



Every Child Matters Academy Trust
Children at the heart

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Sandhill News

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We have had another fantastic week at Sandhill and the children have been a true credit to our school community. It is during these times it is natural to have feelings of helplessness and uncertainty. It is important that we make our children feel that what they say and do matters and that their actions can make a difference. It is vital that we instil this in our children and that we all can make a difference and have strengths we can draw upon in these times of challenge.

Staggered start times: Just a reminder for children to arrive at your child's class start time to ensure that we can keep to the staggered start finish. It also helps staff if you have more than one child that you can drop both children off at the earliest time and collect them at the latest finish time. Thanks to all parents that are helping to do this when having other commitments with siblings in other schools.

School Dinners: Starting next week from Monday 21st September all KS1 children including Snowy and Elf Owls can have the option of having a hot dinner in the school hall. Children will remain in their own bubbles in the school hall on separate tables to allow for safe social distancing. Children who have a packed lunch or grab a bag from the school kitchen will remain in the classroom.

Kingswood Year 5 residential: The Kingswood residential is scheduled for Wednesday 14th April - Friday 16th April. The cost of the trip is £113 and if you would still like your child to attend we are accepting a deposit of £40.

Schoolgateway: The office have subscribed to the schoolgateway app. This will help you keep up with what is going on in school as well as keeping fully connected with payments for school dinners and trips. You can download the app using your own email address which school will have on their system. **Please ensure your email address is up to date with the office**

Schoolgateway

Lunchboxes now allowed: We are continually reviewing our systems and procedures in school for children. We are now allowing children who have packed lunches to bring in their own lunchboxes. Thank you to all parents /carers for your patience and understanding when preparing lunches in disposable bags.

EYFS Raised Bed Installation: During the week Owletts and Spotty Owls had a raised bed installed in their outdoor area. This was funded by a local community project organised by Dorothy Higginbottom. We will look forward to seeing fresh produce grown from our Early Years setting. Thank you to Dorothy and the local committee for organising this.

**Special Mention Assembly
Stars of the Week - Friday 11th September**

Grey	Kathryn & Mia
Snowy	Amy & Isabelle
Elf	Alex & Harry
Tawny	Alice & Harley
Sooty	Amy & Jacob
Barn	Elise & Lewis
Hawk	Georgia
Eagle	Harley & Kiera

School Holidays 2020/2021

October Half Term	Monday 26 Oct—Friday 30 Oct 2020
Christmas Holidays	Monday 21 Dec 2020—Friday 1 Jan 2021
February Half Term	Monday 15 February—Friday 19 February 2021
Easter Holidays	Monday 29 March—Friday 9 April 2021
May Day	Monday 3 May 2021
May Half Term	Monday 31 May—Friday 4 June 2021
Inset days	Monday 2nd November, Friday 28 th May, Monday 19th July, Tuesday 20th July