



# Sandford Hill Primary Newsletter

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**Clubs  
start next  
week**

**Week 16 - Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

## Dates for your Diary

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January**

Belinda, Artist in Residence starts with Y5

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January**

Clubs Start

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January**

Swimming starts Y4 and Y5

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January**

Choir in Young Voices Concert, Birmingham

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January PLEASE NOTE**

*School Closed to Children - Staff Training*

**Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January**

Governor's Meeting 6 a.m.

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February**

Y6 to 'Crucial Crew', Hanley Fire Station

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February**

Anti-bullying Week

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February**

Young Voices Choir Concert 3:30 p.m.

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February**

E-Safety Day

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February**

PTFA Meeting 9 a.m.

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February**

Y1 Parents/Carers Phonics Meeting

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February**

HALF TERM

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February**

Y6 Parents/Carers SATs Meeting

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March**

Y2 Parents/Carers SATs Meeting

**Tues 26<sup>th</sup> March and Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> March**

Open Evenings

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April**

Last Day of Spring Term

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May PLEASE NOTE**

*School Closed to Children - Polling Day*

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May**

SATS Week



Welcome back to you all after, what I hope, was an enjoyable Christmas break. With so many days after New Year's Bank Holiday to relax, we hope that you are all ready and prepared for what will be a busy and long Spring

Term, due to the very late Easter this year. In school, we are continuously looking to improve the learning experiences provided to the children and we are currently re-developing the curriculum. The children will, as a result, be learning about new topics not studied before and will, over the coming months, be making greater use of the outdoors to support their activities. You will already have noticed changes to the bottom Key Stage 1 playground, which you can read more about on page 2 and we hope to develop further the Key Stage 2 outdoor resources too. We are also in the process of becoming a cycling school, with scootering and cycling opportunities for all. More about that in the future, but in the meantime, we look forward to a productive and enjoyable Spring term.

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

School Blog - [sandfordhill.schoolblogs.org](http://sandfordhill.schoolblogs.org)

Facebook - [@sandfordhillprimary](https://www.facebook.com/sandfordhillprimary)

Twitter - [@sandford\\_hill](https://twitter.com/sandford_hill)

And there is loads of information on our school website - [www.sandfordhill.org.uk](http://www.sandfordhill.org.uk)

### Congratulations

◆ Congratulations to Noah K who shared his Taekwondo certificate and belt with us. Well done Noah!

◆ Well done to Caden H who, on Tuesday 18th December, was chosen one of the runners up in The Sentinel Baby of the Year. He won his age category and won £500 in the process. Congratulations Caden and what an amazing Christmas present!

◆ Congratulations to Joshua V who has passed his Level 3 Learn to Swim. Well done Joshua!



### School Attendance Target - 96.5%

N1	100%	Y2/2	99.3%
N2	93.0%	Y3/1	97.0%
N3	96.5%	Y3/2	99.0%
N4	86.9%	Y4/1	98.3%
F2/1	99.7%	Y4/2	98.4%
F2/2	98.3%	Y5/1	99.3%
Y1/1	99.3%	Y5/2	98.7%
Y1/2	98.1%	Y6/1	100%
Y2/1	96.1%	Y6/2	98.7%

## **Info for Parents**

- **CLUBS** - We have been overwhelmed with the positive requests for children to attend clubs again this term, which causes us to struggle to cater for everyone. **Your child will have brought home a slip today telling them which clubs they have been allocated and the dates for them to attend.** Please keep this safe as we have had to restrict some clubs to half a term only, to allow more children to take part in at least one club. There are still a few spaces in KS2 clubs shown on Page 2.
- **Office Absence** - We wanted to make you aware that from next Thursday, through the following week, Miss Morton will be off work for medical reasons and so we will be short staffed in the front office. Please bear with us during this period if contacting the office for any reason.

## Family Agreement

At the beginning this new year, Childnet International, a leading agency who promote e-safety, recommended that we all make a digital resolution. As such, why not create a family agreement to ensure positive behaviour and boundaries online.

A family agreement is a great way to start a conversation with your whole family about how you all use the internet, and discuss together how to behave in a positive way when online at home, at school, or at a friend's house etc. Bear in mind it is difficult to have complete control over your family's internet usage, however, a family agreement is a great way to set clear expectations for positive and safe internet use.

Really useful advice about things to consider is [available by clicking here](#).



**This week's blog posts to check out .....**

[Year 4 Safe Searching](#)

[Y2 Rainforest Toucans](#)

[Y6 Thank You Rebecca](#)

## Class Assembly Dates for Spring Term:

Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> Jan Y3/2 Miss Harrison's Class at 9:00 a.m.

Thurs 31<sup>st</sup> Jan Y3/1 Mrs Frost's Class at 9:00 a.m.

Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Feb Y2 Both Classes at 9:00 a.m.

Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> Mar Y1/1 Mrs Smith's Class at 9:00 a.m.

Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> Mar Y1/2 Mrs Stillwell's Class at 9:00 a.m.

**Parents/Carers are warmly invited to attend when their child's class is leading the assembly.**

## KS2 Club Spaces (Year 3-6)

Having brought home allocated club spaces tonight, if your child is in Key Stage 2 and would like to attend one of the clubs that have a few remaining spaces listed below, then please contact the school office.

- X-Country for Y5&6 Monday until 4:10p.m.
- Reading Club for Y3-5 Tuesday at 8:15a.m.
- Glee Club for Y5&6 Tuesday until 4:15p.m.
- Equality Club for Y3-6 Thursday at 8:15a.m.
- High Fives for Y3&4 Thursday 8:15a.m.

These will be on a first come first served basis by the office.

## Sandford Hill Primary News

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

### He's behind you!

Yesterday our Reception to Y6 classes were squeezed into the hall to enjoy a fantastic performance of 'Dick Whittington'. By the volume of the audience participation, I would say that the children all loved it - we do hope so.



### KS1 Playground Antics

This term sees the start of our Y1 and Y2 children gradually making more use of the outside areas. You will have noticed the new play sheds, grassy areas and now the tyres. The children love the new additions and look forward to being able to play with the items. Following Christmas, if you have any toy vehicles, dolls or similar in good condition that are no longer wanted, we would love to add them to our resources. Thank you.

### The bagels arrived

Yesterday morning we hope you sampled one of the bagels offered to all as part of the new Magic Breakfast initiative. The bagels will be offered to all our children as they arrive in their classroom from Monday morning onwards.



## 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	Niamh J
N2	Mia C
F2/1	Lacey-Mae C
F2/2	Bobbi M
Y1/1	Harry E
Y1/2	Leighton B
Y2/1	Billy D
Y2/2	Seren C
Y3/1	Tamzin P
Y3/2	Marley C
Y4/1	Freya M
Y4/2	Mason L
Y5/1	Charlotte B
Y5/2	Summer W
Y6/1	Joel F
Y6/2	Rebecca H

### Supporting our local foodbank

In support of the food bank at the Bethal church in Longton, we are now welcoming donations of non-perishable food items such as:

- ◆ UHT MILK
- ◆ PASTA SAUCES
- ◆ TINNED TUNA
- ◆ BISCUITS
- ◆ MASH
- ◆ TINNED TOMATOES
- ◆ FRUIT JUICE
- ◆ CHOCOLATE
- ◆ SOUP
- ◆ PASTA and RICE



These food items provide help to people in crisis in our area. Also, our school is offering foodbank vouchers to any parents/carers that feel they are struggling to put food on the table due to a change of circumstances. If this is the case, please come in and ask to speak to Mrs Brennan who will support you with this. Thank you for your support.