

Sandford Hill Primary Newsletter



Week 9 - Fri 8th Nov '19

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STOP PRESS: NO CLUBS next week, exceptions in Notices below.

Building Work

You will have seen that the build works have finally started and they will now continue until next summer. Disruption to school life is something that we are going to have to put up with in the short term, but we are all excited by the prospect that after many, many years of waiting, Sandford Hill is finally getting the additional classroom space it so desperately requires.

As I am sure you will understand, the planned refurbishment work will restrict the use of our school hall over the coming days, weeks and months. This means that, this year, **we are planning only for an EYFS nativity assembly at Christmas** (dates right).

Open Evenings - 12th & 14th November

Thank you to all the parents/carers that have booked an appointment to see class teachers via the ParentMail website or app. As always we would ask that if you are attending and travelling by car, to park with consideration for our local residents. To assist with parking, we will be opening the gates to park on the Red Ash. Two arms of plastic footpaths are laid for you to walk on, so please park end on to them. A crèche will be available for you to leave children from 3:30pm each night. There will be a Book Fayre running in the hall for the duration of both Open Evenings. Payment can be made by cash or ParentMail on the night.

Don't forget
parents
evening!



Our new kitchen is an empty shell!

Dates for your Diary

Mon 11th to Fri 15th Nov

Anti-Bullying Week

Tuesday 12th November

Y6 MIND workshops

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.

Tuesday 3rd December

Influenza vaccination for Reception to Y6

Monday 9th December

Early Years Christmas Nativity Assembly

Year 5 singing at the Hospital 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday 10th December

Early Years Christmas Nativity Assembly

Representatives from Y5/6 singing at the

Dougie Mac 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday 11th December

Y4 Roman Day

EYFS/KS1 Christmas Dinner

Representatives from Y5/6 singing at Oak

Priory Residential Centre 10:30 a.m.

Thursday 12th December

General Election - school closed for all but

Early Years trip.

Friday 13th December

National Xmas Jumper Day (Save the Children)

KS2 Christmas Dinner

Tuesday 17th December

Christingle Church 10:00a.m. Y4/2 to lead

Wednesday 18th December

EYFS and Key Stage 1 Xmas Party p.m.

Thursday 19th December

Key Stage 2 Xmas Party p.m.

Friday 20th December

Last Day of Term

Congratulations

- Congratulations to **James M** who passed his Level 7 Swimming award. A fantastic achievement - well done James!
- Well done to **Harry E** who has passed Octopus 1 swimming.
- Well done to **Isabelle Y** who has achieved her Bronze Swimming Badge. She is now working towards her Silver. Amazing work Isabelle!
- Congratulations to **Louis S** who was excited to share his swimming certificate. Well done Louis - just keep swimming!
- Well done to **Rowan J** who received a certificate and his white belt after passing his karate exam. What a brilliant achievement!



• **Eli H** has become our first Word Millionaire of the new academic year. A fantastic achievement Eli!

• Congratulations to **Jack T** who received a trophy for his tenacious tackling! Well done Jack.



School Attendance Target - 96.5%
This weeks 96.7% - Well done ALL

F1/1	94.8%	Y2/2	91.5%
F1/2	100%	Y3/1	93.6%
F1/3	95.6%	Y3/2	99.6%
F1/4	88.6%	Y4/1	98.4%
F2/1	95.6%	Y4/2	99.0%
F2/2	97.1%	Y5/1	93.9%
Y1/1	97.5%	Y5/2	96.3%
Y1/2	97.0%	Y6/1	98.9%
Y2/1	99.2%	Y6/2	93.7%

Parent/Carer Notices

- A reminder of the staff training day on **Monday 18th November**. School will be closed to pupils.
- **CLUBS** - NO Clubs next week due to Open Evenings, EXCEPT KS2 Choir on Monday morning and Friday's John Muir. Tag Rugby is currently cancelled due to Mr Alcock being currently off work.
- **FLUENZ VACCINATION** - If you are a parent/carers of a child in Reception to Y6 and have not yet returned the Fluenz nasal vaccination consent form, please return to the office as soon as possible. Vaccines will be given, with your permission only, on **Tuesday 3rd December**. Thank you.
- Applications for our **Reception classes** for Sept 2020 opened on Friday 1st Nov 2019, so Nursery Parents/Carers that wish their child to come to our Reception classes must apply NOW at www.stoke.gov.uk/admissions. The deadline is Wed 15th January 2020.

General Election - Thursday 12th December 2019

Following last week's announcement that there is to be a General Election, the school has received notification from Julie Ashburner, the Elections Officer for the City of Stoke-On-Trent, that the school is required as a polling station on that day. Therefore Sandford Hill Primary will be closed to pupils on **Thursday 12th December**.

This is with the exception of our Early Years Nursery and Reception children who were booked on a trip to Cannock. As there was no availability to swap the day, we have decided to continue with the trip as the children will be off site for the day.

Christmas Activities

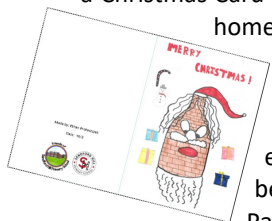
As part of our Christmas celebrations, we will be organising the following activities:

- **School Christmas Dinners** - Children will be offered the option of having a Christmas dinner on the following days
- EYFS & KS1 on Wed 11th Dec
- KS2 on Fri 13th Dec



A ParentMail to order a Christmas Dinner will be sent shortly, with a deadline of Fri 29th Nov.

- **Christmas Cards** - Your child will be creating a Christmas Card design which will be sent home next Friday. If you wish



to purchase this design as a pack of 12 Christmas Cards with red envelopes, for £4 it will be available through the ParentMail shop.

- **Silent Auction** - Although we are unable to hold a Christmas Fayre this year, we do plan to hold a Silent Auction with a range of items to bid for. More information to follow.



Maths Roadshow

On Wednesday, our Y3 children were lucky enough to take part in a Maths Roadshow. The children were all extremely enthusiastic and were keen to put their maths skills to the test!



They showed great resilience when solving tricky problems! Many thanks to our friends from The Stoke Maths Partnership who led the workshops. We're very proud to have so many talented mathematicians.

Recent blog posts to check out

[Nursery Half Term Adventures](#)

[Nursery Learn About Diwali](#)

[Nursery's Safe Fireworks](#)

[Y1 Superhero Skills](#)

[Y1 Superhero Day](#)

[Y1 Master Potters](#)

[Year 2 Drawbridge Problems!](#)

[Y2 Firework Art](#)

[Y2 Remembrance](#)

[Y3 Maths Roadshow](#)

[Y5 Pumpkin Art](#)

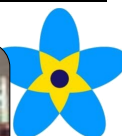
[John Muir Group](#)

The Tony Hughes Award for 'Thoughtfulness and Respect'

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

F1/1	Teddy H
F1/2	Tommy C
F2/1	Mollie M
F2/2	Lily-Grace D-S-D
Y1/1	Harper B
Y1/2	Thomas H
Y2/1	Lyla-Rai D
Y2/2	Frankie M
Y3/1	James M
Y3/2	Erin L
Y4/1	Isla S
Y4/2	Lenny M
Y5/1	Lotti C
Y5/2	Ruby L
Y6/1	Max S
Y6/2	Lillie-Mae T

Dementia Awareness - Yesterday morning we were delighted to be joined in our KS2 assembly by visitors from the charity 'Approach'. The visitors spoke to the children about some of the positive support the charity provides to people who are affected by dementia. Having completed dementia awareness training in the previous academic year, we were very proud to present 'Dementia Friend' badges to the Year 6 children. And it is lovely to see the children wearing their forget-me-not badges with such pride.



Headteacher's Star Awards:

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

Class	Award Winner	Class	Award Winner
FS1/1	Keira M	Y3/1	Logan T
FS1/2	Layla C	Y3/2	Dominic M
FS2/1	Mollie M	Y4/1	Patryk W
FS2/2	Kaiden A	Y4/2	Evie-Rose M
Y1/1	Grace B	Y5/1	River P
Y1/2	Isla J	Y5/2	Charlotte B
Y2/1	Lilly-Rose A	Y6/1	Jasmine C
Y2/2	Teddy L	Y6/2	Mya F

Children in Need

On **Friday 15th Nov** we would like to invite the children to wear non-uniform for Children in Need day, something 'Spotty' or 'Yellow' if you have it. A donation of £1 would be gratefully received for this worthy cause.



A BIG Thank you to Sandford Hill Primary who donated:

49.40 kg of food at Harvest
Helping to feed hungry people in Stoke-on-Trent.



A message from the ECO Warriors

We are now recycling crisp packets! (You can send in any crisp packets (not popcorn packets) to school and put them in our special grey bin (outside Miss Harrison's room). All packets will be sent to Longton Market who send them to Walkers. They are then made into pellets and used to make new recycled products. Also Longton Market receive money for the Donna Louise Hospice Charity. Thanks to Oscar and his mum and dad for this great idea!



Thoughtfulness and Respect