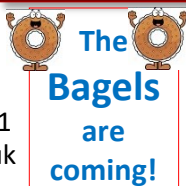




# Sandford Hill Primary Newsletter

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Week 14 - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2018

## HUGE THANKS

are due today as we celebrate further Christmas festivities this week. Yesterday our wonderful kitchen staff served up 472 wonderful Christmas dinners to children and staff. A massive thank you to Mrs Browne, our cook and her team for a super tasty dinner. Then tonight we have our Christmas Fayre and Santa's Grotto. It takes an incredible amount of planning, preparation and organizing to create such wonderful experiences for the children and so I would like to say a huge thankyou to all the PTFA 'Friends of Sandford Hill' and our extra Chat'n'Wrappers. A big thank you also to the staff who give up their time to man the stalls and Mrs Drakeford and team for our amazing Grotto. Particular thanks though, go to Miss Morton and Mrs Wildgoose who have worked tirelessly to ensure a good time is had by all and plenty of funds are raised towards our new school aim of becoming a Cycling School. We do hope you can make it along to the Fayre and have an enjoyable time.



### Dates for your Diary

#### 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**

### Christmas Fayre Cake-Off

Well done and huge thank you to all the children who brought in cakes for our Christmas Cake-Off. All the cakes were absolutely fabulous and it was hard to choose a winning design. Therefore winners were drawn from a bowl. The picked out winners are:

EYFS: **Robyn P**

KS1: **Bobby M**

Y3/4: **Isabel**

Y5/6: **Melissa S**

All the children who took part will receive a certificate. Thank you again for a super effort by you all.



### Congratulations

- We have another winner of "Wake Up Santa" on Signal Radio - this time by **Kaiden F.** He has won a stay at Alton Towers Hotel & Theme Park for himself and his family. Congratulations Kaiden!
- On Tuesday, our Y3/4 football team took part in a Football Festival at Crescent Academy. After two wins and a draw, the Sandford Hill team finished top of the group and won a trophy. They now progress to the finals in the Summer Term. Huge congratulations to **James, Ethan, Alfie W, Mason, Elliot, Alfie H, Jack and Ryan** who not only played brilliantly, but were also fantastic role models for the school.



### School Attendance Target - 96.5%

N1	83.1%	Y2/2	99.3%
N2	78.0%	Y3/1	99.3%
N3	94.0%	Y3/2	94.2%
N4	90.8%	Y4/1	99.0%
F2/1	95.0%	Y4/2	96.1%
F2/2	96.0%	Y5/1	98.0%
Y1/1	100%	Y5/2	92.3%
Y1/2	97.7%	Y6/1	98.9%
Y2/1	98.7%	Y6/2	97.7%

### 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** - Thanks to those of you that placed a bid or two in our silent auction. Winners have now been notified, so if you have not been contacted then yours was not the highest bid. Better luck next time!
- **Christmas Assembly videos** - we are again videoing our year group Christmas Assemblies and the links are shared on the newsletter (left), 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 still 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 **9:00 a.m. on Tuesday 8th Jan**, as there is no milk the first week back. More information and a reminder will be sent out in due course.



### Watch our Christmas Assemblies here

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

[Y1 - Sandford Hill Card Shop](#)

[Y2 - Snowman at Sunset](#)

[Y3 - Baboushka](#)

[Y4 - A Roman Christmas](#)

[Y5 - 'Twas the Night Before Christmas](#)

[Yr 6 Archie Dobson's War](#)

## Nursery and Reception visit Santa

A fantastic day was had by all the Early Years children when they visited Santa at Cannock Chase on Wednesday. First, there was lots of fun on the park before entering the secret doors into Santa's Grotto the children saw penguins, a polar bear, elves and Santa's sleigh which led them to the man himself! The children all behaved so well and a big thank you to all the parent helpers.



## Community Matters!

### 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 .....**

[Nursery Have Been Learning About Winter Strawberry And Orange Group Visit To Santa Oranges Visit To Santa](#)

[Strawberries Santa Visit](#)

[Apples Santa Visit](#)

[Ladybirds Trip To Santa](#)

[Reception's Christmas Visit to Santa](#)

[Reception Winter Wonderland](#)

[Pears Visit Santa](#)

[Year 2 Elf 'Special Delivery'](#)

[Year 2 Elf Goes Bananas!](#)

[Year 2 'Elf-tivity'](#)

[Y3 Floating paper clips!](#)

[Year 4 Footballers Celebrate Victory!](#)

[Year 5 Art](#)

[Y5 Sewing Superstars](#)

[Y6 Sweet Potato Chocolate Spread](#)

[Y6 Spectacular Homework](#)

[Y6 Thank You Ryan](#)

[KS2 Spelling Bee Is Buzzing!](#)

Please do click on the links above for more.

## Sandford Hill Primary News

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

### 'Wishing more of you a Merry Christmas'

Thanks again to our Y6 Choir who on Wednesday, brought a little cheer, this time to the residents of the Dougie Mac and then those in the Waterside Day Care Centre.



### KS2 Spelling Bee

Our KS2 children today enjoyed watching the first of this year's spelling competitions. After some accurate spellings and definitions from our participants, team Cliff were the winners. Well done to **Jamie G, Elie H, Kelsie W and Leya E.**

### Christmas Card Winner

Last week the Christmas pictures that were ordered as cards were sent home and we hope that those that bought them were pleased with the results, as we thought they looked fantastic.

In addition to our own cards, our Y6 designs were entered into a competition for MP Jack Brereton's Christmas Card. All the schools in Longton were invited to take part, but one of our pupils, Libbie Gorton, was selected as the winner. This morning Jack Brereton came in to our school assembly to present Libbie with her made up card which will be sent to all the MPs and even the Prime



Minister. Very well done Libbie for her beautiful design, shown above.

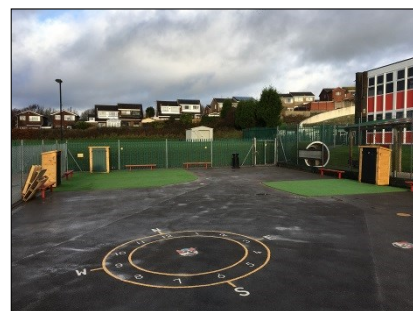
## The Tony Hughes Award for 'Thoughtfulness and Respect'

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

N1	Lexi L
N2	Henry R
F2/1	Daniel C
F2/2	Yaswanth N
Y1/1	Callum C
Y1/2	Chloe S
Y2/1	Olivia M
Y2/2	Anna D
Y3/1	Ellie H
Y3/2	James W
Y4/1	Elliot H
Y4/2	Kinga I
Y5/1	Connor S
Y5/2	Sean M
Y6/1	Ashton B
Y6/2	Rebecca H

### KS1 go grassy

You may have noticed a few developments happening to the KS1 bottom playground. We had already taken delivery of some small theme sheds and then last Saturday we had some artificial grass laid. All this is part of the ongoing preparations to extend learning outside for our KS1 children which will start, subject to decent weather, in the new term. Watch this space for more exciting things going on.



### 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	Flynn H	Y3/1	Jasper B
N2	Eliza P	Y3/2	Brooke M
FS2/1	Charmian H	Y4/1	Freya M
FS2/2	Jenson W	Y4/2	Mason L
Y1/1	Chloe T-W	Y5/1	Tianna B
Y1/2	Leighton B	Y5/2	Jasmine C
Y2/1	Logan T	Y6/1	Isabel S
Y2/2	Neve B	Y6/2	David M