



# Sandhill News

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2019

## Harvest Thanks

We would like to say thank you to all the amazing pupils in Key Stage One who performed for the Harvest Festival on Wednesday. They performed to a very high standard with confidence and pride. The soloists were truly incredible and we could not be more proud.

We would also like to say thank you for generosity in supporting the raffle and your Harvest donations. If you would still like to donate any tins, packets and dried food we will still be collecting donations until Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October so please send these in with your child. ~ Thank you for your continued support.

## Good Attendance

Over the next week we will be sending you a copy of the revised Attendance and Punctuality Policy for Sandhill. We would also like to inform you that we are now working alongside the Education Welfare Service and we have welcomed Rosie Smith as Sandhill's EWO. Miss Smith will be working alongside Miss Stoppard to support the families and children of Sandhill.

Can we also remind you that if your child is absent, you must inform school daily. If we have no contact, this will be recorded as an unauthorised absence. We will also carry out a home visit if we have not had contact with you regarding your child's absence.

Below is a reminder of the importance of good attendance -

Above 97%	<p><b>Fewer than 6 days absence</b> a year = <b>Excellent attendance.</b></p>
95%	<p><b>Less than 10 days absence</b> = Pupils are likely to achieve their targets and will be well prepared as they move through school.</p>
90%	<p><b>19 days absence over the year</b> = <b>Missing a month of school;</b> pupils may fall behind in maths, literacy and key skills for life, making it difficult for them to achieve their best. Rosie Smith, our Education Welfare Officer (EWO) will become involved.</p>
85%	<p><b>29 days absence</b> = <b>6 weeks absence over the year;</b> it will be very difficult for children to keep up and achieve their best. This is very poor attendance and Rosie Smith (EWO) will be involved until attendance improves.</p>
80% and below	<p><b>38 days absence</b> = <b>Pupils are missing a day of school every week;</b> making it almost impossible to keep up with their learning. This is very poor attendance and will be referred to Rosie Smith (EWO) for further action to be taken.</p>

## INSET – Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September

Please can we remind you that school will be closed to children on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September as staff will be involved in Read, Write Inc. (phonics) training. School will reopen for children on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October.

### Macmillan Coffee Morning – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September

We do hope you will be able to join us on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September when we will be supporting Macmillan. The coffee morning will take place in the school hall between 9:00am – 10:30am. Activities will take place throughout the morning in order to raise money for the charity.

Any donations would be greatly appreciated and please do not forget children can wear an item of green on this day. Children will also be able to buy a bun or cake so please send a small donation. ~ Thank you.

### Halloween Disco – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October

The Halloween Disco will take place on the final school day of this half term. Unlike previous years, the disco will be split into key stages over the afternoon:

FS2 – 1:30pm – 2:00pm (children to get changed into their costumes before the disco).

KS1 – 2:00pm – 3:00pm (children to get changed into their costumes before the disco).

KS2 – 4:00pm – 5:30pm (children to go home at the end of the school day and return to school for 4pm).

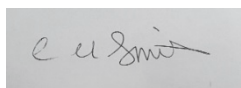
The cost of the disco will be £1.00. Children will receive a bag of sweets and a drink as part of the price. A separate letter regarding this event will be sent out next week.

### Diary Dates ~ Autumn Term

AUTUMN TERM 2019(1A)	
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Macmillan Coffee Morning – School Hall
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept	INSET – No school for children
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	Children return to school
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 18 <sup>th</sup>	Learn, Stay and Play for F1 Parents/Carers (Owlets)
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Parent/Carer Consultations - 3:30pm -7:00pm (FS2-Y6)
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Parent/Carer Consultations – 3:30pm – 5:00pm (FS2-Y6)
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Halloween Disco: FS2 – 1:30pm – 2:00pm KS1 – 2:00pm – 3:00pm KS2 – 4:00pm – 5:30pm
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct	School Closes for half term
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct	INSET – No school for children
28 <sup>th</sup> Oct – 1st Nov	Half Term
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Children return to school

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind Regards,



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