



Sandhills Community Primary School

Dear parents and families,

Friday 19th October 2018

There have been some lovely things going on in school this week. Year 2 had a great time at Warwick Castle on Monday; Year 1 had great fun tracking down Professor Slime (well done Mrs Clark!); Year 4 held their fabulous Trade fair and Year 6 thoroughly enjoyed their Forensic Afternoon.

Thank you for all your support and kind words over my first term. I know there are lots of systems that still need sorting out and plenty to continue to improve but, with your support and the staff's hard work, we are making progress and will continue to do so over the coming year.

PE/Sport Report

This term has gone by so quickly but we already made a great start to the sporting year. We have more children coming to after school sports clubs than ever before and after half term, we anticipate an even greater attendance. Mr Roberts will be running football club, Mr Cobb will be running Outdoor Adventure, Climbing and Basketball clubs, while we also welcome back Ken, the Archery coach who will be taking a club alongside Mr Cobb on a Monday. Exciting times. Plans are still brewing for clubs for year 1 and 2 after Christmas. Watch this space.

Sandhills have taken part in two football competitions in the last couple of weeks. The boys and girls' teams both enjoyed playing in 7 a-side tournaments at Oxford Academy. These were a great warm up for the rest of the year.

After half term, we have a netball tournament, a hockey match and numerous football matches for both girls and boys.

Hopefully many children will get opportunities to represent the school over the rest of the year. I'm really looking forward to it.

One last mention to the members of the Climbing club who have all been pursuing their own personal challenges; many of them have improved their climbing ability but they are also pushing themselves to climb harder routes. Well done everyone.

Mr Mark Cobb

Winter Weather Gear

Just a reminder that children do need coats in school for playtimes please. We do have a few spare coats for those who forget but they aren't very popular with the children!

Celebration Assemblies

There are a couple of changes to this schedule because of the Christmas Fair and trip clashes.

Date	Class
Friday 19 th Oct	2HL
Friday 26 th Oct	Half term

Date	Class
Friday 2 nd Nov	2T
Friday 9 th Nov	1S
Friday 16 th Nov	1H
Friday 23 rd Nov	6H
Friday 30 th Nov	No assembly
Friday 7 th Dec	4T
Friday 14 th Dec	5G
Friday 21 st Dec	tbc

Stars of the Week

Congratulations to our stars from last week:

Grace, Sinead, Alfie, James, Morgan, Jaya, Ayla and Lyra.

World War 1 Armistice Centenary

KS1 and KS2 (minus Year Two who were off having their own adventures at Warwick Castle) had a fantastic visit from Quantum Theatre on Monday. The children watched a very informative play about World War 1 which included an explanation of how the war started, some of the significant events and how it finally finished on 11th November 1918.

We are looking forward to spending more time in assemblies and in classes thinking about the Centenary of the end World War One after half term.

School Photos

The photographer will be in school on the 12th November to take individual photos. If you would like a photo with your child's brother or sister *who doesn't attend the school*, please come to reception at 8.30am. We will sort out sibling group photos of children who are Sandhills pupils during the day.

Staff news

Miss Anna Wyatt is going into hospital for some surgery just after half term and will be away from school for several weeks. We all wish her all the best for a speedy recovery!



Diary Dates

Half Term	22 nd to 26 th October	
Halloween Disco	Friday 2 nd November	
Pumpkin Competition	Wed 31 st October	
Anti- Bullying Week	12 th to 16 th November	
School Photos (Individual)	12 th November	8.30am for photos with siblings
Book Fair	Mon 19 th Nov – Fri 23 rd Nov	
Big Christmas Sing	Thursday 29 th November	
Christmas Fair	Friday 30 th November	3.15pm in school hall
Christmas Wreath Making (adults)	Friday 7 th December	7.30pm
EYFS Nativity	Tuesday 11 th December	Afternoon - exact time tbc
EYFS Nativity	Wednesday 12 th December	Afternoon - exact time tbc
Pantomime Trip	Thursday 13 th Dec (am)	
Years 1 and 2 Christmas performance	Tuesday 18 th December	Afternoon - exact time tbc
Years 1 and 2 Christmas performance	Wednesday 19 th December	Afternoon - exact time tbc
Years 3,4,5 and 6 Christmas performance	Wednesday 19 th December	Evening - exact time tbc
Years 3,4,5 and 6 Christmas performance	Thursday 20 th December	Afternoon - exact time tbc
Christmas Break	24 th Dec to 4 th Jan	
INSET (School CLOSED)	Monday 7 th January	
Half term	18 th to 22 nd February	
INSET (School CLOSED)	Monday 25 th February	
Easter Break	8 th April to 22 nd April	
Half term	27 th to 31 st May	

Have a lovely half term!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Emma Coleman

Headteacher