

# SANDFIELD CLOSE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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## This week's news from Sandfield Close.

### Regular attendance is important



Last year 54 of our children came to school every day and did not miss a single day of education. At the moment 78 of our 408 children have 100% attendance since the start of the year.

Children who are frequently absent from school tend to make slower progress and are more likely to have difficulty maintaining friendships.

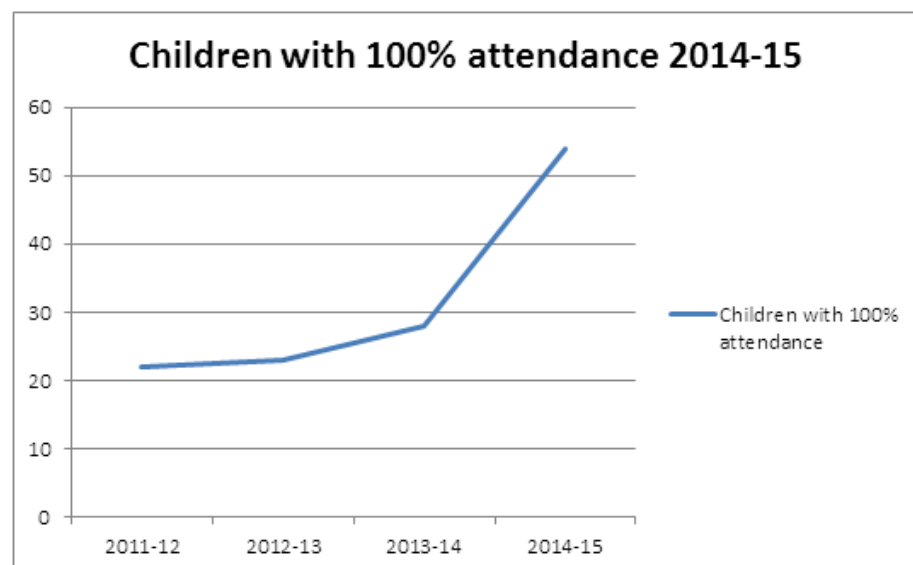
96% attendance is considered to be average. Children whose attendance falls below 90% are classified as persistent absentees and the Education Welfare Service may become involved with the family.

2011-12 **22** children  
with 100% for the  
full academic year

2012-13 **23** children  
with 100% for the  
full academic year

2013-14 **28** children  
with 100% for the  
full academic year

2014-15 **54** children  
with 100% for the  
full academic year



2015-16 **??** children with 100% for the full academic year

## Supporting research to keep children healthy



We have agreed to be part of a research study carried out by the University of Leicester. The study is also being carried out in a number of other schools in the city.

Dr Caroline Beardsmore, the principal investigator, visited Sandfield Close and explained the study to all the children in Years 1-6 in assemblies this week. The children were very interested and asked lots of questions. Some of our older children who are already considering possible careers in medicine were particularly interested in learning more about how doctors use research to treat illness.

Science is a specialism of our school and we are always looking for ways to help children understand more about how science impacts on their everyday lives and to find out more about careers involving science. This study will give children a glimpse of how doctors use research to improve health care.

I am confident that this study is appropriate for our school and for our children. Details will be sent home with all children in envelopes addressed to parents next week. If you would like your child to take part, please complete the consent form and accompanying health questionnaire.

Dr Beardsmore's contact details are included in the information pack in case you have any specific queries.



**Science at Sandfield**  
**Real Science. Real Scientists. Real jobs.**  
**Helping children understand the impact of science on their everyday lives.**

# We want your rubbish! Please support our Eco Club

Thank you to everyone who has already contributed to our collection.

We are still collecting:

- Unwanted Christmas, Eid, Diwali etc cards for recycling.
- Empty, washed plastic milk bottles to create a herd of 500 model elephants to raise children's awareness of endangered species and conservation issues.
- Empty, rinsed two litre plastic bottles which we will be using to make a greenhouse to help us grow our own food.

Look out for updates on our recycling initiatives in the newsletter or in our Eco Blog on the school website.

## Eco Elephant Challenge

Posted on [January 6, 2016](#) by seames

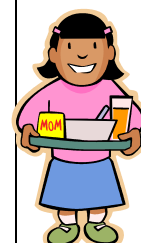
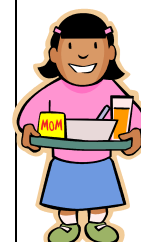


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## Next week's lunch menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Black Eyed Bean Curry Rice & Naan	Chick Pea Curry Rice & Chapatti	Khichadi & Kadhi Potato Curry & Chapatti	Toover Dhal Rice & Naan	Moong Bean Curry Rice & Chapatti
Vegetable Lasagne Loaded Jacket Potato Cheese & Sweetcorn	Quorn Quesadilla Cheese & Vegetable Pie	Quorn Fillet cooked in Onion Gravy Breaded Vegetable Nuggets	Cheese Flan Vegetable Jambalaya	Quorn Burger Cheesy Leek & pea Pasta
Lamb Lasagne	Short Crust Topped Chicken Pie	Bread Salmon Fillets	Chicken Jambalaya	Battered Pollock Goujons
Garlic Bread Malted Baguette	Creamed Potatoes Jacket Potato	Spicy Rice Boiled Potatoes	Jacket Pototo Pitta Bread	Chips Bread Bun
Sweetcorn Garden Peas Mixed Salad	Broccoli Florets Baton Carrots Mixed Salad	Shredded Cabbage Sweetcorn Mixed Salad	Baked Beans Garden Peas Mixed Salad	Mixed Vegetables Mushy Peas Mixed Salad
Ice Cream Cinnamon & Orange Biscuit	Rice Pudding with Fruit Compote Iced Chocolate Sponge	Pineapple Upside Down Pudding & Custard Choc & Cherry Biscuit	Flapjack Butterscotch Biscuit	Mousse Shortbread
White Bread	Brown Bread Gravy	White Bread Gravy/Tomato Sauce	Brown Bread Tomato sauce	White Bread Tomato Sauce
Milk Fruit Yogurt	Milk Fruit Yogurt	Milk Fruit Yogurt	Milk Fruit Yogurt	Vinegar Milk Fruit Yogurt



Hope your weekend goes according to plan.



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# SCHOOL PARKING

When children arrive or leave school each day parents' behaviour can either protect or endanger them.

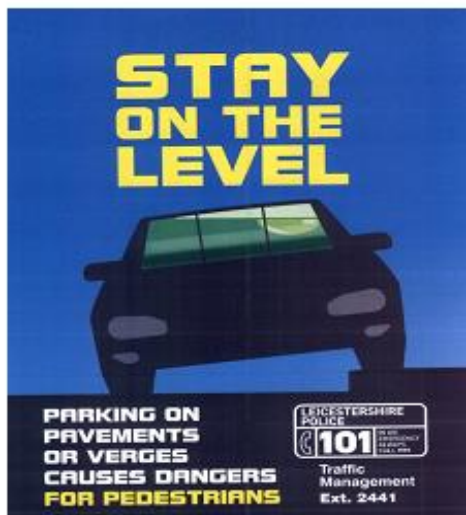
The start of a new school term is always a hectic time and parking is a source of great concern for parents and residents alike. Inconsiderate parking is not only selfish but dangerous and can cause accidents.

Parking restrictions are in place near schools for a reason –

**They protect our community's children against possible injuries.**



Choose safe parking over convenience at all times.



Parking on yellow lines, double-parking, pavement parking, blocking driveways and ignoring school crossing patrols ALL place children at risk and are illegal!

**Drivers and children need good visibility around schools to be able to see each other.**

## Contact Details

For more information contact your safer neighbourhood team by telephoning 101 or visit our website at [www.leics.police.uk](http://www.leics.police.uk)