



Sandhills Community Primary School

Dear parents and families,

Friday 30th November 2018

It's beginning to look a lot like..... No! We've got three weeks to go and I haven't done any shopping yet!

I am really looking forward to the Christmas Fayre this afternoon. The office is filling up rapidly with cakes and gifts and Santa is preparing his grotto. I know the PTA have been working really hard with all of the preparation over the last few weeks so I'm sure it will be a wonderful start to the Christmas season.

Christmas Singing!

Thursday was a lovely day! In the morning, there was singing from all areas of the school as different year groups practised songs for their Christmas performances. Later on in the day, the Choir headed off into Oxford to take part in the Big Christmas Sing! It was a privilege to watch our singers join with children from several other schools and perform so beautifully in the Town Hall. Well done to all the children who represented our school brilliantly - especially Phoenix, Sophia, Megan and Bella who had various solo and descant parts. Thank you also to Miss Leggatt, Mrs Millett-Clay and Mrs Clark for accompanying the children and an extra-special thank you to Mrs Hunter-Lacey and Mrs Merritt for doing such a great job preparing the choir and making sure they could be part of such a wonderful event!

Sports leader Training

Year Six pupils Jaya, Isabel, Max B and Max V took part in an afternoon of sports leadership training at Oxford Academy on Tuesday. They learnt how to evaluate different activities and games as well as begin to plan some of their own. Hopefully, they will be putting their training into use later in the year when, as part of the training, they plan a multi-skills festival for younger children.

Music Assembly

On Monday 17th December, at 2.15p.m., there will be a Christmas Music Assembly. Our aim is to celebrate the amazing musicians in our school and all their hard work. We will have music from Rock Club, Nick's guitar students, brass and woodwind instrumentalists and, hopefully, the Year 3 violins will also play (we are just waiting for confirmation from the violin teacher!). The choir will also perform some Christmas songs, to get you feeling festive! Please come along to listen to your child perform and enjoy the musical achievements.

Mrs Emma Hunter-Lacey

Reception, 1 & 2 KS1 Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 5^h December

Can we remind parents that it is the Christmas Lunch for children in Reception and Years 1 and 2 next week on Wednesday. Children in Key Stage 2 (years 3, 4, 5 & 6) will need a packed lunch. Children in these year groups who are entitled to a free school meal can be provided with a sandwich lunch.

St Mary's Church Barton

St Mary's church in Barton will be turning on their Christmas lights at 5pm next Wednesday afternoon. Our choir have been invited along and will be singing a couple of their favourite Christmas songs. Everyone is welcome to come along and join in!

Some poems from 4T

Diversity (by Izzy)

We're all different in many ways,
but we should accept that every day,
We can come from different cultures
and have different skin
but that's what makes us special
so never give in
Let's celebrate being unique and special
Let's celebrate being equal and respectful

Diversity (by Naomi)

D's for determined, to never give up
I's for intelligence, everyone has their own
V's for values, to be kind to others
E's for exciting, how life should be
R's for race, for different beliefs and cultures
S's for similarity, for being the person you are
I's for include and for being the best
T's for tolerance, for doing your role
Y's for just being yourself, and that's how life
should be

Diversity (by Megan)

Everybody is diverse, everybody can respect,
Be tolerant of everyone, you do not have to be correct,
Everybody's different, everybody is the same,
Don't think badly of yourself, we don't want any shame,
Everybody is unique, a mass of variety,
Everybody can dislike ever since antiquity,
Whatever month it may be, November, March, December,
All you need to do is - remember just remember,
Appreciate who you are, you will go very far,
You are you and that won't change.

School Behaviour Policy

Just some early warning that the governors and I would like to review the school's Behaviour Policy. At the start of next term, I would like to invite a few parents from each year group to meet with me on Tuesday 15th January at 10.30am, over coffee and biscuits, to talk about your views on what a new behaviour policy should look like. I will send out another reminder but if you are interested in taking part, please email the school office or drop a note into the class teacher to let me know. Thank you.

By the way, I haven't forgotten about the Homework Survey – I am working with teachers and taking into account your feedback to look at a workable system for after Christmas and will let you know what we come up with as soon as I can.

Celebration Assemblies

Date	Class
Friday 7 th Dec	4T
Friday 14 th Dec	5G

Stars of the Week

Congratulations to our stars from last week:

Alishba, Ayra, Dylan, Tommy, Bella, Nye, Hannah, George, Ayesha and Tom



Christmas lunch (EYFS, Yr 1 & 2)	Wednesday 5 th December	
Year 3 Trip	Friday 7 th December	
Christmas Wreath Making (adults)	Friday 7 th December	7.30pm
EYFS Nativity	Tuesday 11 th December	2.15pm
Christmas Lunch (Yrs 3-6)	Wednesday 12 th December	
EYFS Nativity	Wednesday 12 th December	2.15pm
Music Assembly	Monday 17 th December	2.15pm
Pantomime Trip	Tuesday 18 th December(am)	
Years 1 and 2 Christmas Performance	Tuesday 18 th December	2.15pm
Year 1 and 2 Christmas Performance	Wednesday 19 th December	2.15pm
Years 3,4,5 and 6 Christmas Performance	Wednesday 19 th December	6pm
Years 3,4,5 and 6 Christmas Performance	Thursday 20 th December	2.15pm
School Closes	Friday 21 st December 2pm	No After School Club
Christmas Break	24 th Dec to 4 th Jan	
INSET (SCHOOL CLOSED)	Monday 7 th January	
School Reopens	Tuesday 8 th January 2019	
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 weekend!

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Emma Coleman
Headteacher