

# Sandy Hill Academy News

12<sup>th</sup> February 2016

Important Dates for your diary

15<sup>th</sup>– 19<sup>th</sup> February Half Term

26<sup>th</sup> February–Unwanted books to school

3<sup>rd</sup> March– World Book Day & Sale

4<sup>th</sup> March–Film Night

18<sup>th</sup> March–Sports Relief Day

30<sup>th</sup> March–30<sup>th</sup> April Easter Holidays

5<sup>th</sup> May– Polling Day School & Nursery Closed



## School Garden Beds Project



### We Need Your Help Please - School Garden Beds Project

The good news is that the hard work in creating the beds has been done!

What we need now -

Compost, seeds, bark chippings, time and your expertise. Any help you can give will be greatly valued.

The school has created raised garden beds, one for each class. The idea is to develop a love of gardening in children using a practical approach. They will learn how vegetables grow from seed, develop and become part of our food needs. Maybe it would be possible to cook and taste the produce. If the project is a success perhaps Year 6 could start a shop selling what has been grown.

Please contact me if you can help get this project under way. I am planning a meeting for all volunteers on March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2:15pm.

Please let the school office know if you are able to attend.

I look forward to seeing you then.

Yours sincerely

Sandra Hodge and Maria Yates  
Academy Community Champions





# Stars of the Week

YR -	Lottie Richardson
YR/1 -	Aden Dalton
Y1/2 -	Morgan Toms
Y2 -	Meygan Bulley
Y3 -	Tom Cushen
Y4 -	Tristan Barbery
Y5 -	JJ Ellery
Y6 -	The Whole Class



## Top Table



## phonics word of the week

This weeks word of the week is "pure" and the pseudo word is "buel".

Reception class would love a parent / grandparent helper who can help weekly on a Wednesday morning, or a Thursday morning. You would support the adults in the classroom to listen to readers and general tasks to help.

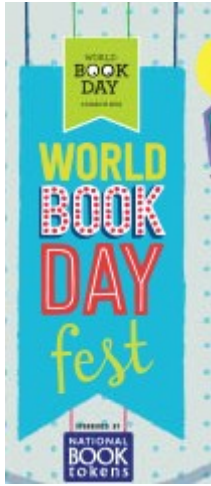
It has been fantastic to see so many parents at our parent and teacher meetings. We trust they have been informative and you also enjoyed your cooked dinner sample pots provided by Chartwells.

A wonderful poem written by Daniel in Year 6. Daniel wrote this after our Internet Safety Day. Well Done.

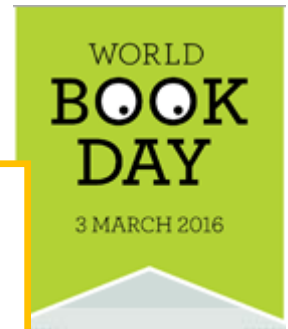
## SPEAK UP!

By Daniel Rowe

Tom was like any other boy,  
And in the internet he found joy.  
He was full of curiosity,  
And being content was a philosophy.  
He wanted more,  
As life was always a bore.  
When one day he found a new hunger,  
And searched facebook, twitter and tumblr.  
Places where he could share his thoughts,  
and see the ones others had bought.  
  
But one day, during a daily browse,  
He saw a message which he read aloud,  
"You are tiny and young, annoying as such,  
I wish you realised I hate you very much."  
Tom felt enclosed, in his own little bubble,  
His life reduced to a pile of rubble.  
A new message appeared on the screen,  
With letters written in cheerful green.  
"Speak up."  
Wondering what was going on,  
Tom thought hard and long,  
So he talked to the people that he loved,  
And his shocked parents responded with a hug,  
"we're always there,  
So remember that we care."



# Reading



World Book Day 2016- Thursday 3rd March come to school dressed as your favourite book character. We would be very grateful if you could donate an unwanted book and bring it into school by Friday 26th February.

These donated books will then be put in the hall on Thursday 3rd March for other children to purchase for 50p. Any money made will fund new books within the school.

## Reading Rewards

After half term your child will receive a reading reward chart. Each time your child reads at home we would like you to sign their reading reward chart as well as their reading record.

All children at Sandy Hill Academy are encouraged to read daily at home and to record this read in their reading diary. Each significant number of reads results in a certificate and prize. The rewards works as follows:

50 reads= certificate. 100 reads= certificate and pencil. 200 reads= certificate and bookmark. 500 reads= certificate and ruler. 700 reads= certificate and badge. 1000 reads= certificate and book!

Please sign and date each time your child reads to help them to earn their reading rewards.

# Snack Time

The school council have been listening to the pupils at Sandy Hill and put forward the proposal of a snack option from the school kitchen.

The school council via Mr Lockett presented this to Chartwells - the school meal provider.

We will introduce the snack options for a trial period for KS2 initially, available at first playtime. This will be starting Monday 22.02.16.

Children must pay for their snack at the time of taking it. Money needs to be in a separate purse from their lunch money. Chartwells will not provide snack if the child has no snack money.

Children can have either a hot snack or a fruit / veg option / yoghurt option and or a drink.

You are welcome to continue to provide snack from home. We encourage the healthy option of fruit like KS1 children. No sweets please.

## Sandy Hill

### Mid Morning Break

#### Hot Food

Monday	Crumpet	50p
Tuesday	Cheese on Toast	55p
Wednesday	Teacake	50p
Thursday	Pizza Slice	55p
Friday	English Muffin	35p

#### Fruit/Vegetables

All options available daily

Bear Paws	55p
Apple	50p
Banana	50p
Orange	50p
Bag of Raisins	50p
Carrot Sticks	30p
Cucumber Sticks	30p
Cherry Tomatoes	40p
Pepper Sticks	40p

#### Yoghurt

All options available daily

Frube	30p
Yogurt Portion	30p

#### Drinks

All options available daily

Orange Juice Cuplet	30p
Apple Juice Cuplet	30p
Chocolate Milkshake	65p
Strawberry Milkshake	65p
Banana Milkshake	65p

# Parent Support Advisor

Running every Wednesday morning at Sandy Hill school between 8:20am and 12:00pm, there will be an open door drop in session with the Parent Support Advisor. I will be happy to help you with any concerns you may have such as:

- Changes in behaviour with your child
- Child sleep issues
- Debt management
- Housing concerns
- Help with any forms that need completing

Or if you would like to stop by for a cuppa and a chat, you would be more than welcome.

I look forward to seeing you.

Sarah Chown



## Attendance

Whole School : Week ending 05/02/2016 - 97.36%

Government satisfactory Attendance for a pupil is 95%.

YR -	96.92%	Y3 -	99.41% ★
YR/1 -	96.30%	Y4 -	97.63%
Y1/2 -	96.21%	Y5 -	97.50%
Y2 -	96.07%	Y6 -	98.89%

Well Done to Year 3 with 99.41% attendance.

Thank you for your support in helping to reach our attendance target. Attendance is very important to every child's learning and we look forward to continuing to improve our attendance figures.