



Sandhills Community Primary School

Friday 17th January 2020

Dear parents and families,

Maths Information for parents

On Thursday 23rd January, we will be holding a Maths Information Evening from 6pm - 6:30pm. Ms Davies will be running the event and will talk you through our new approach to Mathematics and some of the resources we use at school. We look forward to seeing you on Thursday.

Support for Australia

The children are understandably very keen to raise money for the crisis in Australia. There have been suggestions of a "dressing as an Aussie animal day" and having a bake sale to raise money. They would like to donate half of any money raised to the Australian Red Cross and the other half to an Emergency Appeal with the WWF. We will agree some dates and let you know the plan as soon as possible.

Year 5 Stargazers

On Thursday 15th, Year 5 got to experience using a telescope. We were lucky to have 3 telescopes, 2 from Science Oxford and one brought in by a child (thank you!). This enabled the children to see what a telescope could do. One telescope from Science Oxford enabled the children to see the night sky (the stars) even at 11am! *Miss Green*

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
Friday 10th Jan	None
Friday 17th Jan	4T
Friday 24th Jan	3D
Friday 31st Jan	3HL
Friday 7th Feb	4S
Friday 14th Feb	2H
Friday 21st Feb	Half term

Date	Class
Friday 28th Feb	2S
Friday 6th Mar	1S
Friday 13th Mar	1P
Friday 20th Mar	6H
Friday 27th Mar	5G
Friday 3rd April	4T tbc

Parents' Curriculum Workshop

Thank you to the parents who joined us for the Curriculum Principles Workshop on a fairly wet and windy Tuesday evening this week! It was great to have the opportunity to talk through some of the ideas we all have around what should underpin the curriculum we teach in school. We have held similar conversations as a staff group and a governor group and there are a number of common themes coming through including the importance of creativity and problem solving; opportunities for visits and outdoor learning and becoming confident individuals who can make a positive contribution to society. We look forward to welcoming parents to our Equality and Diversity Workshop on 4th Feb at 6pm and the Sex and Relationships Education Policy Workshop on 17th March at 6pm to continue these valuable conversations.

Sport report, January 2020

*Fantastically exciting news this week!
Our swimming team came first in the Wheatley Partnership swimming gala and won the trophy!
We broke Beckley's winning streak of eleven successive years, quite a feat!
Our team, Gracie, Amelie, Samantha, Hannah, Harrison, Deniz, Ryan and Austin not only swam brilliantly, but also showed a wonderful team spirit, a positive outlook and a friendly and respectful attitude to the other schools.
A wonderful morning, well done all!*



Sports clubs this week have also been really entertaining. Archery saw some real improvement in our archers, while Outdoor Adventure club had its usual competition with the elements. Climbing

club was particularly exciting, as we had a large number of children who hadn't been before and they really challenged themselves.

A really exciting week.

Thanks everyone. Mr Cobb

Thanks to lots of hard work by the PTA and wonderful support from Sandhills parents we have been able to buy a class set of glockenspiels. Lots of the classes have already had the chance to use them, and here are Year 3 in action!

PTA



Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Emma Coleman
Headteacher

Diary Dates

There was an error in the dates last week – the Year 5 residential meeting is on the 12th of February, after the rocket launch.

Year 6 Roald Dahl Museum Trip	22nd January	
Explorer Science Dome	22 nd January	All day
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Maths information for parents	23 rd January	6pm
Year 6 Sportshall Athletics	23 rd January	PM
Equality and Diversity parent workshop	4 th February	6pm
Year 5 Rocket launch	12 th February	1.30pm
Year 5 Residential Meeting	12th February	3pm – 4pm
Last day of half term	14 th February	Finish at 3pm
Half Term	17th -21st February	
Parents' Evening	26th February	4pm-6:30pm
Parents' Evening	27th February	3:10pm-5pm
Primary Pops Concert	4 th March	PM
Year 5 Residential	4 th , 5 th , 6 th March	
Book Fair	10 th -13 th March	Afterschool
Sex and Relationships Policy Parent Meeting	17 th March	6pm
Last day of term	3 rd April	Finish at 2pm
Easter Holiday	6th April – 17th April	