



Sandhills Community Primary School

Dear parents and families,

Friday 8th March 2019

Stars of the Week



Congratulations to our Stars of the Week: Elizabeth, Lois, Lily, Tia, Elijah, Asher, Sophia, Archie and Bobby.

Red Nose day

Next Friday (15th March) will be Red Nose Day in aid of Comic Relief. Red Noses have been coming round to classes this week and are selling fast. Once they're gone, they're gone! If there are any left, these will be on sale for £1.25 next week until they run out.

On Friday 15th, children are invited to take part in our '**Mad Hair Day**' to raise more money for Comic Relief. Make your hair as wacky as you can! We are asking for donations of £1 per family to go towards the many good causes that Comic Relief supports. *Normal school uniform is needed as usual.* Thank you!

Celebration Assemblies

Date	Class
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

Help!

We have enrolled on a scheme called Full Circle which aims to bring older and younger people together on a weekly basis, with the aim of nurturing friendship and understanding between the generations.

Their website can be found at <https://fullcircleoxon.org.uk/> if you would like to know more.

Unfortunately, we haven't had any volunteers from local senior citizens despite contacting several local groups. If you know anyone who might be interested, please let me know!

World Book Day

I've just come from the Book Day fashion show in the hall. Some fabulously creative costumes from staff and children!

Look out for lots of photos on the school website and information about our book review competition winners next week!



Donations

We have received a very kind donation of £500 from the grandmother of two of our pupils which she raised from selling homemade marmalade. I will be asking the school council to choose how to spend their windfall!

We have also received £600 from the Parish Council to support the Forest School programme and £2,000 from our County Councillor's Priority Fund to help towards the cost of resurfacing the play area outside the Year 1 classrooms.

You will have seen the letter we sent out this morning about school funding. Donations such as those above, and the hard work and enthusiasm of our brilliant PTA, make all the difference to the school in what we can offer to our pupils and their families.

PTA Information

Thank you to everyone who purchased coasters and also to those who have been taking part in the read-a-thon.

Another MASSIVE thank you to everyone who donated & purchased cakes for World Book Day.

We raised an amazing £116 for the School.

SAVE THE DATE - Saturday 23rd March is Family Bingo. Details of the evening & how to book will be published early next week.

Thank you for your continued support. If you would like to come to any of our meetings or have any ideas of how PTA can better support the school

please come along. All meeting dates are advertised on Facebook & the School newsletter.

Any help or support you can give is always welcome & appreciated.

Sport/PE report March 2019

March has already seen a wonderful range of sport, but also a crazy variety of weather. Fortunately, the sport is beating the weather. Last week, our boys year 5/6 team played brilliantly against Bayards, to win 8-4, in a match that could have had about 30 goals. A really exciting game.

Our year 3 and 4 team had a really successful time at the Soccer 6s at Wheatley Park, winning the whole competition, showing great skill, but also excellent teamwork.

Clubs are up and running, with Football, Outdoor Adventure, Archery and Athletics for key Stage 2

and Multisports and Gymnastics for key Stage 1. Something there for everyone hopefully.

Coming up this term are some really exciting competitions and events, with Swimming at the Dragon School, the South Oxon Netball finals and an Ultimate Frisbee match.

Well done to all the children involved in our teams and all those who help everyday, like our Sports Ambassadors, who run sports events at lunchtimes every day. We really value your hard work and help, thank you!

Book Fair

Next week we have a book fair open after school on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 3.00 until 3.30 pm. The children will have an opportunity to look around the book fair during the school day. The school benefits from every £1 spent at the book fair, so we hope you will visit it with your child.

Have a lovely weekend!

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Emma Coleman
Headteacher

Diary Dates

Red Nose Day	Friday 15 th March	
World Down Syndrome Day	Thursday 21 st March	
Family BINGO	Saturday 23 rd March	5pm
Easter Break	8th April to 22nd April	
Easter Bonnet Competition	Thursday 25 th April	
Half term	27th to 31st May	
INSET (SCHOOL CLOSED)	Monday 3rd June	
School Closes	24th July 2019	
School Reopens	Wednesday 4th September	

2019-2020 Term dates are now available on the school website <https://sandhills.oxon.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/TermDates2019-20-Calendar.pdf>