



## Sandhills Community Primary School

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Dear parents and families,

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2018

I hear that the disco was a big success. Well done and thank you to everyone who helped to run the event. The PTA were very pleased to have raised £537 from the disco and £26 from the Pumpkin Competition. All funds raised by the PTA go to help reduce the cost of trips and visitors and to fund projects we have planned for later in the year.

It's rather a long newsletter this week – some bedtime reading for you!

### Messy Science

I have to confess to having avoided the Year Two classrooms during their messy science sessions, but I have heard all about it from the children!



*2HL enjoyed investigating a range of materials by mixing, separating and much more on Thursday 1st November. They had to see how many ways they could change the shape of playdough; mix liquids such as oil, water, syrup and food colouring; experiment with gloop and powder paint; separate sand and cereal; experiment with mud, ice and sugar cubes as well as create a wizard's brew! The topic Muck, Mess and Mixtures is certainly living up to its name!*

*In 2T this week, we had fun exploring the properties of different muck, mess, and mixtures. We investigated reversible and irreversible changes as we made different mixtures- ice, sugar cubes, and shaving foam; red powder paint, yellow powder paint, cornflour, and water; sand and cereal; water, food colouring, oil, and glitter and play-doh. We also worked class to make an exploding bubbly potion with Miss Taylor, using water, bicarbonate of soda, food colouring, washing up liquid, glitter and vinegar!*

*Year 2 Team*

### Anti-bullying week and Children in Need

Next Friday (16th November), you can 'dress for yourself' by wearing something that represents you. Please bring in £1 to raise money for Children in Need. To raise some more money, you can bring in £1 and have a guess of the name of the giant Pudsey bear. You can bring in more money and have more guesses if you would like to. It will happen all week and the school councillors will come to your class.

### Gracie – School Council

As you can see from the message from the School Council above, we are raising money for Children in Need as well as encouraging the children dress to 'celebrate who they are' alongside National Anti-Bullying week. There will be various activities going on in school throughout the week that will address issues such as cyber-bullying, internet safety and encourage the children to 'choose respect' as per the campaign's theme this year. There will be a buddy activity on Friday morning, where the children will mix into their buddy families to explore the theme of respect together.

On the subject of on-line safety, you might like to look at the following conversation starters:

**Twitter:** <https://twitter.com/natonlinesafety/status/1060140712686161927>

**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/NationalOnlineSafety/photos/a.1681508315488685/1914184988887682/?type=3&theater>

### Mathematics Challenge

Four children from Year Six and four children from Year Four went to the Annual DCBeagle Maths Challenges this week. They took part alongside children from approximately 25 other schools from both the state and the private sector. Megan, Juliet, Luke and Melissa from Year Four went to Summerfields School on Tuesday and Sophie, Riad, Jamie and Max B went to Headington Prep School on Thursday. They completed various puzzles, investigations and challenges as part of a very enjoyable mathematical afternoon. Well done to all of them!

Some comments from our competitors - *It was amazing, I really enjoyed working hard and finding out new things. I liked working with dominoes because it was fun. I loved all the different activities. I really liked all of it but some were a bit more challenging than others.*

### Celebration Assemblies

Date	Class
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> Nov	1S
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> Nov	1H
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	6H
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	No assembly
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	4T
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	5G

### Parking

I do appreciate that parking near the school at drop off and pick up times is a challenge and I have tried to avoid the newsletter nag to date. However, we have had to call two ambulances in recent weeks for children who are very unwell and on both occasions the paramedics have complained that they struggled to get through the parked cars to the school. This was made worse by parents using the school car park which blocked access to the school.

Fortunately, in both cases a few minutes delay did not affect the outcome for the children but, of course, that might not always be the case.

### Stars of the Week

Congratulations to our stars from last week:

Molly, Armand, George, Penelope, Denzel, Rosie, Alex, Ella-may, Alfie, Krisztian, Hazel, Naomi and Megan.

### School Photos

The photographer will be in school on Monday 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.

### PE/Sport report November 2018

*New sports clubs have now started this term. Archery club saw children learning all the important safety rules and launching into challenging themselves with their accuracy and bow technique. Climbing club is continuing and it's been amazing to see the children growing in confidence over the weeks and trying some very difficult climbing and bouldering routes. Outdoor adventure club was, of course, an adventure! The weather was kind and an hour's almost non-stop running ensued, while children undertook the orienteering challenge and showed fabulous teamwork. Mr Roberts' football club is hopefully churning out disciplined and talented footballers, while basketball, after a quick recap of several rules and techniques saw some excellent dribblers and passers. Much more to enjoy over the next few weeks. Last week, Sandhills took a Netball team to Wheatley Park, to take part in a Netball tournament. We came third and had several people commenting on*



*our good discipline, excellent footwork and teamwork. We have challenged some schools to further matches, so watch this space. Next week, we have a Hockey match against East Oxford School to look forward to and over the next few weeks, many girls and boys football matches. Many thanks to everyone who has taken part in matches, clubs and tournaments, and also many thanks to all the parents who have helped us out.*  
 Mr Mark Cobb

### Diary Dates

Unfortunately, there was a mix up over our pantomime booking which has now been confirmed as **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December** and not Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>. Letters will be coming out next week for the trip.

This does mean we might have to move the Key Stage 1 afternoon performance originally booked for that day as there won't be time after the panto to get everyone back, fed, the hall cleared and set up for the performance. The Key Stage 1 team are looking into this and we will let you know any changes as soon as possible.

<b>School Photos</b>	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	8.30am for sibling photo
<b>Anti- Bullying Week</b>	12 <sup>th</sup> to 16 <sup>th</sup> November	
<b>Children in Need</b>	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Dress for Yourself Day
<b>Flu vaccinations</b>	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	
<b>Book Fair</b>	Mon19 <sup>th</sup> Nov – Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	
<b>Big Christmas Sing</b>	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	
<b>Christmas Fair</b>	Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	3.15pm in school hall
<b>Year 3 Trip</b>	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	
<b>Christmas Wreath Making (adults)</b>	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	7.30pm
<b>EYFS Nativity</b>	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Afternoon - exact time tbc
<b>EYFS Nativity</b>	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Afternoon - exact time tbc
<b>Pantomime Trip</b>	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December(am)	
<b>Years 1 and 2 Christmas Performance</b>	tbc	
<b>Years 1 and 2 Christmas Performance</b>	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Afternoon - exact time tbc
<b>Years 3,4,5 and 6 Christmas Performance</b>	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Evening - exact time tbc
<b>Years 3,4,5 and 6 Christmas Performance</b>	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Afternoon - exact time tbc
<b>Christmas Break</b>	24 <sup>th</sup> Dec to 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan	
<b>INSET (SCHOOL CLOSED)</b>	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	
<b>Half term</b>	18 <sup>th</sup> to 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	
<b>INSET (SCHOOL CLOSED)</b>	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	
<b>Easter Break</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> April to 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	
<b>Half term</b>	27 <sup>th</sup> to 31 <sup>st</sup> May	

Have a lovely weekend!



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Yours sincerely,  
Mrs Emma Coleman  
Headteacher

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**We have been asked to share the following information for parents:**

**Influenza (Flu)**

Flu is a highly infectious virus which is spread by coughing and sneezing. Symptoms of flu include fever, cough, blocked nose, headache, tiredness and aching joints. The symptoms of flu tend to come on a lot quicker than the common cold and tend to be more severe. Most people recover from flu but it has the potential to cause serious illness, hospitalisation and even death.

It is important to ensure children are vaccinated if they are eligible for vaccination. This year, vaccination is being offered to the following children:

- Those aged 2 and 3
- Those in school years: reception, 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5
- Those with those with underlying long-term health conditions

If a child is in: reception, 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, but has missed their flu vaccination in school, please advise parents that there are flu catch up clinics available as follows:

- 13 November 2018 - St Edburg's School, Bicester, 3.30pm (Call 01869 604095 to book)
- 16 November 2018 - Witney Hospital, Room 3, 3.30pm (Call 01865 904845 to book)
- 20 November 2018 - East Oxford Health Centre, 3pm (Call 01865 904225 to book)
- 28 November 2018 - East Oxford Health Centre, 3pm (Call 01865 904225 to book)
- 30 November 2018 - Orchard Health Centre, Banbury, 3.30pm (Call 01865 904234 to book)
- 4 December 2018 - Thame Cottage Hospital, time tbc (Call 01865 904225 to book)
- 4 December 2018 - St Edburg's School, Bicester, 3.30pm (Call 01869 604095 to book)
- 10 December 2018 - Abingdon Hospital, Outpatients Department, 9.00am (Call 01865 904890 to book)
- 11 December 2018 - Wallingford Hospital, School Nurse's Office, 9.00am (Call 01865 904845 to book)
- 11 December 2018 - St Edburg's School, Bicester, 3pm (Call 01869 604095 to book)
- 12 December 2018 - Chipping Norton Hospital, Clinic Room 1, 3.30pm (Call 01993 677149 to book)
- 12 December 2018 - Orchard Health Centre, Banbury, 3.30pm (Call 01865 904234 to book)
- 13 December 2018 - Wantage Health Centre, Mably Way, 9.30am (Call 01865 904845 to book)
- 14 December 2018 - Didcot Health Centre, 9.00am (Call 01235 515503 to book)
- 18 December 2018 - Witney Hospital, Room 7, 3.30pm (Call 01865 904845 to book)