

# Sandford Hill Primary Newsletter



Week 14 - Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Dec

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## Singing Superstars

This week we have been so proud of our Y5 and Y6 children as they shared some Christmas joy with their beautiful carol singing. Y6/2 met some familiar faces from the last visit when some previously went to Oak Priory. A very special time was shared. Y6/2 sang at the Dougie Mac Hospice to a very warm welcome and the two Y5 classes carolled in the atrium at the North Staffs Hospital. The children behaved impeccably and sang their Santa Hats off to very appreciative audiences. Well done Y5 and Y6.



## Dates for your Diary

### Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December

Y6 to Discovery Christmas Production

### Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December

Christingle at St Mary and Chad's Church 10:00a.m. Y4/2 to lead (families welcome)

### Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December

EYFS and KS1 Xmas Party - non uniform

### Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December

KS2 Xmas Party p.m. - non uniform

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

Last Day of Term

### Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January

School starts for children

### Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January

Choir to Young Voices in Birmingham

### Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February

School closed to children for Staff training

### Mon 11<sup>th</sup> to Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> May

KS2 SATs week

## Early Years Activities

This has been a very busy week for our Nursery and Reception children. On Monday and Tuesday they melted hearts in their Christmas Nativity Assemblies. Many thanks to all the parents that provided costumes and came and supported them. You can watch the video of Tuesday's performance [here](#).

Then, yesterday they had their visit to see Santa and his reindeer. The

weather was not kind, sadly, but this did not dampen their spirits and they all enjoyed a magical day. Many thanks to the staff and adult helpers for making this trip possible and well done to the children for being so well-behaved.



### School Attendance Target - 96.5%

This week's attendance continues to be low at 92.1% due to the sickness bug.

F1/1	74.8%	Y2/2	98.6%
F1/2	88.6%	Y3/1	84.3%
F1/3	93.9%	Y3/2	91.4%
F1/4	81.6%	Y4/1	93.4%
F2/1	97.2%	Y4/2	94.2%
F2/2	90.3%	Y5/1	92.5%
Y1/1	96.8%	Y5/2	95.2%
Y1/2	93.8%	Y6/1	96.2%
Y2/1	95.6%	Y6/2	97.1%

## Congratulations

- Congratulations to **Lucy G** who proudly shared her bronze medal that she won for her overall gymnastics performance on floor, beam, vault and bars at a recent gym competition. We're all very proud of Lucy's achievement.



## Christmas Dinner Delights

On Wednesday and Friday our children enjoyed a tasty Christmas Dinner accompanied by the compulsory favourite Christmas songs. An annual treat, enjoyed by all, in the penultimate week of the



Autumn Term.

Happy Christmas everyone and a huge thank you to our wonderful cook Ms Cotton and her helpers, who have coped amazingly with no kitchen!



## Parent/Carer Notices

- **CLUBS** - KS2 Choir, on Monday morning at 8:00 a.m. This is the only club that is running now until the end of term.
- **Christingle boxes** - Please could Christingle collection boxes be returned to school on Monday morning, ready for our Christingle service on Tuesday.
- **Children's Christmas Parties** - next week, during the afternoons, Early Years and KS1 have their Christmas party on Wednesday and KS2 have theirs on Thursday. On the respective day the children are invited to come to school in non-uniform. There is no payment required for the parties or non-uniform.

### A Fond Farewell

After 15 years loyal service, regrettably, Mrs Moss has decided to move on and is taking up a new position at the University Hospital of North Midlands, starting in January. Mrs Moss has been a fabulous employee and she will be greatly missed by her colleagues and the children. I know that she will take with her lots of happy memories from her time at Sandford Hill, and she leaves with our very best wishes. Good luck in your new adventure Mrs Moss.

We are currently recruiting a replacement for Mrs Moss and when an appointment is made parents will be informed immediately.

### Silent Christmas Auction

Apologies that the Silent Auction did not go live last Friday as stated in last week's newletter. The auction will go live in ParentMail **tonight at 3:00p.m.** All you have to do is enter in the highest bid you are willing to pay for any item you are interested in, then when the Auction closes on Tuesday 17th December at midday, the highest bidder will be notified.

We have 9 prizes available to bid for, including:

- 4 Ninja Warrior Passes with £20 food voucher
- 2 Winter Wonderland Passes
- Family Pass to Cineworld Hanley
- Christmas Hamper
- £20 Toby Carvery Gift Card
- £15 Marstons Gift Voucher
- £20 Amazon Voucher
- Bottle of Gin
- Seagull Photography Photoshoot & Canvas

Someone is going to win each of them so you could get yourself a real bargain treat in time for Christmas!



### Y4 Roman Day

On Wednesday Y4 enjoyed a wonderful day learning how the Romans lived.

Dressed in a spectacular range of costumes including: emperors, soldiers, warriors and gladiators, princesses, queens and slaves,



each took on their role and learned how they would have spent the day back in the time of the Romans. A banquet was enjoyed by all, even though the slaves had to serve the others! The children also sang [Roman songs](#) and made Roman jewellery. A brilliant day had by all.



### Recent blog posts to check out .....

- ⇒ [Apples Visit Santa](#)
- ⇒ [Pears Visit Santa](#)
- ⇒ [Santa Visit](#)
- ⇒ [Our Roman Adventure](#)
- ⇒ [Here Come The Romans](#)

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

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

F1/1	Cole H
F1/2	Jessica R
F2/1	Lexi L
F2/2	Mia C
Y1/1	Lennon B
Y1/2	San A
Y2/1	Martha J
Y2/2	Harrison C
Y3/1	Bobby M
Y3/2	Joshua V
Y4/1	Jessica M
Y4/2	Marley C
Y5/1	Alana M-I
Y5/2	Mawgan H
Y6/1	Lacie M
Y6/2	Jimmy R

### Headteacher's Star Awards:

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

Class	Award Winner	Class	Award Winner
FS1/1	Adam R	Y3/1	Sophie M-P
FS1/2	Victoria M	Y3/2	Georgia B
FS2/1	Harvey P	Y4/1	Ava T
FS2/2	Elliott H-T	Y4/2	Thomas H
Y1/1	Harper B	Y5/1	Alfie W
Y1/2	Olivia W	Y5/2	Ryan C
Y2/1	Ravyn M	Y6/1	Esme R
Y2/2	Liam B	Y6/2	Joshua L

### School Council Christmas Activities

Those that have entered the Christmas Art Competition this week, please remember that your Christmas themed picture must be submitted by first thing Monday 16th December.

**SSHHHHH!** - Don't forget the children will have the chance to make a very special gift next week. For any child from Nursery to Y5 just bring in 50p and £1 for children in Y6. Thank you.

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