

Sandford Hill Primary Newsletter



Week 2 - Fri 13th Sept

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STOP PRESS: Letter with allocated clubs go out in school bags tonight.

Nursery Stars

This week we have seen our new nursery children join us for their first morning or afternoon at school, and they have all done so incredibly well. The children are enjoying the range of activities on offer and quickly getting familiar with the school routines. To help put mum's and dad's minds at ease, our fabulous early years staff have been blogging with loads of videos of what the children have been up to. Thank you to those family and friends that have left comments on the blog or Facebook; staff really do appreciate their efforts being acknowledged. Next week the nursery children continue with half days, but add lunchtime into their visit - another new experience for them to get used to. Then they start staying all day from Friday. Well done Nursery children!

As I walk round all the classes, the children are already settled and working hard, as you can see in the items below. Don't forget that Y1 to Y6 parents/carers are invited into school on our ECO day, **Thursday 26th September**, to join your child in class and see for yourself, as well as join in, with an ECO activity.



Y1 Scientists

The children learned all about our body parts, and senses. They decorated biscuits with scented icing, explored loud and quiet sounds with musical instruments, tasted different foods, completed a range of tasks whilst blindfolded and made a sensory collage with different materials. Then they have made chocolate covered pancakes with a range of tasty fruits to try. Yummy!



Y4 Compound Sentences

Our Y4 children enjoyed creating compound sentences using the co-ordinating conjunctions FANBOYS - For, And, Nor, But, Or, Yet, So. (Not sure what that means - ask a Y4 child!)



School Attendance Target - 96.5%			
This week is 96.6% - ABOVE - Well done ALL			
F2/1	98.2%	Y3/2	100%
F2/2	94.8%	Y4/1	97.9%
Y1/1	94.7%	Y4/2	95.9%
Y1/2	95.3%	Y5/1	94.8%
Y2/1	100%	Y5/2	98.3%
Y2/2	98.1%	Y6/1	96.0%
Y3/1	95.8%	Y6/2	94.0%

Congratulations

- Well done to **Kaytee L** who achieved distinctions in both her ballet and tap exams. Fantastic Kaytee!
- Congratulations to **Seth H** on his football medal and also to **Lillie T** on her medal for her footballing skills. Well done both of you.
- Congratulations to **Lucas C** on achieving his Angelfish 2 swimming award and **Abby-Jaye** on her Stage 4 swimming. Well done both. Just keep swimming!



Dates for your Diary

Monday 16th September

- Y5/1 Stanley Head River Study

Tuesday 17th September

- Y5/2 Stanley Head River Study

Thursday 19th September

- Y6/1 visit to the Arboretum

Monday 23rd September

- Y4/2 Roman visit to Wroxeter

Tuesday 24th September

- Y6/2 visit to the Arboretum

Thursday 26th September

- ECO Day across the school

- Parental Transition - 9:10 - 10:10 a.m. for

Y1 to Y6 classes

Friday 27th September

- Dougie Mac Coffee Morning 9:00 a.m.

- 'Clean Start' BBC Radio litter pick

Monday 30th September

- Y6 to Stanley Head for the week

- Y4/1 Roman visit to Wroxeter

Tuesday 1st October

Y2 visit 'Down the Rabbit Hole'

Thursday 10th October

Individual and Family Photos

Thursday 17th October

Governors' Interim Meeting 6:00 p.m.

Mon 21st - Fri 25th October

- Science Week

Mon 28th Oct to Fri 1st Nov

HALF TERM

Tuesday 12th November

Parent's Evening 1

Thursday 14th November

Parent's Evening 2

Monday 18th November

School closed to pupils - Staff Training

Thursday 21st November

Full Governors' Meeting 6:00 p.m.

Friday 21st December

Last Day of Term

Mon 11th to Thurs 14th May

KS2 SATs week

Thoughtfulness and Respect

Applications for school places for 2020-21

The 2020-20 Prospectus is soon to be published online for Nursery, Primary and Secondary school places.

The details for applications for Sept 2020 are:

- **Nursery class** - applications open Monday 2nd Dec 2018 - deadline Fri 31st January 2020
- **Reception class** - applications open Friday 1st Nov 2018 - deadline Wed 15th January 2020
- **Secondary Y7** - applications **NOW OPEN** - deadline **Thurs 31st October 2019**

High Schools Opening Evening dates and times can be found from [this link](#).

September 2020 Prospective Nursery and Reception parents Open Evening

On **Wednesday 9th October 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.** we would like to warmly invite any prospective Nursery or Reception parents/carers, whose children will be 3 or 4 years old respectively, to come and visit our Early Years setting. This will be an opportunity to for you and your child(ren) to meet the teachers and Early Years Practitioners, to ask any questions you might have, to come and explore and play in our Nursery and Reception classrooms and to find out what makes Sandford Hill such a special place to send your child to school.



We currently have spaces in Nursery and Reception classes

so if you know of anyone who might be interested, please let them know.

CLUBS - Autumn 2019

Tonight, if your child(ren) applied for a club this term, they will come home with a letter detailing which club(s) they have been allocated and a list of the days they should attend. Please keep this letter safe (on the fridge or somewhere handy!) to refer to through the term. Please be aware that due to the incredible popularity of some clubs, we have allocated places for half a term only. This is shown on the letter sent home.

Finally, if your child has been allocated a place, please do try to ensure they attend. The staff offer their valuable time to run the clubs, so it is important that the children commit their time to attend. If they do decide it is really not for them, then please let the office know they will no longer be attending. Thank you for your support with this.

CHOIR and Young Voices Concert 2020

If your child has a place in the school Choir, then it is really vital that you look out for an important ParentMail early next week about the Young Voices 2020 concert in Birmingham next January. It will have a consent form for the concert, as well as child T-shirt orders and a limited number of adult tickets.



School Councillors

Here are our School Council at their 2nd meeting. Each member has a role, including: Chairperson and Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurers and Media Officers. They hope to keep you updated on what is happening with our fantastic new council.



Notices

- **Communication with teachers** - As a school we would always encourage parents/carers to communicate with the class teacher should there be an issue with their child. Teachers will always endeavour to have a quick word before or after school, however, this may not always be possible to accommodate. Should the teacher be unavailable, please feel free to leave a message with the office which will get passed to them directly. For anything other than quick messages, please do feel free to make an appointment to meet with the class teacher.
- **Plastic bottles wanted** - can we please request as many empty large 2 litre plastic bottles as can be provided, ready for an Eco activity on the day. Thank you.



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

F2/1	Harvey P
F2/2	Freya L
Y1/1	Theo C
Y1/2	George C
Y2/1	Lexi W
Y2/2	Isla R
Y3/1	Tilly H
Y3/2	Oscar S
Y4/1	Owen W
Y4/2	Harry-George D
Y5/1	Lewis D
Y5/2	Finley J
Y6/1	William B
Y6/2	Gabrielle M

This week's blog posts to check out

[Nursery Group One](#)
[Nursery Group Two Thursday](#)
 Reception [Celebrations](#)
 Y1 [What A Busy Week!](#)
[Achievements Year 1/2](#)
[D&T](#), more [D&T](#)
[Year 4 Compound Sentences](#)

Invitation

WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING

On **Friday 27th September at 9:00 a.m.** we will be opening our doors to welcome you to the World's Biggest Coffee Morning. Please do feel free to come and join us for a coffee, cake and a chat.

We would be most grateful to anyone who can bake us or bring in a cake to be sold. All proceeds will go to Macmillan Cancer Support. We do hope you can come along.



Police Surgery

On **Thursday 12th Sept at 2.30 p.m.** you are invited to come along to a police surgery where you can discuss any concerns or issues with our local, friendly PCSOs.