



Sandhills Community Primary School

Step by step together

Respect, Relationships, Responsibility, Resilience

11th November 2022

Dear parents and families,

Every Friday I send out a “heads up” email to all of the Sandhills team so that they know about any changes in the coming week: who is out on training, any events happening and who is leading the daily assemblies etc. Some weeks are more complicated than others. When I came to write the one on Friday last week, I was a bit tired after our inspection and I thought it would be lovely to have a quiet week in school where everyone is in their usual classes on their usual days and there aren’t any “events” happening. I think I was in a little dream world! Especially looking ahead to next week, Anti-bullying Week lessons and assemblies, Children in Need, inter-school maths challenge, parents’ evenings and tree planting (although now called hedge planting once we saw the size of them!). All this is great stuff of course and adds to the rich life of the school but, just sometimes, I long for a quiet week!

Hedge Planting

Next week the children will take part in planting some hedging on the school field. If your child has wellies please send them in with them on Monday to be used at some point during the week. Wellies would be ideal but if they don’t have wellies, please make sure they have a change of shoes in school. Children will also need to have a suitable coat in school in case the weather is wet.

Mrs Hunter-Lacey, RLT Sustainability Leader

After School Club menu

Apologies for the mistake on the club menu. As there is no After School Club on the last day of term (Tuesday 20th December), we will have the hotdogs on Monday 19th December not on Tuesday as on the current menu.

Thank you, Mrs Jeffery-Pirie

Children in Need

As you may well be aware, the BBC Children in Need Appeal is taking place on Friday 18th November. We are always keen to be part of these important nationwide events so children are invited to wear a brightly coloured top to school that day if they would like to (no football shirts please) in return for an online donation to <https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/> to support the fantastic work the charity does if you are able to. We will not be collecting cash donations in school so please do visit the Children in Need website if you would like to make a donation.

Sue Clark, Deputy Headteacher

Writers’ corner

Our Year 2s have been studying poetry this week. We have started to write verses for our own poem using The Language of Cat poem as inspiration.

Well done to Krisha and Katie!

Miss Slade

Teach me how to sleep.
The soft blanket on my flat.
Show me how to sleep in a cat bed
Find me a WORM soft cat bed.

Teach me the language of cats
the slow-motion blink that crystal stare
The purring cat blinks then goes to sleep.
The gentle cat slinking to its owner.

I think it's worth pointing out that the highlights are often done by the children themselves to indicate where they have met the learning objective (green) and where they aren't certain of a spelling (orange). And an excerpt from some lovely writing by Emily in Year 3:

It was a nice bright day
when I heard a squeak
coming from the nice
forest and I scurried
there as fast as possible.
When I got there I saw
10 cute bunnies and we
became friends so every
day I went to the 10
bunnies and played
with them. On the 10
we wear the bunnies squeak
"can we come home
with you?" so I said
excitedly screamed yes

Remembrance Day

We shared an assembly about Remembrance Day on Thursday. We learnt about who we remember and why as well as the different forms remembrance can take. In school today, we remembered those who have served by holding a minute's silence at 11am.

Thank you very much for the donations to the poppy appeal that you have been sending into school this week.

Sue Clark, Deputy Headteacher



Active journeys

October is over and the Woolly Mammoth badge was awarded to many active pupils at Sandhills this week!

OCTOBER 2022 WOOLLY MAMMOTH



Woolly mammoths are extinct relatives of the elephants that are alive today. They lived with humans during the Ice Age, 20,000 years ago.

A total of 2,598 badges were earned for active journeys. A big well done to **2S** and **3S** who had 100% of the class travelling to school in an eco-friendly way. Second place was 4Tr with 96% and joint third place with 95% were 4Ta and 5S!

Keep it up!

Miss Slade

Assemblies

Our whole school and phase assemblies this year are based around our four school values: respect, relationships, responsibility and resilience, alongside the usual calendar of festivals and celebrations.

You are also invited to join us for your child's Class Assemblies which start at 2.40pm each week. We will record them at the time and send them home afterwards via GoogleClassroom if you can't be there to see the assembly live.

Friday	Class
11th November	6HL
18th November	1P
25th November	5S
2nd December	4Tr

Term dates

The term dates for this year can be found here: <https://sandhills.oxon.sch.uk/information/parents-information/term-dates/>.

Have a lovely weekend!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Emma Coleman
Headteacher

Diary Dates

The term dates for 2023-24 are now available on the school website.

PTA upcoming events for your diary!

- Risinghurst fireworks PTA stalls - Saturday 12th November
- Wreath Making - Friday 25th November
- Christmas Fayre - Saturday 10th December

Our Foundation Class is also planning a nativity play to share with you, we'll let you know dates and times as soon as we can.

Saturday 12th November	Risinghurst Fireworks PTA stalls
Tues 15th and Thurs 17th Nov	Parents' evenings
Tuesday 15th November - tbc	Tree planting event
Friday 25th November	Wreath Making
Tuesday 29th November	Big Christmas Sing
Wednesday 7th December	Children's Xmas Lunch
Saturday 10th December	Christmas Fayre
Tuesday 13th December	6-7pm Christmas performance Years 4-6
Wednesday 14th December	Afternoon Christmas performance Years 4-6
Thursday 15th December	5-6pm Years 1-3 nativity St Mary's Church Barton
Tuesday 20th December	School Closes at 1.30pm
Wed 21st Dec - Tues 3rd Jan	School Closed for Christmas break
Wednesday 4th January	School reopens
Thursday 5th January	Pantomime Trip