

Wednesday 12th June 2019

Welcome back

We would like to say a warm welcome back after the Spring Bank break. This half term has started positively and it has been wonderful to see many new faces achieving outstanding for behaviour and learning. We know this will continue throughout this final half term and we hope that every child will have achieved outstanding over the next 6 weeks.

We are also looking forward to the many events that have been planned for this half term and as we get nearer to the events further information will be shared with you.

Fabulous Phonics

Well done to all the Year 1 and Year 2 children who are giving 100% effort in their phonics Screening Check this week. They should feel very proud of themselves – we certainly are!

Sports Days ~ Postponed

Unfortunately, due to recent wet weather and the scheduled forecast for next week we are going to postpone Sports Days as the field is not safe for the children to use. We have made the decision to cancel early so that parents/carers can rearrange their plans and we apologise for any inconvenience this has caused.

Please see below the rearranged dates and hopefully the weather will be kind to us!

Date	Year Group and Other Information
Monday 1 st July	FS1 Sports Day - (Nursery Setting) AM - Parents/Carers are welcome to come and cheer on their child at 10:45am on the field PM - Parents/Carers are welcome to come and cheer on their child at 2:00pm on the field
Tuesday 2 nd July	Lower KS2 (Y3/4) Sports Day – Parents/Carers are welcome from 1:30pm on the field
Wednesday 3 rd July	Upper KS2 (Y5/6) Sports Day – Parents/Carers are welcome from 1:30pm on the field
Thursday 4 th July	KS1 Sports Day – Parents/Carers are welcome from 1:30pm on the field
Friday 5 th July	FS2 Sports Afternoon – Parents/Carers are welcome from 1:45pm on the field

Communication Centre

You may have noticed that we are up and running with Twitter once again. Please make sure you are following Sandhill Primary School and your child's class so you can see all the super learning and what we have been up to.

Mr Walters and Mrs Wright are still working hard on re-launching the school website you can also find your child's twitter details on the bottom of the home page. - <https://www.sandhillprimary.org.uk>

Playground Safety

From Monday 17th June, the gates to the playground will be opened at 8:30am by Mr Holt. This is to ensure that children are not left in the playground unsupervised; also children do not need to be arriving any earlier than 8:30am in a morning. If you need to speak to a member of staff or your child attends breakfast club, the main entrance will still be open.

We also want to remind you and the children that scooters and bikes **are not allowed** on the playground at the start and the end of the school day. These should be parked in the allocated bay at the front of school.

Attendance

As Parents/Carers you will be aware of the importance of your child's attendance at school. Over the next half term we will be looking closely at attendance and would like to remind you of the following -

If your child is absent **you must inform school daily**. If we have no contact this will be recorded as **an unauthorised absence**. The Safeguarding Team may also carry out home visits to check on the well-being of children who are absent from school. If also deemed appropriate, the Education Welfare Officer (EWO) may make a home visit.

The table below is a reminder of the importance of attending school every day.

Attendance %	Impact on your child's Education
99/100%	Excellent Attendance – Well done!
Above 97%	Fewer than 6 days absence a year – Excellent attendance
95%	Less than 10 days absence – children are likely to achieve their targets and will be well prepared as they move through school
90%	19 days absence over the year = missing a month of school and children may fall behind in maths, literacy and key skills for life and it will be difficult for them to achieve their best. Miss Stoppard (PSA/Attendance Officer) and Education Welfare Office (EWO) will become involved. The definition of a persistently absent (PA) child as set by the DfE is a pupil with 90% or less attendance.
85%	29 days absence = 6 weeks absence over the year, it will be very difficult for children to keep up and achieve their best. This is very poor attendance and Miss Stoppard (PSA/Attendance Officer) and Education Welfare Office (EWO) will become involved until attendance improves.
80% and below	Children are missing a day of school every week making it almost impossible to keep up with their learning. This is very poor attendance and will be referred to the Education Welfare Service for further action to be taken.

Diary Dates for the Summer Term (3b)

Here is a reminder of the dates that have been organised for this half term. More detailed letters will be provided for the individual events nearer the time.

SUMMER TERM 2019 3A & 3B	
Monday 10th – 14th June	Y1 Phonics Screening Check
Wednesday 26th June	FS2 New Parent/Carer Meeting– 5:30pm— Hall
Monday 1 st July	FS1 Sports Day - AM & PM (Nursery Setting)
Tuesday 2 nd July	Y3 & Y4 Sports Day - PM
Wednesday 3 rd July	Y5 & Y6 Sports Day - PM
Thursday 4 th July	KS1 Sports Day - PM
	End of Year Reports to Parents/Carers
	Y6 Performance - 1:45pm and 5:30pm
Friday 5 th July	FS2 Sports Day - PM
Monday 8th July	Transition Days in new classes
Tuesday 9th July	
Wednesday 10th July	
Wednesday 10th July	
Wednesday 10th July	Parents' Evening – Report Discussion
Wednesday 17th July	Y6 Enterprise Reward – further information and finalised date to follow
Friday 19th July	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly- 9:30am for Parents/Carers
	School Closes at 4:00pm
Monday 22nd July	INSET – No children in school
23rd July - 31st Aug	Summer Holidays

Thank you for your continued support.

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