



Dear parents and families,

Friday 21st September 2018

A wet and windy end to the week! I'm looking forward to our Macmillan Afternoon Tea on Monday. Please bring any donations of cakes to the reception desk and we will store them safely until the afternoon. Please remember we are a nut free school!
It's also a non-uniform day on Monday with donations to Macmillan.

Homework Survey

It would be helpful if you would be kind enough to complete the Homework Survey which is on the Parents' Information page on the school website - <https://sandhills.oxon.sch.uk/information/parents-information/>
The survey should only take a couple of minutes to complete and the information will be really helpful to us in planning our homework strategy going forward.
We are planning to put more information about homework on the school website so suggestions for this, as part of the survey, would also be very useful. Thank you.

Lunchtime Supervisor

Would you be able to spare a few hours a week to join us on the playground at lunchtimes? Or do you know someone who could? We would welcome some additional staff at lunchtime to make sure the children stay safe and have as much fun as possible. You wouldn't have to commit to every day but it would be wonderful if you could, and we will pay you!
If you would like to know more, please catch me or Mrs Clark on the playground before school or drop into the school office to speak to Mrs Jones.

Class Welcome Meetings

Just a reminder that we are holding class welcome meetings next week so please come along if you can. Teachers will take you through the timetables and plans for the year as well as lots of other useful bits of information. I will be on hand during the meetings if you have any questions for me or simply to say hello!

Class Welcome meetings	Wednesday 26th September	4:00pm	1H and 1S (in class 1S)
		4:45pm	2T and 2HL (in 2HL)
	Thursday 27 th September	4.00pm	3S and 3D (in 3D)
		4.45pm	4T and 5G (in 5G)
		5.30pm	6H

Parking and Cycling

Please do not drive into or park in the school car park before or after school for everyone's safety. We will be reminding the children that bicycles should be stored in the cycle sheds and not brought onto or cycled around the playground before or after school.

PE/Sport report, September 2018

What an exciting start to the year. We already have more children coming to sports clubs than last year, and perhaps more than we have ever had. Athletics club, Football club and Climbing club are completely full and I have already enjoyed watching some amazing Athletics and some fantastic football. We have some great ideas for clubs, including some PE clubs for Key Stage 1, next term and after Christmas, so watch this space for some exciting sports opportunities.

I've been really impressed by how many of the children in PE and in sports clubs have been challenging themselves. I've witnessed some children straining for a few extra centimetres while doing standing long jump; children stretching every muscle and sinew to gain some extra speed while sprinting and other children focused on improving their footwork in netball. It's been wonderful to see. We are trying to enable children to have as many opportunities in intra and inter school competition as possible this year, so the fact that so many children are throwing themselves into their sport is really encouraging. Well done everyone.

Mr Cobb

School Space

Congratulations to our partners School Space who run our school lettings for being shortlisted for "UK Social Enterprise of the Year" in the prestigious [Social Enterprise UK](#) awards. School Space was founded by former Sandhills' pupil, Jemma Phibbs and fellow sixth form pupil, James Lloyd when they were at Wheatley Park and we wish them and their team the very best of luck at the awards in November!

Nut products

We have several children in the school who suffer from severe nut allergies so please don't send nuts, Nutella spread or Kinder Bueno in packed lunches. Thank you.

Stars of the Week 14th September

Congratulations to our stars from last week:

Noah G

Harry T

Bella K

Andrew M

Millie C

Archie B

Harvey W

Ryan S

Grace O

Tomer M

Lily K



Diary Dates

Macmillan Fundraising day	Monday 24 th September	3.00pm	
Class Welcome meetings	Wednesday 26 th September	4:00pm	1H and 1S (in class 1S)
		4:45pm	2T and 2HL (in 2HL)
	Thursday 27 th September	4.00pm	3S and 3D (in 3D)
		4.45pm	4T and 5G (in 5G)
		5.30pm	6H
Read, Write Inc for new parents	Wednesday 3 rd October	5.30pm	
African Storytelling Workshop	Thursday 11 th October		
Parents' Evenings	16 th and 17 th October		
Half Term	22 nd to 26 th October		
Anti- Bullying Week	12 th to 16 th November		
Book Fair	Mon19 th Nov – Fri 23 rd Nov		
Big Christmas Sing	Thursday 29 th November		
Pantomime Trip	Thursday 13 th Dec (am)		
Christmas Break	24 th Dec to 4 th Jan		
INSET (SCOOL CLOSED)	Monday 7 th January		
Half term	18 th to 22 nd February		
INSET (SCOOL CLOSED)	Monday 25 th February		
Easter Break	8 th April to 22 nd April		
Half term	27 th to 31 st May		
INSET (SCOOL CLOSED)	Monday 3 rd June		

I look forward to meeting you at the class meetings next week. Have a lovely weekend!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Emma Coleman
Headteacher