



Thoughtfulness  
and Respect

# Sandford Hill Primary School Newsletter



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**Words of Welcome.....** Welcome everyone to the latest edition of our newsletter. Yesterday in school we were very pleased to welcome teachers from a school in Somerset. Our visitors were mightily impressed by our school and particularly our children, who once again showed wonderful behaviour and fabulous manners as they toured the school. A huge "WELL-DONE!" is happily sent to all of our amazing children. Sitting here, putting my thoughts together, it's lovely to hear the children's voices as they practise some of the songs for the Christmas productions, which they will shortly be performing for you. Christmas in school is an extra-magical time and something to really look forward to. More details of some of the many exciting and festive things, which are happening in the run up to Christmas will follow.

## Next week's diary dates:

Tues 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Foundation Stage Christmas Production – 9:00 a.m.
Tues 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Senior Citizen's Christmas Party - 1:00 p.m.
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	Foundation Stage Christmas Production – 9:00 a.m.
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	Chat'n'Wrap in the Community Room 1:00 p.m.
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	SPFFA Christmas Fayre preparations – 1:00 p.m.
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Y3 Christmas assembly – 9:00 a.m.
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	"Crafty Christmas Fayre" and Santa's Grotto
Sun 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	"Light Up a Life" Service
Mon 7 Dec	Choir to perform at University Hospital
Tues 8th Dec	KS1 Christmas Production – 9:00 a.m
Wed 9th Dec	KS1 Christmas Production – 9:00 a.m
Wed 9th Dec	KS2 Christingle service at St Mary's and St Chad's – 1:30 p.m.
Thurs 10th Dec	Foundation Stage visit to Cannock Chase
Fri 11th Dec	Year 4 Christmas Production – 9:00 a.m.
Fri 11th Dec	Christmas Dinner

See more diary dates, including Christmas activities on the School Events Calendar on the website. [www.sandfordhill.org.uk/event-created](http://www.sandfordhill.org.uk/event-created)

**THERE IS A YOUTH CLUB TONIGHT FOR MEMBERS: 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.**

### Glee Club Changed Arrangements

Next week there will be **no Glee Club on Wednesday night**. Instead, can the Y5/Y6 Glee Club members please stay behind on Tuesday 1st December and Tuesday 8th December 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. to join with the Y3/Y4 Glee Club. We would like to invite the parents of children who attend Glee Club, to watch them perform in the school hall on Tuesday 8th December from 4:00 p.m. We very much hope you can join us to watch our very talented children perform.

### Crafty Christmas Fayre

Please be reminded that our **Crafty Christmas Fayre will be held on Friday 4th December 3:30 – 6:00 p.m.** We expect to have a very special visitor who will be dressed in red taking up residence in our Christmas Grotto, but please be advised that **TICKETS FOR THE GROTTTO HAVE NOW SOLD OUT**. For those who have already purchased a ticket to see Santa in his grotto, the tickets with the timed appointments to meet Santa, will be sent home on Thursday. Can we once again ask for any further bottle, chocolate, new gift donations, for our tombolas at our fayre. We'd very much like to ask for cakes to be sent in next week as these will then be sold to help raise further funds. Thank you for your continued support.



### Well done 'Blogger of the week'!

This week this most prestigious award is presented to Miss Sardar who this week posted "What a great turnout! I had the pleasure of meeting parents of some of our EAL children. Thank you for all the positive feedback. I can't wait to do it all again!" in reply to Mrs Allen's blog post about the coffee morning we recently held. Why not have a look at our blog to find out more?

### Tweet of the Week'

Our Tweet of the week was provided this week by a parent: "Loving the use of blogs to communicate what the children are up to at school." Thank-you!



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School Attendance					
Our weekly school attendance for last week was 97% which is <b>above</b> our school attendance target of 96.5%.					
F1/1	98.7%	Y1/1	94.3%	Y4/1	97.6%
F1/2	97.1%	Y1/2	94.8%	Y4/2	97.7%
F1/3	<b>100%</b>	Y2/1	98.7%	Y5/1	94.1%
F1/4	93.6%	Y2/2	96.7%	Y5/2	<b>100%</b>
F2/1	96.3%	Y3/1	95.7%	Y6/1	97.3%
F2/2	94.3%	Y3/2	99.3%	Y6/2	98.7%
			Y6/3		<b>100%</b>

**The Tony Hughes Award:**  
This medallion is presented each week, in memory of our former Chairman of the PTFA, to a child from each class who has shown 'Thoughtfulness and Respect'.

Class	Award Winner	Class	Award Winner
FS1/1	James Masterson	Y3/1	Dante Grocock
FS1/2	Georgia Brownsword	Y3/2	Tyler Thompson
FS2/1	Ashton Munro	Y4/1	Tyler Edge
FS2/2	Isabel Salt	Y4/2	Evie-Mae Chetwynd
Y1/1	Keira Cooper	Y5/1	Bradley Slater
Y1/2	Julia Dziuba	Y5/2	Brennyn Lawton
Y2/1	Poppy Curl	Y6/1	Andraya Knight
Y2/2	Charlotte Bird	Y6/2	Abigail Lancett
		Y6/3	Matthew Davis

**Headteacher's Star Awards:**  
Congratulations are sent to the following children who won the Head Teacher's Star Award last week for their hard work, attitude and/or progress:

Class	Award Winner	Class	Award Winner
FS1/1	Daniel Diamond	Y3/1	Joel Farooq
FS1/2	Alexander Hopwood	Y3/2	Jacob Colclough
FS2/1	Oliver James	Y4/1	Hubert Chrostek
FS2/2	Lenny Mitchell	Y4/2	Macy Latham
Y1/1	Annabelle Shingler	Y5/1	Kian Taylor
Y1/2	Alfie Dobson	Y5/2	Rhys Hackett
Y2/1	Jasmine Chahal	Y6/1	Kai McLean-Inglis
Y2/2	Jailyn Hazeldine	Y6/2	Samuel Bratt
		Y6/3	James Basnett

**Notices:**

- **Pie and Pie Supper** will take place for local senior citizens on **Monday 14th December**. Further details from Mrs Brennan.
- **Chat and Wrap** sessions will again take place at 9:00 a.m. on **Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd December**. Thank you to all those who came to help with Chat and Wrap yesterday, your support is invaluable.
- **Residents Association Bingo** will take place on **Monday 7th December**, it will start at **6:30 p.m.**
- **Christmas Concert ticket request** letters have now been sent to all classes. Please can these be returned to your child's class teacher as soon as possible. Thank you.
- **Christmas Dinner Order Deadline** is **3:30 p.m. on Monday 30th November**. Please see the order form at the bottom of the newsletter.
- **Parent Mail** – As more office communications and functions are moving to ParentMail, can we again please remind parents to set up their account with an e-mail address. Please see the office for any support and advice. Thank you.

**And Finally**

As we prepare for Christmas, it is an ideal time to reflect and think of others. We recognise that for some of our families, Christmas can be a very challenging time. Mrs Brennan has asked me to remind families that we are able to supply vouchers to needy families, which will allow them access to Foodbanks, if they are struggling. Please speak to Mrs Brennan for further details. **Please can we also remind the Year 5 pupils only, that there will be no swimming for them next week. Swimming as usual for the children in Year 6.**

Best wishes for a pleasant weekend.

Mr. Wardle



**Children's Christmas Dinner - Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December**

I would like my child to have a Christmas Dinner on **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December**.

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

- My child normally has a paid school dinner and I will pay the normal £11.00 on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December;
- My child normally has a free school dinner;
- My child normally has sandwiches from home, but would like the Christmas Dinner and I enclose £2.20 with this slip.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent / Carer Date: \_\_\_\_\_

[Please hand in to your child's class teacher in a sealed labelled envelope.

**All orders must be received by next Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November.**

