



Sandford Hill Primary Newsletter

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Week 15 - Friday 21st December 2018

Dates for your Diary

Monday 7th January

Spring Term starts

Thursday 10th January NEW

Pantomime Dick Whittington (YR-Y6)

Friday 18th January NEW

Swimming starts Y4 and Y5

Monday 28th January PLEASE NOTE

School Closed to Children - Staff Training

A Safer Christmas?

Is your child being treated to a new electronic device this Christmas? Perhaps a smartphone, tablet or a computer. If so, the last thing we would want is an upsetting incident occurring through someone's inappropriate use. Therefore, we'd really recommend that you talk to them about the rules for using the device in the online world. You knowing what the children are doing online is a vital way to help keep them safe.

Setting up parental controls on the children's devices can help keep your child safe and avoid running up expensive bills.

To support you with this, here are a couple of very useful links:

[Play Station Parental Controls:](#)

[X Box Parental Controls:](#)

Whilst at school, the message which we regularly share with the children is to : **Tell an adult if they see something which they feel uncomfortable with.**



We made it to the end of an extremely busy, but very rewarding term, having enjoyed a really joyous festive season.

We have had so many special experiences that have made this term and Christmas feel particularly memorable. Over the last 3 weeks, we have presented 8 Christmas concerts, all of which were a real delight to watch. We hope the 1,300 family members and friends that joined us felt the same. These performances can be watched back using the link below left, or on our YouTube channel or via our website, on the Autumn Curriculum pages.



Last Friday we were delighted to welcome so many of you to our Christmas Fayre and magical Santa's Grotto. These events enable us to provide all the children with a Christmas gift and also the children's Christmas parties, which they all thoroughly enjoyed. We are very pleased to announce that the Fayre and Grotto tickets raised an amazing £1,705.08. Enormous thanks to all that worked so hard to make it such a success and thank you to everyone that donated items and came along to support, it is very much appreciated. From our monies raised £100 has also been donated to the NSPCC.



This last morning, in our end of term assembly, it was lovely to hear again the favourite song from each year group's Christmas Assembly sang so beautifully. We then finished with the Head Teacher Awards that can be found on the third page.

Finally, may I thank the children and staff for all their hard work and you for all your support over this term. On behalf of the staff, I would like to thank you for the many Christmas cards and gifts received and wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Congratulations

- Congratulations and well done to **Dominik W** for completing the United Kingdom Athletics 365 Red Level. What a star! Keep it up Dominik!
- Well done to **Skyler T** who was awarded a special trophy this weekend for her super football skills. Keep it up Skyler!

School Attendance Target - 96.5%

N1	92.3%	Y2/2	95.7%
N2	92.0%	Y3/1	97.7%
N3	80.0%	Y3/2	94.5%
N4	95.4%	Y4/1	99.0%
F2/1	95.3%	Y4/2	95.5%
F2/2	96.0%	Y5/1	96.3%
Y1/1	95.5%	Y5/2	97.0%
Y1/2	93.2%	Y6/1	99.3%
Y2/1	97.7%	Y6/2	99.0%

Info for Parents

- **URGENT:** Sandford Hill ParentMail App - If you still have the old Sandford Hill Logo app, you urgently need to re-download the ParentMail app, as the school logo one will stop working on 31/12/18. Any questions, please ask at the office.
- **Swimming next term** - Next term, our Y4 children will be swimming all term. Lessons start the 2nd week of term, **Fri 18th January 2019**. Our Y5 classes will be continuing on the 18th Jan for another 5 weeks up to half term, after which Y6 will start until the end of the school year. Y2 will swim in the Summer Term.
- **KS2 Milk** - From January, milk will need to be paid half a term in advance. The payment is now payable through ParentMail. The deadline for is **9:00 a.m. on Tuesday 8th Jan**, as there is no milk the first week back. A reminder will be sent out in due course.
- **Clubs** - New clubs will start the 2nd week, **except Choir, which will begin on Wed 9th Jan.**

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](#)

Senior Citizen's Christmas Party

On Tuesday we were delighted to welcome over 50 senior citizens to an afternoon of fun, food and friendship. They were firstly entertained with the Y6 Christmas assembly 'Archie Dobson's War', which they thoroughly enjoyed. They were then served tea by our school council and staff, followed by a game of Bingo. Very many thanks to all the preparers and servers, for a very special afternoon.



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 11th Jan - 15th Feb 2019 in our Community Room.

cook and eat well

Recent blog posts to look at

[Happy Christmas Nursery Children](#)

[EYFS End of Term Head teachers Award](#)

[Ladybirds Christmas Party](#)

[KS1 Christmas Party](#)

[Year 2 Christmas Celebrations](#)

[Year 2 Multiplication](#)

[Year 5 Calendars](#)

[Y5 Save Your Wrappers](#)

[Y6 Shadow Theatre](#)

[Y6 Edible Homework!](#)

[Y6 Thank You Zack](#)

[Y6 Thank You Leah](#)

Please do click on the links above for a look.

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Read more and watch videos on the blog - sandfordhill.schoolblogs.org

More Christmas Assembly Magic

This week we have been entertained by Y4 and Y6 with their Christmas Assemblies. Both year groups performed with such enthusiasm, providing us with beautiful singing and dancing and confident speaking. What a way to end the term with such a fantastic series of assemblies, made extra special by all the parents/carers and family members that came to watch the children.

Christingle

On Monday afternoon our KS2 children walked to St. Chad's church for the annual Christingle Service. It was led by Father Kevin, who was ably supported by our School Ambassadors. All the children sang beautifully in what was a heart-warming service.



Swimming Superstars

This term our Y3 and Y5 classes have been swimming each Friday, so here are more children that have achieved a certificate:

Beginners: Paige J, Koby-Jae M, Suneyna A, Jasmine-Rose W, Aiden S, Oliver M, McKenzie G, Max S, Sean M, Archie F, Salata L, Joshua L, Mo A, Melissa S, Mya F and Harley H

Length: Paige J, Summer W, Esme R, Autumn P, Ben T, Connor S, Freya E, Malwina J, Charlotte B, Jimmy R, Lillie-Mae W, Charlotte B, Lucy T, Kayleigh W and Brooke B;

Elementary: William B, Lucy T and Brooke B

Proficiency: Amelia O, Amethyst G, Jessica B, Manni R, George H, Yvie J and Joshua L;

Bronze: Amelia O;

Silver: Jasmine C.

Well done to all our swimmers on your fantastic achievements.

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

N1	Kylan M
N2	Bellamy M
F2/1	Mollie-Mae E
F2/2	Amilia P
Y1/1	Isla G
Y1/2	Noah K
Y2/1	Archie M
Y2/2	Darcey C
Y3/1	Kai B
Y3/2	James W
Y4/1	David S
Y4/2	Leo M
Y5/1	Jessica B
Y5/2	Koby M
Y6/1	Amie-Mae C
Y6/2	Keira M

KS1 Spelling Bee

Well done to all the children who took part in the KS1 Christmas Themed Spelling Bee on Wednesday morning. Four festive teams made up the spelling panel:

Team Snowman: Isla R, Bobby M, Harrison D and Gracie H;

Team Elf: Chloe S, Tayla D, Ellie-Mae G and Oscar S;

Team Santa: Luke H, James M, Lyla-Rai D and Sienna-Mae HJ;

Team Rudolph: Sebastian H, Bethan B, Harry E and Isabella J.

The children really demonstrated their fantastic spelling skills but the overall winners with an impressive 35 points were Team Santa!

Well done to all involved, including our 'Score master' Daniel D.



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	Nathan B	Y3/1	Jayden W
N2	Aliza A	Y3/2	Emily S
FS2/1	Hunter H	Y4/1	Alfie H
FS2/2	Kaitlin B	Y4/2	Evie B
Y1/1	Ravyn M	Y5/1	Amethyst G
Y1/2	Bentley D	Y5/2	Paige J
Y2/1	Billy D	Y6/1	Libbie G
Y2/2	Oscar S	Y6/2	Tyler T

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Headteacher Termly Star Awards



Nursery

Mollie M and William B

Reception

Roman A and Jenson W



Year 1

Rubanpreet S and Callum C



Year 2

Erin L and Logan T



Year 3

Lenny M, Lily-Mae G and Lily Hunt



Year 4

Finley J and Marcus W



Year 5

Lilli F and Lille-Mae W



Year 6

Ryan B and Ryan H