



# Sandhill News

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2019

## **News in School:**

### **Macmillan Coffee Morning/ Wear it Green Day:**

A huge thank you to all of you that supported our coffee morning and our Wear It Green Day to raise money for cancer research. We raised over £200 - Thank you to all who also brought coffee, biscuits and buns. A wonderful morning was had by all!

### **Harvest Festival:**

Our Harvest Assembly was an amazing production. It is truly remarkable just how hard the children have been working and how successful they have been learning the songs, the story and learning all about where our food comes from. Thank you for all who attended, brought food and took part in our raffle.

### **Bulb Planting:**

We have had some of our Year 6 pupils who have planted bulbs to ensure that in the spring, Great Houghton will look beautiful and bright. Look out for these around the Miner's Wheel in the garden of the Village Hall.

### **Parents Evening:**

Please sign up by completing the slips, contact the teacher in the morning/home time or ring the office to make an appointment to see your child/ren's teacher. We are really looking forward to sharing with you the fantastic start all of the children have made and how well they have settled in to their new classes.

### **School Council News:**

School councillors have been working extremely hard to give our children a voice in how they would like school to be run. They have decided on how pupils should be rewarded in school, fresh houses for our fresh start and even interviewed visitors that have been in school! Look out for future events led by the school council!

### **House Teams:**

As part of our love of reading in school, School Houses have now been transformed to represent famous authors. School council worked hard to ensure that all children had the opportunity to choose who their favourite authors were. Children have now been split up into the following houses:

Roald Dahl

JK Rowling

David Walliams

Julia Donaldson

Read on to find out who the winning house was for this week...

### **Reading at Home:**

This week we have launched our Reading Challenge across school: every time that a child reads at home, they will receive a 'read', these will be totalled up each Friday morning to see which class in each key stage has won the competition for that week. **Children can even read in school during their own time and earn 'reads' for their class.** The more your child reads, the better chance they have of winning that week! "You've got to be in it to win it!"

### **Children in Need:**

Miss Whincup has very kindly offered to organise Sandhill's Children in Need activities for this year. To go alongside our celebration of reading, the challenge will involve something to do with this subject; however, we aren't going to spoil the surprise just yet. A special assembly has been organised for Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October where the competition will be unveiled! Keep your eyes peeled for further information...

### **Good Attendance**

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.

On the next page is a reminder of the importance of good attendance -

<b>Above 97%</b>	<b>Fewer than 6 days absence</b> a year = <b>Excellent attendance.</b>
<b>95%</b>	<b>Less than 10 days absence</b> = Pupils are likely to achieve their targets and will be well prepared as they move through school.
<b>90%</b>	<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.
<b>85%</b>	<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.
<b>80% and below</b>	<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.

### Weekly Results:

Winning House – **Roald Dahl**

Key Stage 1 Reading Winners – Elf Owls

Key Stage 2 Reading Winners – Sooty Owls

Well done to our champions for this week!

### 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).

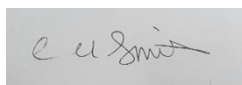
The cost of the disco will be £1.00. Children will receive a bag of sweets and a drink as part of the price. A separate letter regarding this event will be sent out next week.

### Diary Dates ~ Autumn Term

AUTUMN TERM 2019(1A)	
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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