

Sandford Hill Primary Newsletter



Week 1 - Fri 6th Sept

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STOP PRESS: Gas leak at Alex Junior causes sandwich school dinners today and Monday

Welcome to the first newsletter of the 2019-2020 academic year. It was lovely to welcome all the children and their parents/carers to school on Tuesday and we do hope you have had an enjoyable summer break.

What No Build!

You may have noticed that there is no sign of any building works started. To say we are disappointed is an understatement, but we have been informed and are hopeful that the kitchen works and new classroom excavations at the front will commence around this half term. We're not holding our breath and we'll keep you posted as soon as we have anything definite to report.

Dinner Gas Leak Dilemma!

We were told just before lunch today that the school, Alex Juniors was closed due to a gas leak! As our dinners are being prepared there by our cooks, while our kitchen is out of action, we were forced to have a quick change in menu to sandwiches and chips for

NOTICES

WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING

On Friday 27th September at 9:00 a.m. we will be opening our doors to welcome you to the World's Biggest Coffee Morning. Please do feel free to come and join us for a coffee, cake and a chat.

We would be most grateful to anyone who can bake us or bring in a cake to be sold. All proceeds will go to Macmillan Cancer Support. We do hope you can come along.

Police Surgery

On Thursday 12th Sept at 2.30 p.m. you are invited to come along to a police surgery where you can discuss any concerns or issues with our local, friendly PCSOs.



the children's dinner. We do apologise not to have been able to offer a hot lunch, but it was clearly beyond our control.

Unfortunately, the gas leak will not be repaired by Monday, so it will be sandwiches offered again.



ECO Day & Parent Transition session

On Thursday 26th September the whole school will be carrying out Eco activities for our Eco day. Parents/carers are invited to come into class from 9:10 to 10:10 a.m. to join in and to see that child has settled in.

In preparation, can we please request as many empty large 2 litre plastic bottles as can be provided, ready for an Eco activity on the day. Thank you.



Lockdown Policy

We would like to inform you that the Governors have now approved our Lockdown Policy. This is for safeguarding purposes should a situation arise that poses a threat to children and staff.

Congratulations

- ♦ Well done to Skyla-Beau R who passed her Angelfish 1 Swimming Award in the holidays.
- ♦ Congratulations to Mya F on her recent trampolining medals.



Dates for your Diary

Monday 16th September

- Y5/1 Stanley Head River Study

Tuesday 17th September

- Y5/2 Stanley Head River Study

Thursday 19th September

- Y6/1 visit to the Arboretum

Monday 23rd September

- Y4/2 Roman visit to Wroxeter

- Stanley Head Parents' Meeting 6 p.m.

Tuesday 24th September

- Y6/2 visit to the Arboretum

Thursday 26th September

- ECO Day across the school

- Parental Transition - 9:10 - 10:10 a.m. for Y1 to Y6 classes

Friday 27th September

- Dougie Mac Coffee Morning 9:00 a.m.

- 'Clean Start' BBC Radio litter pick

Monday 30th September

- Y6 to Stanley Head for the week

- Y4/1 Roman visit to Wroxeter

Tuesday 1st October

Y2 visit 'Down the Rabbit Hole'

Thursday 10th October

Individual and Family Photos

Thursday 17th October

Governors' Interim Meeting 6:00 p.m.

Mon 21st - Fri 25th October

- Science Week

Mon 28th Oct to Fri 1st Nov

HALF TERM

Tuesday 12th November

Parent's Evening 1

Thursday 14th November

Parent's Evening 2

Monday 18th November

School closed to pupils - Staff Training

Thursday 21st November

Full Governors' Meeting 6:00 p.m.

Friday 21st December

Last Day of Term

Mon 11th to Thurs 14th May

KS2 SATs week

School Attendance Target - 96.5%			
This week is 97.4% - ABOVE - Well done ALL			
F2/1	92.5%	Y3/2	97.5%
F2/2	98.1%	Y4/1	95.7%
Y1/1	99.6%	Y4/2	98.4%
Y1/2	97.1%	Y5/1	100%
Y2/1	98.3%	Y5/2	100%
Y2/2	95.2%	Y6/1	97.5%
Y3/1	98.8%	Y6/2	94.2%

Thoughtfulness and Respect

Food Bank

Very many thanks to those parents that continue to support the foodbank with non-perishable food items. We do know just how much your donations are appreciated. Circumstances change all the time and should any parents/carers become in a position where foodbank vouchers are required, please come and see Mrs Brennan, our Home School Link Worker.



Start of year reminders

- Have you moved house or changed your mobile number over the school holiday? Or maybe one of your contacts for your child has changed. If so, please do make sure you come and let the school office know.
- Please be reminded that school dinners are £2.30 per day or £11.50 for a full week. Payment should be made via ParentMail before school starts on the Monday morning.
- Please ensure that all your child's uniform is labelled with their name as we accumulate so many uniform items and without a name in them we cannot reunite them with their owner.
- On the day your child has P.E. would you please ensure that you remove all jewellery that they are unable to remove themselves, e.g. stud earrings. Thank you.
- Should you decide to absence your child from school during term time, a holiday form is required to be provided to the office **at least 4 weeks in advance**. Please also be reminded that you may receive a penalty notice as a result.



CLUBS

Tonight, you will be able to book your child(ren) on a wide number of clubs offered by our staff. Clubs are available to Y1 to Y6 children and can be signed up to via the ParentMail app or website. Please check with your child which clubs they would really like to do, but please be aware that as numbers are limited, they may not get all their choices, though we do try to ensure all children are allocated on at least one club.

All choices must be made by **9:00 a.m. next Tuesday 10th Sept** so don't delay!



Are you receiving us?

As a school we work very hard to ensure that we communicate with parents/carers as much as possible through this newsletter, the website, social media and ParentMail, so do please keep yourself informed.

All our trips, dinner payments, clubs, parents' evening bookings and more, all go through ParentMail. So, please do make sure that you are connected and, if you have a smartphone, make life easier for yourself and download the app.

Below are our stats for connections to ParentMail and we always aim to have them at 100%, so please help us by making sure you are connected. Thank you.

98% of families receive SMS

97% of families receive Emails

96% of families have a ParentMail account

87% of families are using the mobile app

BBC One's
Eat Well for Less?
is back on the hunt for
households looking to
save on their food
shop!

Email:
eatwell@rdftellevision.com
Or Call:
0117 970 7682

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sandfordhill.schoolblogs.org

Facebook page

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Twitter feed

[@sandford_hill](https://twitter.com/sandford_hill)

And there is loads of information on our school website:

www.sandfordhill.org.uk



Developing Healthy Lifestyles

One of our school priorities this year is Developing Healthy Lifestyles and so it was very timely to recently receive an e-mail from the Assistant Producer of the series **Eat Well For Less?** The show follows Masterchef's **Gregg Wallace** & award winning greengrocer **Chris Bavin** on a mission to prove that it is possible for families and households to **save money** on their food budget **without scrimping on taste and nutrition**.

They are currently casting for their seventh series and are looking for families / households who would like to eat well and save some money on their weekly shop. Above is a flyer with all the casting information should you be interested in applying.