



## Sandhills Community Primary School

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Dear parents and families,

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2019

The sound of Maypole dancing has been the background music in the school this week. Fingers crossed it all goes to plan and the predicted rain holds off for the dancing and May Day celebration afterwards!

### **Toy cars wanted**

If you have any toy cars at home that are no longer played with, the Foundation classes would love to give them a good home! Please hand any unwanted cars into the office or your child's teacher, preferably in a bag labelled 'Foundation'. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank people who have responded to our previous pleas for resources. The children have certainly enjoyed using the costumes, puppets and other toys we have received, and it really helps us to continue to develop our learning environment. Thank you,  
The Foundation Team

### **ParentMail**

The office staff and I had some additional training on using ParentMail yesterday. We are going to start working on trying to reduce the number of paper letters etc we send out and make more of the facilities on ParentMail. Using ParentMail to let us know if your child won't be in school is working well; it would be helpful if you could add a brief note explaining what illness your child has as well as ticking the "sickness" box. Thank you.

### **Sport Report May 2019**

Yesterday in the rain deluge, Sandhills ran our first Cross Country competition, involving children from Sandhills, Ickford, Horspath and St John Fisher. It was a fantastic event, despite the weather. Our team of Max, Max, George, George, May, Amy, Gracie, Gabby and Malak

performed brilliantly with huge smiles on their faces, even at the end of their gruelling races. Watch out for the year 3 and 4 competition after half term, as well as some exciting inter school games across the term.

This term the children are enjoying clubs in Hockey, Netball, Frisbee and Football in KS2, while KS1 have Gymnastics, and Multisports. Mark Cobb  
Sports Leader

### **Pupil Progress Reports**

You should have received, or will receive today, the termly snapshot report for your child. If you have any questions about the report, please do speak to your child's teacher.

### **Parent Forum**

I will be sending out a letter either today or early next week asking you if you would like to take part in our parent forum. The first meeting will be on Thursday May 16<sup>th</sup> at 2.15pm. Tea and biscuits will be available!

### **Celebration Assemblies**

| Date                         | Class               |
|------------------------------|---------------------|
| Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May   | May Day Celebration |
| Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> May  | 5G                  |
| Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May  | 2HL                 |
| Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May  | 2T                  |
| Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May  | Half term           |
| Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> June  | 6H                  |
| Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June | 1S                  |
| Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June | 1H                  |
| Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June | 4T                  |
| Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July  | 3S                  |
| Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July | 3D                  |
| Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July |                     |

### Parent survey

We received 36 responses to the parent survey. I have attached the charts of the results with this newsletter which are generally very positive. We will discuss the results at the next governors' meeting, but it seems that the highest number of "disagrees" came from the question about information on your child's progress. It would be useful to get some more

detailed feedback on this question in our new Parent Forum.

Have a lovely long weekend!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Emma Coleman

Headteacher

### Diary Dates

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| <b>Mayday Celebration</b>                              | Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May                            | 2pm                   |
| <b>PTA May BBQ</b>                                     | Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May                            | 3pm                   |
| <b>May Bank holiday</b>                                | Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May                            | School Closed         |
| <b>Year 2 Music Festival</b>                           | Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> May                         |                       |
| <b>Year 6 SATs</b>                                     | Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> to Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup> May |                       |
| <b>Parent Forum</b>                                    | Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May                         | 2.15pm                |
| <b>Year 6 Residential</b>                              | Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> May to 24 <sup>th</sup> May   |                       |
| <b>Half term</b>                                       | 27 <sup>th</sup> to 31 <sup>st</sup> May              |                       |
| <b>INSET (SCHOOL CLOSED)</b>                           | Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June                           |                       |
| <b>Year 4 Harry Potter visit</b>                       | Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> June                          |                       |
| <b>British Heart Foundation Bake off and Cake sale</b> | Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June                          | 3pm                   |
| <b>Year 6 Pizza Express visit</b>                      | Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June                       |                       |
| <b>Year 6 IMPS visit</b>                               | Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June                         |                       |
| <b>PTA Colour Run Event</b>                            | Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> June                        |                       |
| <b>Moving Up Day</b>                                   | Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July                           |                       |
| <b>Sports Day</b>                                      | Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July                       | *AM                   |
| <b>(Reserve Sports Day</b>                             | Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> July                        | *AM)                  |
| <b>Leavers' Disco</b>                                  | Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July                          | Times to be confirmed |
| <b>Leavers' Assembly</b>                               | Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July                       | 9:15am                |
| <b>Last Day of term</b>                                | Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July                       | Finish at 2pm         |
| <b>School reopens</b>                                  | Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September                   |                       |

\*This should have said AM, and not PM, in the last newsletter – sorry for any confusion caused.

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>