



# Sandford Hill Primary Newsletter



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**NO MORE  
CLUBS THIS  
TERM,  
EXCEPT  
CHOIR**

**Week 12 - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

## Christmas



is a coming! Over the next three weeks we will be welcoming so many family and friends of Sandford Hill into school for many Christmas celebrations. Next week our Christmas Assemblies start with Early Years and tickets for assemblies should have gone home tonight. However, with so many visitors coming into school for all our Christmas events, the roads around school can become 'an accident waiting to happen'. So, if you do have to drive to school, please can we remind you that our priority is the safety of all our children, as well as being considerate to our neighbours. Can all drivers, therefore, park well away from school and walk the last distance. Thank you for your support and consideration.

### Dates for your Diary

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December**

EYFS Christmas Assembly

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EYFS Christmas Assembly

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December**

EYFS Christmas Assembly

Y6 Choir singing at the Hospital - p.m.

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December**

Y3 Christmas Assembly

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December**

Last swimming session of the term

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December**

Y1 Christmas Assembly

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December**

Foundation Stage to see Santa, Cannock

Y2 Christmas Assembly

Y6 Choir singing at Dougie Mac - a.m.

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December**

Y5 Christmas Assembly

Children's Christmas Dinner

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

Non-uniform - wear something Christmassy

Christmas Cake Off! - a.m.

Christmas Fayre / Santa's Grotto - 3:30 p.m.

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

KS2 Christingle at St. Chad's - 1:30 p.m.

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

Y4 Christmas Assembly

Senior Citizen's Christmas Party - p.m.

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

Y6 Christmas Assembly

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December**

Last Day of Term

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January NEW**

Spring Term starts

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January NEW**

*School Closed to Children - Staff Training*

### Congratulations

• Many congratulations to **Jessica B** who, yesterday morning, won a Signal1 phone-in to shout out loudly to 'Wake Up Santa!' She won herself a trip to Alton Towers with an overnight stay. How amazing - and no doubt very loud!

• Well done to **Lucy B** on achieving, her Stanley 2 and 3 swimming awards. Congratulations Lucy!



• Congratulations to **Chloe T-W** who achieved her British Gymnastic Proficiency awards level 7 and 8. Well done Chloe!



• Well Done to **Julia D** and **Kinga I** who brought in their medals and certificate for their recent dance awards. Congratulations girls!



• Well done to some of our Y3 swimmers on achieving the following swimming awards: Beginners - **Mustafa K, Blake W, Isobel S, Emily S** and **Brooke M**; Elementary - **Isabelle Y**. Congratulations to you all - Just Keep Swimming!

**School Attendance Target - 96.5%**  
This week is 94.4%

N1	87.7%	Y2/2	97.0%
N2	84.0%	Y3/1	95.7%
N3	64.3%	Y3/2	95.2%
N4	80.0%	Y4/1	98.0%
F2/1	94.0%	Y4/2	96.7%
F2/2	85.3%	Y5/1	99.3%
Y1/1	97.9%	Y5/2	99.0%
Y1/2	98.1%	Y6/1	96.4%
Y2/1	94.8%	Y6/2	98.4%

### Info for Parents

- **CLUBS** - Due to all the Christmas activities starting next week, there will be no more clubs this term - EXCEPT for Choir which will have one last practice next Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> Dec.
- **Outdoor P.E. kit** - Now that the weather has turned really chilly, can we please remind that children should bring a black tracksuit for P.E lessons. Black fleece tops with the school logo can be purchased from our uniform suppliers - Timberland or [Tesco Uniform online](#).
- **Grotto Tickets** - they are now all SOLD OUT. Tickets will be sent home on next Friday.
- **Christmas Assembly videos** - we will again be videoing our year group Christmas assemblies and the links will be shared on the year group pages on the school website. If, however, you would like to have your own copy on DVD, they will be available to buy on ParentMail at a cost of £4 each.
- **KS2 Milk** - In January, we are changing arrangements for ordering and paying for milk. If you currently pay weekly for your child to have milk, from the start of the Spring Term, you will need to pay for that half a term's milk in advance on ParentMail. The deadline for payment, and therefore orders, for the first half term will be Tuesday 8th Jan, as there is no milk the first week back. More information and a reminder will be sent out in due course.

### Please can you help?



Can you spare us a bottle, a chocolate bar and/or a new toiletry item for our tombolas please.



For every item brought in, your child will have a chance to win from a prize draw. Also the class that brings in the most items will win a small reward.



### Golf Supremo

We are very proud to share that a former pupil and Mrs Brennan's daughter, Emily Brennan, has just come first in the 22nd Faldo Series Grand Final Golf Competition in Abu Dhabi. She will now go through to the World Competition in Vietnam. What an amazing achievement. We are all right behind you Emily!

## Community Matters!

### Drop-in police surgery

On Monday 3rd December at 3:00 p.m. our local PCSOs will be in school for you to come and discuss issues that matter to you in your community. It will be an ideal opportunity for you to get involved in setting police and partnership priorities.



### Senior Citizens Christmas Party

Do you know an elderly neighbour that might enjoy coming to our Senior Citizen's Christmas Party on Tuesday 18th Dec at 1:15 p.m.? If so, please pass their name on to Mrs Brennan for an invite.

### FREE 6 week cooking course

**Who is it for?** - Anyone who wants to know how to save money on your food shopping, learn new recipes and have some fun cooking new things for you and your family.

**Course information** - Free 6 week course - Every Friday at 1pm-3pm from 11<sup>th</sup> Jan - 15<sup>th</sup> Feb 2019 in our Community Room.

## cook and eat well

### Recent blog posts to look at .....

Y1/2 [Woodland Visitors!](#)

Y1/1 [Woodland Visitors](#)

Y1 [Superstar Readers!](#)

[Year One are Outside Again!](#)

Y2 [Y2 Research](#)

[Y4 With A Little Help From Our Friends](#)

[Year 4 Report On Hadrian's Wall](#)

[Year 5 Bread Making](#)

Y5 [Wonderful wire!](#)

Please do click on the links above and have a look.

## Sandford Hill Primary News

Read more and watch videos on the blog - [sandfordhill.schoolblogs.org](http://sandfordhill.schoolblogs.org)

### Art for Art's sake

We are extremely fortunate to have a new artist in residence, Belinda Latimer! Belinda will be delivering weekly art lessons with Year 4 and 5 this year. Last Friday Y5 started to create beautiful fish from different pieces of wire which will look stunning when they are finished today. It was a fabulous session teaching lots of new skills.



### Online camera safety

Many of us may be very aware of issues around older children being tricked into getting undressed or revealing themselves online. However, following recent surveys of younger children, law enforcement agencies such as NCA (National Crime Agency) and CEOP (Child Exploitation and Online Protection) have warned of sexual predators tricking young children into getting changed or undressed on camera by playing a 'game' or issuing a 'challenge' to see how fast they can get changed into different clothes or into a swimming costume. In response to this, around school we are putting up posters to remind the children to never get undressed or change clothes when they are on camera. This is a further area of e-safety which parents/carers might wish to talk with their children about. Further information is available at: [undressed.lgfl.net](http://undressed.lgfl.net).



### The Tony Hughes Award for 'Thoughtfulness and Respect'

This medallion, in memory of our former Chairman of the PTFA, is presented each week to a worthy child from each class.

N1	Harvey P
N2	Scarlett W
F2/1	Lily-Grace S
F2/2	Sophie-Rae M
Y1/1	Maab H
Y1/2	Bessie R
Y2/1	Harry B
Y2/2	Anna D
Y3/1	Ellie H
Y3/2	Isobel S
Y4/1	Kyla M
Y4/2	Skye Z
Y5/1	Lillie-Mae W
Y5/2	Ben T
Y6/1	Alex S
Y6/2	Lorna W



### Foodbank

We are now re-established as a Foodbank Collection Point and have a new collection bin in the front office. We are therefore gratefully accepting any food donations of non-perishable items.

Crisis situations can occur for lots of different reasons, so should you need help by using a foodbank voucher, then please ask to speak with Mrs Brennan.

### Don't forget to follow us...

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School website -

[www.sandfordhill.org.uk](http://www.sandfordhill.org.uk)

### Headteacher's Star Awards:

Congratulations to these 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
N1	Elliott H-T	Y3/1	Jasper B
N2	Vinny W	Y3/2	Noah F-J
FS2/1	Katie B	Y4/1	Elliot H
FS2/2	Seraphina S	Y4/2	Finley P
Y1/1	Liam C	Y5/1	Samuela T
Y1/2	Oliver H	Y5/2	Niamh B
Y2/1	Skyler T	Y6/1	Amie-Mae C
Y2/2	Darcey C	Y6/2	Lewis M