South Yorkshire football finals that Sandhill will be participating in as Barnsley champions. We are so proud of all of you and want to wish you good luck; we know that you will give it your all and represent the school impeccably.

Unfortunately, the rules stipulate that we cannot take more than ten children to the event which means that some children will not be selected for this specific competition.

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.