

Sandhills Community Primary School

Dear parents and families,

Friday 18th January 2019

Having arrived at school on Thursday while it was pouring with rain, I was shocked to look out at 8.30am to see snow! With that in mind.....

Extreme Weather Conditions Warning

We would like to remind you of the arrangements in the event of severe weather or other unforeseen circumstances when it may be necessary for the school to close at short notice. We will do our utmost to keep the school open wherever possible. However, should we be unable to open the school due to bad weather or if we do not have sufficient staff to open the school for the safety of children, we will put a 'closure notice' on the school website (www.sandhills.oxon.sch.uk), Oxfordshire County Council's website —<http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/school-closures>. We will also contact local radio stations and we will send out a message by ParentMail to all parents and carers alerting you that the school is closed.

Nut Free School - Reminder

Please ensure that your child's lunch box and snack does not contain any nut products. We have a number of children who have a nut allergy and we would like to remind you that we are a nut free school.

Music for Schools

On the 31st January, at 6.00pm we will be holding a Music for Schools event. Music for Schools provides small group music lessons for children during school hours.

This is an opportunity for your child to explore and hold different instruments. The children will have been introduced to different instruments in an assembly a few days before, so they may already have some thoughts on which instrument they want to play. It is also a chance for you to sign up your child to lessons in brass and woodwind instruments and find out about the cost of lessons.

Emma Hunter-Lacey

Music Co-ordinator and Class Teacher

Swimming Gala

On Thursday 17th January, Sandhills took part in a swimming gala at the Kidlington pool. Our team of intrepid swimmers from year 5 and 6 raced in extremely early to get to the pool before 9.00am.

The competition itself required our team to swim breast stroke, backstroke, butterfly and freestyle races, as well as a medley relay (involving the above strokes) and a freestyle relay.

May, Amy, Sophia, Tallulah, Taylor and Morgan from year 6, and Ryan and Deniz from year 5, swam their hearts out and tried their absolute best, while enjoying every minute with a smile on their faces. They showed wonderful teamwork, cheering each other on and showed a really positive attitude all through the event.

There was a wonderful atmosphere for the whole two hours and I was so proud of each of them. I really look forward to the next swimming competition.

Mark Cobb

Homework

As mentioned last week, the new Homework Policy can be found on the school website at <https://sandhills.oxon.sch.uk/information/parents-information/>.

We have three new information pages on the website to help you help your children with their homework: one on timetables, one on reading at home and one on spellings. We aim to add more pages as the term goes on. They can be found at <https://sandhills.oxon.sch.uk/information/parents-information/how-to-help-your-child/>

Celebration Assemblies

Date	Class
Friday 18 th Jan	3S
Friday 25 th Jan	3D
Friday 1 st Feb	5G
Friday 8 th Feb	2HL
Friday 15 th Feb	2T
Friday 22 nd Feb	Half term

Date	Class
Friday 1 st March	1S
Friday 8 th March	1H
Friday 15 th March	6H
Friday 22 nd March	4T
Friday 29 th March	3S
Friday 5 th April	3D

Sport/PE report, January 2019.

January has seen everyone gradually get back into their stride, so much so, that we have over 110 children in key stage 2 coming along to sports clubs after school. Amazing!!! It's been wonderful to see so many children at outdoor adventure club, athletics club, football club and archery club. We also have gymnastics club and multisports club for key stage 1. I am hoping to continue to offer some exciting and varied clubs through the rest of the year.

We also have a huge range of competitive events coming up. We enjoyed a swimming gala this week, next week is the always exciting sportshall athletics at Wheatley and we are busy organising more football matches for boys and girls from year 3 up to year 6. Hopefully Sandhills can also take part in many other events over the next couple of terms.

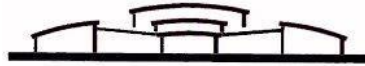
Well done to all the children who make the clubs we run so exciting and also to all the support we get from parents and grandparents who help to make our sport and PE a real Sandhills family effort.

Thank you.

Mark Cobb

Diary Dates

1S Natural History Museum Trip	Wednesday 23 rd January	
6H trip to Great Missenden	Wednesday 23 rd January	
Music For Schools Event	Thursday 31 st January	6.00pm
Year 3 Science day	Monday 4 th February	
Year 2 Urban Safari day	Wednesday 6 th February	
Year 5 Residential Meeting for parents	Thursday 7 th February	3.00pm
6H Roald Dahl Day	Friday 15 th February	
Half term	18th to 22nd February	
INSET (SCHOOL CLOSED)	Monday 25th February	



Easter Break	8th April to 22nd April	
Half term	27th to 31st May	
INSET (SCHOOL CLOSED)	Monday 3rd June	
School Closes	24th July 2019	
School Reopens	Wednesday 4th September	

Have a lovely weekend!

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Emma Coleman
Headteacher
