



## Sandhills Community Primary School

Dear parents and families,

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2019

### Year 3 Boat Trip

"Dear Diary,  
 Today I had a fantastic time! First we got on this massive, loud coach. We were on it for half an hour. While we were on the coach we saw the river Thames, it was massive. The sound of it was so relaxing. We saw geese, they were so cute. A few minutes later we got on the boat called the Wargrave. Fun Fact: Did you know that if you are on the Wargrave, the fastest you can go is 5 mph? One hour later we got lunch, we were so hungry. My favourite part of the day was going on the boat. After lunch we got on the coach and went back to school. Bye Ziad."



### Year 2 news

On Monday, Year 2 enjoyed a spot of light gardening where the children tackled the over-grown Scented Garden at the front of the school. We worked well as a team to tidy the area where we hope to plant our own flowers in the near future.

### Year 6 Secondary Applications

A reminder that the closing date for applications is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019. If you haven't applied yet and need some help, Mrs Millett-Clay is happy to help – just phone or let Mrs Hill or Mrs Clark know.

### Year 1 Outdoor Area

We have all been watching the progress of the Year 1 area with much anticipation, especially the children in 1P and 1S! It is now ready for use and the Year 1 children will be trying it out for the first time today.

It also means we can start to use the side gate again. Can I ask that the children don't use the equipment before and after school, as with the larger playground equipment, thank you.

We are very grateful to our PTA, River Learning Trust and our local councillor who have all contributed funds for the project, it would not have been possible without their support.

### Sport report, October 2019

Sandhills are just about to start taking part in inter-school sports events. There is a Hockey festival next week for children from Year 5 and 6, while in the final week of term, there is a Netball competition at Wheatley Park.

I hope to organise many more competitions and events for all age groups in the coming months. If you haven't yet taken part in a school sport competition, please enter when you get the chance. They are always a lot of fun and it's also a great way to challenge yourself!

Mr Cobb

### Celebration Assemblies

Don't forget that you are invited to join us for a cup of tea in the foyer from 2.20pm before Celebration Assembly.

Date	Class	Date	Class
Friday 11th Oct	3HL	Friday 29th Nov	6H
Friday 18th Oct	4S	Friday 6th Dec	5G
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct	2H	Friday 13th Dec	4T tbc
Friday 1st Nov	Half term		
Friday 8th Nov	2S		
Friday 15th Nov	1S		
Friday 22nd Nov	1P		

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,  
 Mrs Emma Coleman  
 Headteacher

## Diary Dates

<b>Year 5 Visitor</b>	Games designer visit		Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> October
<b>Year 4</b>	Trade fair	2.30pm	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October
<b>School photographer</b>		8.30am	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> October
<b>Half term</b>			28 <sup>th</sup> October to 1 <sup>st</sup> November
<b>Anti-Bullying Week</b>			11 <sup>th</sup> to 15 <sup>th</sup> November
<b>Parents Evenings</b>		4.30pm – 7.00pm	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> November
		3.15pm to 5.00pm	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November
<b>Children in Need</b>			Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November
<b>Year 6 Junior Citizens</b>		am	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> November
<b>Year 5 Medieval Day</b>			Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December
<b>Panto Trip</b>		am	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December
<b>Christmas Holiday</b>			Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec to Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January
<b>INSET School Closed</b>			Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January
<b>School Reopens</b>			Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January

## **Community news**

**John Watson School** are seeking a full-time permanent caretaker, to work 39 weeks per year, term time only (may occasionally need to be available in the summer holidays) paid on a grade 6.

Full job description can be provided on request, however main duties include unlocking of both buildings, carrying out daily checks and accurately recording the checks (including fire equipment, legionella etc)

Undertake any maintenance requests across the 2 sites, monitor stock levels of and re-order as necessary. Be aware of and monitor health & safety needs across both sites

Monitor the contract cleaners and liaise with contractors as necessary.

Gate duty morning and afternoon to ensure efficient drop off and collection