



# Sandford Hill Primary Newsletter



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**Chocolate  
and Bottle  
Donations  
desperately  
needed**

Week 13 - Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2018

## Dates for your Diary

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

Y1 Christmas Assembly  
Y3/4 Football Tournament - pm

### 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  
PTFA - Chat'n'Wrap  
Children's Christmas Dinner  
Y5/6 Football Tournament - pm

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

Non-uniform - wear something Christmassy  
Christmas Cake Off! - a.m.  
Christmas Fayre / Santa's Grotto - 3:20 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  
FSU/KS1 Christmas Parties - Non-uniform

### Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December

KS2 Christmas Parties - Non-uniform **NEW**

### 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 **PLEASE NOTE**

**School Closed to Children - Staff Training**

## Watch our Christmas Assemblies here

[Early Years - Mary's Knitting](#)

[Y3 - Baboushka](#)

## 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.



## Our Christmas

assemblies have started this week with the two Early Years performances of Mary's Knitting and our Y3 assembly of Baboushka!. We are so very proud of all the children who were an absolute credit to the school. The Nursery and Reception children, some of whom had only been in school 9 weeks, sang so beautifully, with all the actions and waited extremely patiently too.

Our Y3 children were also amazing. Everyone took part and so many children bravely stood up and spoke their lines to a hall packed with family and friends.

Thank you to all the parents/carers and family members that came to watch their children. We know just how much it means to them and we hope you enjoyed the assemblies as much as we did.

Next week we look forward to Years 1, 2 and 5 and I am sure they will perform just as well.



### Christmas Fayre Cake-Off

A reminder to all our budding bakers that next week we hope they will be cooking up Christmassy designed cakes, ready for our Cake-Off next Friday morning. Cakes will then be sold at the Fayre on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec after school.



### Congratulations

- Well done to Bradley B who passed his Stanley 1 swimming award.



### School Attendance Target - 96.5%

This week is 95.6%

N1	88.5%	Y2/2	98.0%
N2	94.0%	Y3/1	97.0%
N3	90.6%	Y3/2	97.4%
N4	92.3%	Y4/1	97.7%
F2/1	96.0%	Y4/2	95.2%
F2/2	90.7%	Y5/1	96.0%
Y1/1	93.8%	Y5/2	95.3%
Y1/2	96.8%	Y6/1	97.1%
Y2/1	95.2%	Y6/2	98.7%

## Info for Parents



- URGENT: Sandford Hill ParentMail App** - Yesterday you will have received an e-mail and text notification regarding the need to re-download the ParentMail app, if you have the Sandford Hill Logo app tile. Please ensure this is done by 31/12/18 as the old app will stop working then. Any questions, please ask at the office.
- Silent Auction** - Tonight you will have received an invitation to take part in a 'Silent Auction'. Do have a look to see if there's anything you want to bid for. Something new, for a bit of fun!
- Christmas Assembly videos** - we are again videoing our year group Christmas assemblies and the links will be shared on the newsletter, twitter and the year group Curriculum, Autumn page on the school website. If, however, you would like to have your own copy on DVD, they are available to buy on ParentMail at a cost of £4 each.
- KS2 Milk** - From January, milk will need to be paid half a term in advance. The payment of £4.80 for 5 weeks (minus the staff training day), will be payable through ParentMail from the last week of term. 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.

## Community Matters!

### Senior Citizens Christmas Party

We are still collecting the names of any local elderly person that might enjoy coming to our Senior Citizen's Christmas Party on Tuesday 18th Dec at 1:15 p.m. If you know of anyone, 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**

### Co-op Fundraising

Have you registered with the Co-op? If so, did you know you could select Sandford Hill as your chosen cause and then help raise funds any time you buy anything and use your co-op card?

To choose us as your cause - Log-on to your account, search for and select 'Sandford Hill'. You don't have to live locally to the Heathcote Street store as you can choose any cause. We then get 1% every time you shop and use your card. Click here to get to our page. (It does need updating though as we have our new minibuses!

<https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/22106>

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

[Nursery Have Learned The Nativity Story](#)

[Space In The Nursery](#)

[Space In The Nursery Part Two](#)

[Year One's Mini Woodlands are complete!](#)

[Mrs Stillwell's Superstar Readers!](#)

[Year 2 Elf Challenge](#)

[Year 4 offer some SMART advice...](#)

[Y6 Fabulous Homework](#)

[Y6 Unexpected Visitor](#)

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

### 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	Kavaya B	Y3/1	Jamie T
N2	Archie R	Y3/2	Emily S
FS2/1	Parker F	Y4/1	Charlotte B
FS2/2	Amilia P	Y4/2	Thomas K
Y1/1	Chloe T-W	Y5/1	Brooke B
Y1/2	Harrison C	Y5/2	Lilli F
Y2/1	Daniel D	Y6/1	Dante G
Y2/2	Seren C	Y6/2	Lucy-Mae H

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

### 'We Wish you a Merry Christmas'

On Wednesday our Y6 choir went to the North Staffs Hospital to bring a little cheer to patients and families, by singing Christmas Carols. The children sang beautifully and were very much appreciated. Next week they will be singing at the Douglas Macmillan Hospice as well as Waterside for those with complex learning disabilities. Well done Y6 Choir.



### PEGI Ratings

In the run up to Christmas, many of us may be thinking about buying games for consoles such as Xbox and PlayStation, for our children. PEGI age ratings are really helpful to provide guidance for parents to help us decide whether or not to buy a particular product.



**PEGI 3** rating is suitable for all

**PEGI 7** rating contains scenes or sounds which might possibly frighten younger children

**PEGI 12** rating contains slightly more graphic violence and may possibly contain some mild bad language

**PEGI 16** ratings may show violence (or sexual activity) which looks the same as would be expected in real life. May also contain more extreme bad language and games of chance, and the use of tobacco, alcohol or illegal drugs can also be present.

### 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	Vinny E
N2	Layla M
F2/1	Roman A
F2/2	Harper-Lee C
Y1/1	Lexi W
Y1/2	Isla R
Y2/1	Dominik W
Y2/2	Emori S
Y3/1	Jessica M
Y3/2	Harry-George D
Y4/1	Ella W
Y4/2	James H-B
Y5/1	Harley-Jay M-N
Y5/2	Aiden S
Y6/1	Thomas K
Y6/2	Romy S

**PEGI 18** rating is an adult classification as gross violence may be depicted with apparently motiveless killing, or violence towards defenceless characters. PEGI 18 ratings may also glamorise of the use of illegal drugs and contain explicit sexual activity. More information about PEGI ratings (Pan European Game Information) is available on the link below:

<https://pegi.info/what-do-the-labels-mean>

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