



## Sandhills Community Primary School

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Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Dear parents and families,

### **Daily Mile**

Some of our classes have been trialling the Daily Mile in school over the last few weeks. It has been great to see so many of our children enjoying taking part in 15 minutes of physical activity on a regular basis. At the moment, despite the word 'Daily' in the title, we are aiming for three times a week. This is similar to many schools as we work on making it a regular feature of a very full school day!

We are aiming for all our children to be taking part in the 'Daily Mile' after Easter. More information about this initiative can be found here <https://thedailymile.co.uk/>.

### **Diversity and Equality Workshop**

Thank you very much to the parents, governors and staff who attended the Diversity and Equality Workshop on Tuesday evening. As part of our ongoing work on the curriculum, it was great to share ideas and have some really interesting conversations about the content of the topics and think about the breadth and diversity in these.

### **Parents' Evenings**

Our parent meetings will be on the 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> February. We will send a reminder next week when we open the booking system.

All of the meetings will take place in the school hall this time, but you will be able to go into the classrooms to have a look at your child's work.

This will also be an opportunity to meet some of our school governors who will also be in the school hall during the parent meetings. Please do take the opportunity to talk to them, find out more about their role and the work they have been doing and share your thoughts about what we do well and what we need to improve.

### **Girls' Football**

On Wednesday 29 of January the Year 4 girls' football team went to compete at Oxford High's 'Girls on the Ball' competition. We put in a tremendous effort winning four matches against St

*Nicholas, St Christopher's, East Oxford and Phil and Jim. We also lost one match against Tetsworth and drew 2 matches against Church Cowley and Oxford High Prep. We had a fantastic afternoon and we really enjoyed competing against so many other schools.*

*We are looking forward to our next 'Girls on the Ball' competition in March.*

By Daisy and Imogen

### **Medicines**

Just a quick note on medicines as this has caused a bit of confusion this week. School staff are not required to administer medicines except in specific circumstances e.g. where a child has a long-term medical condition. We try to be helpful where we can, but the records we are required to complete when any medicine is administered do make this a very time-consuming task for staff. Lots of children are prescribed antibiotics at this time of the year but these don't normally need to be given in school unless the dosage specifies 4 times a day or the child attends breakfast *and* after school club. Although this is nothing new (see <https://sandhills.oxon.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/Medicines-and-Health.pdf>), we have had to enforce this a little more rigorously than normal, simply because of the number of medicines being sent into school at the moment. Thank you for your support with this.

### **Australia Bushfire Fundraiser**

*On the 25th February we will be having a bake sale to raise money to help support victims of the Australian bushfires. The money will be split between the WWF Bushfire Emergency appeal and the other half will go to the Australian Red Cross. Please bring along any cakes/biscuits or other treats which we can sell after school at 3.00. You could even use Australian animals as your inspiration for your bakes or make Anzac biscuits. Please bring your donations to the office in the morning. Please remember, we are a nut-free school! Thank you! From 3HL*

### Calling all song writers!

In our singing assembly this week, we have started to write an Eco song. We are inviting the children to write an extra verse for the song and the winning verse will get to live on forever in our Eco song!

The verse should rhyme, be roughly four lines long and can explore any eco theme such as:

pollution/plastics/how to reuse and reduce/what climate change is and how it's caused or deforestation.

All entries should be sent to the Office by Monday the 24th February. *Mrs H-L*

### Sport report

Almost half term and with some improved weather, it's been amazing being outside for PE. Our climbing club was amazing this week.



The children were really challenging themselves, trying to achieve harder and harder problems. Equally, there were some great performances in Archery club too; many of the children claiming their certificates for achieving their target score. Both clubs will be running after half term too. So look out soon for a club letter. Thank you. *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 7th Feb	4S	Friday 27th Mar	5G
Friday 14th Feb	2H		
Friday 21st Feb	Half term		
Friday 28th Feb	2S		
Friday 6th Mar	1S		
Friday 13th Mar	1P		
Friday 20th Mar	6H		

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Emma Coleman  
Headteacher

### Diary Dates

Safer Internet Day	11 <sup>th</sup> February	
Year 5 Rocket launch	12 <sup>th</sup> February	1.30pm
Year 5 Residential Meeting	12 <sup>th</sup> February	3pm – 4pm
Year 6 Roald Dahl Day	14 <sup>th</sup> February	
Last day of half term	14 <sup>th</sup> February	Finish at 3pm
Film night	14 <sup>th</sup> February	3pm
<b>Half Term</b>	17 <sup>th</sup> -21 <sup>st</sup> February	
Australian Cake sale	25 <sup>th</sup> February	3pm
<b>Parents' Evening</b>	<b>26<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>4pm-6:30pm</b>
<b>Parents' Evening</b>	<b>27<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>3:10pm-5pm</b>
Primary Pops Concert	4 <sup>th</sup> March	PM

Year 5 Residential	4 <sup>th</sup> ,5 <sup>th</sup> ,6 <sup>th</sup> March	
Book Fair	10 <sup>th</sup> -13 <sup>th</sup> March	Afterschool
Sex and Relationships Policy Parent Meeting	17 <sup>th</sup> March	6pm
Year 4 Christchurch Cathedral Concert	18 <sup>th</sup> March	AM
Last day of term	3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Finish at 2pm
<b>Easter Holiday</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> April – 17<sup>th</sup> April</b>	