

Sandford Hill Primary Newsletter



Week 10 - Fri 15th Nov

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STOP PRESS: Christmas Card designs are being sent home tonight. Orders can be placed on the ParentMail shop.

Building Work

Work on the kitchen is progressing well and soon they should start digging out the grass area at the front in preparation for the new double classroom.

PLEASE BE AWARE that next week, on **Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd November**, Western Power are due to be digging a trench for new electrical cables. They will be digging from the back of the sub-station, across the top driveway and the end of the pedestrian entrance path. We will ensure that work will not interfere with the start and end of the school day, but, should you need to come into school during the day, please be aware that a different path to enter school may have briefly been set up. Please therefore ensure that children are kept with you at all times. Thank you.

Congratulations

- Congratulations to **Florence B** who was presented with a certificate for her fantastic backstroke during her swimming lessons.
- Well done to **Sienna-Mae H-J** who has achieved her Stanley 7 and her Goldfish 1 swimming awards.
- Congratulations to **Kayden S** for getting his Yellow Belt in Karate.
- Well done to **Lewis D** who won this amazing trophy for his continuing exploits during the moto-cross season. Fantastic Lewis!
- Congratulations to **Martha L-C** who shared her fantastic Level 1 Trampolining Proficiency Award.
- Well done to **Oliver H** who has achieved his Stanley 1 swimming award.
- Congratulations to **Luke H** who has achieved his Octopus 1 swimming award.
- Well done to **Ellie T** on her Stanley 3 Swimming Certificate.
- Huge congratulations to our two intrepid adventurers, **Lucy T** and **Jimmy R**, who have been presented with The Chief Scout's Award, which is the top award for Cub Scouts. A brilliant achievement.



School Attendance Target - 96.5%
This weeks 96.7% - Well done ALL

F1/1	95.6%	Y2/2	95.6%
F1/2	98.5%	Y3/1	98.2%
F1/3	100%	Y3/2	100%
F1/4	90.8%	Y4/1	96.4%
F2/1	95.6%	Y4/2	92.7%
F2/2	94.2%	Y5/1	95.7%
Y1/1	95.7%	Y5/2	96.3%
Y1/2	96.7%	Y6/1	98.5%
Y2/1	98.9%	Y6/2	96.3%

Dates for your Diary

Monday 18th November

School closed to pupils - Staff Training

Thursday 21st November

Full Governors' Meeting 6:00 p.m.

Friday 22nd November

School Council visit to Dementia Centre

Tuesday 26th November

Y2/2 trip to Stafford Castle

Wednesday 27th November

Y2/1 trip to Stafford Castle

Friday 29th November

Y6 Music Share at Discovery Academy

Tuesday 3rd December

Influenza vaccination for Reception to Y6

Y1/1 trip to Toy Museum

Wednesday 4th December

Y1/2 trip to Toy Museum

Monday 9th December

Early Years Christmas Nativity Assembly

Year 5 singing at the Hospital 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday 10th December

Early Years Christmas Nativity Assembly

Selected Y5/6 singing at the Dougie Mac

Wednesday 11th December

Y4 Roman Day

EYFS/KS1 Christmas Dinner

Selected Y5/6 singing Oak Priory Centre

Thursday 12th December

General Election - school closed for all but

Early Years trip.

Friday 13th December

Xmas Jumper Day; KS2 Xmas Dinner

Tuesday 17th December

Christingle Church 10:00a.m. Y4/2 to lead

Wednesday 18th December

EYFS and Key Stage 1 Xmas Party p.m.

Thursday 19th December

Key Stage 2 Xmas Party p.m.

Friday 20th December

Last Day of Term



Parent/Carer Notices

- A reminder that the **school will be closed to pupils on Monday 18th November** due to a staff training day.
- **CLUBS** - All clubs (except Tag rugby) will be running as normal next week. John Muir Club - From now until the end of November it will be held inside as the woodland is too muddy and slippery. Also, there will be NO Gym Club on Tues 3rd December as Miss Heath will be out on training.
- **CHRISTMAS CARDS** - Every child will be bringing home a Christmas picture tonight which can be used as a design for a personalised Christmas Card. Packs of 12 cards and envelopes can be purchased for £4 via the ParentMail shop from 3pm tonight.

Mindfulness

This week Y6 had a visit from Rob Dawson who works for the charity MIND.



The interactive workshops focused on the importance of emotional wellbeing and mental health. Discussions took place around coping strategies that young people already have and ways the children can look after their emotional wellbeing and mental health.

One aspect the children explored are the benefits of sleep and how sleep can affect well-being.

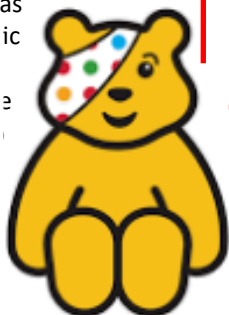
The children learnt how a good night's sleep helps their:

- Memory;
- decision making;
- Concentration;
- Mood;
- immune system;
- body grow and repair muscles and organs;
- body feel full after eating.

Children in Need

Well done to all the children who brightened our Friday by wearing something, yellow, spotty or equally colourful outfit. Thank you everyone for your generous donations. Collectively the school has managed to raise a fantastic £404.68 For Children in Need.

A special thank you to the Reception children who donated some of their whizzy challenge money to Children in Need. Really thoughtful and kind.

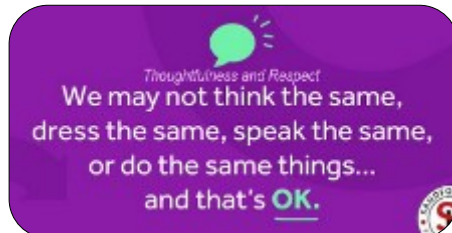


A small change can make a **BIG** difference



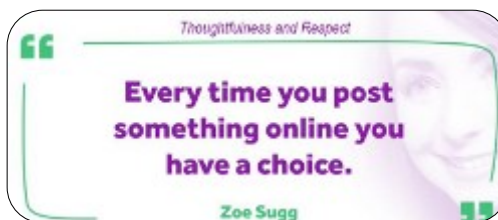
Celebrating Anti-Bullying Week

This week we have been celebrating Anti Bullying Week in school. As part of this, we have shared a number of messages across our social media platforms to promote it.



In our KS2 assembly, we talked about being 'The change we all wish to see'. We celebrated that we are all unique. Children were invited to come to school today in odd socks to celebrate our uniqueness. Well done to those children that were brave enough to do so.

#AntiBullyingWeek #ChangeStartsWithUs



Recent blog posts to check out

- [Nursery Remember](#)
- [Nursery's Nocturnal Afternoon](#)
- Early Years [Animal Lady Visit](#)
- Y1 [Remembrance Day](#)

The Tony Hughes Award for 'Thoughtfulness and Respect'

This medallion, in memory of our former Chairman of the PTFA.

F1/1	Maria B
F1/2	Gracie W
F2/1	Bellamy M
F2/2	Poppy T
Y1/1	Ayda T
Y1/2	Isla J
Y2/1	Max W
Y2/2	Liam B
Y3/1	Emelia B-S
Y3/2	Isabella J
Y4/1	Jamie T
Y4/2	Brooke M
Y5/1	Rebecca B
Y5/2	Ella W
Y6/1	Grace W
Y6/2	Brooke B

Headteacher's Star Awards:

Congratulations to these children who won the Head Teacher's Star Award.

Class	Award Winner	Class	Award Winner
FS1/1	Gabriela P	Y3/1	Emelia B-S
FS1/2	Samuel C	Y3/2	Jamie O
FS2/1	Lexi L	Y4/1	Jasper B
FS2/2	Cooper W	Y4/2	Blake W
Y1/1	Mollie-Mae E	Y5/1	Marcus W
Y1/2	Poppy J	Y5/2	Ryan H
Y2/1	Noah B	Y6/1	Evie E
Y2/2	Evelyn T	Y6/2	Gabrielle M

Open Evenings and Survey Results

Thank you to all the parents/carers that attending our Parents/Carers Open Evenings this week. We do hope you found it useful, but please remember you can make an appointment at any time to see your child's teacher with a concern. Please ask at the office for an appointment.

Thank you also to the 316 respondees who completed our Parent/Carer survey this week.

The % below indicates responses that were 'agree' or 'strongly agree'

1. My child is happy at school - 97%
2. My child feels safe at this school - 97%
3. The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved - 97%
4. The school lets me know how my child is doing - 93%
5. There is a good range of subjects available at this school - 92%
6. My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school - 84%
7. The school supports my child's wider personal development - 90%
8. I would recommend this school to another parent/carers - 98%

Your feedback will be used to try and make improvements where we can.

Thoughtfulness and Respect