



Sandhills Community Primary School

Friday 13th December 2019

Dear parents and families,

Well done to everyone who helped set up, run the stalls and clear up afterwards at the Christmas Fayre on Saturday. And thanks also to everyone who bought things from the stalls, played the games, visited Santa or, like me, spent a small fortune on winning bottles of.... water, disappointingly, on the bottle tombola! It was a really lovely event for the school community and the money raised by the PTA makes a real difference to the children in the school. Thank you all.

Christmas Jumper Day

We have raised just over £200 for Save the Children so far today and the children look very festive! Thank you.

Well-being Advent Calendar

Year 5 have been counting down the days until Christmas with a well-being advent calendar. As one of the days we completed a giant doodle. The children loved creating it and it was great to see them sharing the space and resources.



Miss Green

Terra-cycle Scheme

We have now had 10 GIANT bags full of 'rubbish' go to the recycling plant. This is a great effort! To help me out and the people on the receiving end of the rubbish, please could you make sure you separate out the rubbish into the correct boxes (don't just leave a bag full on top!) and please make sure what you are putting in, is allowed in this recycling scheme. Remember to keep recycling over the Christmas period and to bring it all in!
Miss Green



Sweet Treat Christmas Stall



Monday 16th December the PTA will be holding a Sweet Treat Christmas Stall in the hall straight after school. All items £1 or less. Hope to see you there!

KS2 Christmas Lunch

Last week our KS1 children enjoyed their Christmas lunch. Next week on Wednesday 18th December, children in Key Stage 2 will have their Christmas lunch. A sandwich lunch is available for children in Years Reception, 1 and 2 as the Government provides funding for meals for children in Key Stage 1.

Illness

I'm sure you've seen the email sent out yesterday about the sickness bug doing its round at Sandhills. Our cleaners have done a sterling job of sterilising classrooms as far as possible and we will continue to remind the children about washing their hands.

Maths Information Evening

Just a little early warning that Ms Davies will be sharing some information about how we teach maths at Sandhills and some helpful hints for parents on **Thursday 23rd January** at 6pm.

After School Club

Just a reminder that there will be no ASC running on the last day of term, Thursday 19th December. School finishes at 2pm.

Governor News

The school is currently reviewing the curriculum that we offer to the children. It would be great to involve parents in this process and with that in mind we have organised some dates and themes over the spring and summer terms.

Tuesday 14th January 6pm – Curriculum principles

Tuesday 4th February 6pm – Equality and Diversity in the curriculum

Tuesday 17th March 6pm – Sex and Relationships Education

Tuesday 23rd June 6pm – Curriculum Overview

We will remind you nearer the time and hope to see as many of you at each event as possible.

The school's priorities for 2019-20 can be found on the school website at

<https://sandhills.oxon.sch.uk/information/school-information/ofsted/>

Governors will also be available at the next round of parents' evenings for any feedback you would like to share.

Sandhills Governing Body

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Emma Coleman
Headteacher

Diary Dates

Year 5 Medieval Day			Monday 16 th December
EYFS Nativity		2.15pm	Monday 16 th December
Panto Trip		am	Tuesday 17 th December
KS2 Xmas performance		2.15pm	Tuesday 17 th December
KS2 Xmas performance		6pm (5.45pm arrival)	Tuesday 17 th December
KS2 Xmas Lunch			Wednesday 18 th December
School Closes		2pm	Thursday 19th December
Christmas Holiday			Friday 20 th Dec to Friday 3 rd January
INSET School Closed			Monday 6 th January
School Re-opens			Tuesday 7th January