



Sandford Hill Primary Newsletter

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Week 9 - Friday 9th November 2018

Survey Says!

The week before half term we were really pleased to welcome so many parents/carers into school for our Open Evenings. Each year during these evenings we send out a survey via ParentMail about an aspect of school life. This year we asked your views on the transition process of your child moving years groups. Thank you to those 214 of you that responded. Below is a summary of the results:

1. **I was given the information I needed about my child's new class routines, learning and expectations** - 94% Agreed or Strongly Agreed; 4% Disagreed; 2% Didn't Know.
2. **The parent/carers drop-in lessons are an important part of my child settling in their new class** - 93% Agreed or Strongly Agreed; 3% Disagreed; 4% Didn't Know.
3. **I would welcome parent/carers drop-in lessons:** 44% Half termly; 43% Termly; 11% Yearly; 2% Not at all.

Many thanks to those of you that left comments. They have all been read and one resulting action is that next July we will send out letters detailing changes of routines, times, charges and procedures for the new class ready for the next academic year.

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 13th November

Y1/1 to Wildwood

2019 Nursery Prospective Parents Meeting

Thursday 15th November

Y1/2 to Wildwood

Friday 16th November- NEW

Children in Need non-uniform for donation

KS1 Disco - 3:15 - 4:00 p.m. See more

KS2 Disco - 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. page 3

Monday 19th November

School closed to pupils - Staff Training

Thursday 22nd November

Photographs of absent children - **NEW**

Full Governor's Meeting - 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday 27th November

Y6 to National Memorial Arboretum

Thursday 13th December

Children's Christmas Dinner - **NEW**

Friday 14th December

Christmas Fayre and Santa's Grotto

Friday 21st December

Last Day of Term



New Nursery Prospective Parents Evening

On **Tuesday 13th November**, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. we will be holding an Open Evening for new prospective parents with children due to start Nursery in September 2019 that are new to Sandford Hill.

Do please share this event with anyone you know who has a child that will be 3 by next September as we would love to welcome them on the 13th November.



Congratulations

- Well done to a number of children who have brought in their recently achieved swimming awards. Congratulations to: **Emily S** and **Isobel S** for their Octopus 1 awards; to **Stanley R** for his Rainbow Distance award; to **Isla J** for her Stanley 1 award; to **Chloe S** and **Theo C** for their Stanley 2 awards; to **Ollie E** for his Stanley 3 award; to **Sienna Mae H-J** for her Stanley 5 award; to **Ella W** for achieving her Angelfish 2 award; to **Flynn H** for his Tadpole award; to **Skyla-Beau R** for her Goldfish 1 award; to **Lucas C** and **Reggie L** for their Goldfish 2 awards; to **Isabelle J** for her Shark 1 award; and to **Isabelle Y** for her Shark 2 award. Super swimming children. Well done to you all - Just Keep Swimming!

- Congratulations to our Y5/6 Football team, who did themselves proud for their first games of the season, against Alexandra Juniors and St. Gregory's here at Sandford Hill on Tuesday. Well done to: **Ethan P**, **Saimone S**, **Josh L**, **Lauchlan S**, **Eddie L**, **Tyler H**, **Samuela T**, **Taku N**, **Ashton B** and **Joel F**.

- Well done to our Y2 children: **Jayden B**, **Seren C**, **Leila H**, **Poppy J**, **Isabella J**, **Dominic M**, **Kayden S** and **Woodrow T** who represented the school at Tuesday's Change4Life Festival at Trentham High.

School Attendance Target - 96.5%
This week is 95.2%

N1	86.2%	Y2/2	99.3%
N2	74.5%	Y3/1	88.3%
N3	87.8%	Y3/2	98.1%
N4	86.9%	Y4/1	97.7%
F2/1	94.3%	Y4/2	96.8%
F2/2	94.7%	Y5/1	98.0%
Y1/1	96.6%	Y5/2	98.0%
Y1/2	94.2%	Y6/1	98.6%
Y2/1	97.4%	Y6/2	98.7%



Info for Parents

- **CLUBS** - A reminder that clubs start again next week. We would like to ask that all children are collected from school and not left to walk home alone, now that it is dark.
- **Parent Governors Nominations** - A reminder that any parents wishing to submit a parent governor nomination form - the deadline is **4:00 p.m. on Mon 12th November**.
- **Christmas ParentMails** - You will shortly be receiving forms via ParentMail to book tickets for your child's Christmas Assembly and also to order them a Christmas Dinner for Thursday 13th December. If you have any queries, then please do ask at the office. Thank you.

Welcome back to Mrs Brennan

Following the departure of Mrs Walker, our Home School Link Worker, before half term, we are delighted to inform you that Mrs. Brennan will be returning to take up the position again. We welcome her back to the Sandford Hill family.

Christmas Assemblies

To ensure parents/carers have sufficient notice to book time off work, here are the list of each year group's Christmas assemblies:

- EYFS Christmas Assembly Tues 4th Dec
- EYFS Christmas Assembly Wed 5th Dec
- Y1 Christmas Assembly Tues 11th Dec
- Y2 Christmas Assembly Wed 12th Dec
- Y3 Christmas Assembly Thurs 6th Dec
- Y4 Christmas Assembly Tues 18th Dec
- Y5 Christmas Assembly Thurs 13th Dec
- Y6 Christmas Assembly Wed 19th Dec

Tickets are now available to order on ParentMail. For all assemblies the doors will open at 9:00 a.m. and performances will start as soon as the children are changed and ready.

We do not charge entry, but we do hold a raffle at each assembly, which help us to provide treats for the children's Christmas parties. Thank you for your support.

Recent blog posts to look at

[Nursery's Fabulous Fireworks](#)

[Nursery Autumn Selfies](#)

[Diwali In The Nursery](#)

[Reception Celebrate Diwali](#)

[Reception Firework Fun!](#)

[Y2 Happy Diwali](#)

[Year 2 Remember](#)

[Y3 Stone Age Settlements](#)

[Y4 Teacher's Post](#)

Please do click on the links above and have a look.

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	Alisha S	Y3/1	Ava T
N2	Bellamy M	Y3/2	Isabelle Y
FS2/1	Jack E	Y4/1	Thomas S
FS2/2	Thomas H	Y4/2	Thomas K
Y1/1	Coby D	Y5/1	Jimmy R
Y1/2	Luke H	Y5/2	Troy M
Y2/1	Lexi-Jean B	Y6/1	Tyler H
Y2/2	Isabella J	Y6/2	Lorna W

Class Assembly Dates for Autumn Term:

Thurs 15th Nov Mrs Carney Y5/1 at 9:10 a.m.

Thurs 22nd Nov Mr Hunt Y4/2 at 9:10 a.m.

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Remembrance Assembly

Well done to Mrs Hassall's Y6/1 class who led yesterday's Remembrance Assembly. A poignant reminder of those that gave their lives for us, with beautiful singing and clearly recited poems. Many thanks to the parents/carers that joined us for the assembly.



Car Park Safety

Keeping our children safe is always of the highest importance to us all. Over the last couple of weeks however, we have noticed that a small number of children playing on the grassed area next to the front path at home time. Quite often, these games seem to spill over onto the staff car park and, as I'm sure you'll understand, this concerns us greatly. Therefore, before an accident happens, please can we ask that you help us keep our children safe by making sure that they keep to school paths and away from dangerous places such as the car park. Thank you for your understanding.

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	Lewis T
N2	Mya G
F2/1	Katie B
F2/2	Martha-Rose L-C
Y1/1	Lia Z
Y1/2	Zeena A
Y2/1	Lucas C
Y2/2	Sienna-Mae H-J
Y3/1	Tamzin P
Y3/2	Jordell-Leroy A
Y4/1	Isabella N
Y4/2	Ava C
Y5/1	Taku N
Y5/2	Max S
Y6/1	Lacey C
Y6/2	Ethan P

Children's Christmas Card Designs

Next week the children will be bringing home a Christmas picture. If you would like to buy a pack of Christmas cards with their design on the front, then please complete the order and payment on ParentMail and then return the picture to school. The cost will be £4.00 for 12 cards. The number of packs will be limited, so it will be first come first served and only one pack per child.



Parents/Carers are invited to watch their child.

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School website - www.sandfordhill.org.uk



Children in Need Friday 16th November

In case you missed it (unlikely!), next Friday is Children in Need day. To help raise funds towards this worthy cause, we will be having a non-uniform day in exchange for a donation. The children can dress up for children in need should they wish.

After school and early evening we will be holding Children in Need discos for years 1 - 6. Tickets are £1.50 each and are available to purchase now through ParentMail. Unfortunately, due to space and health and safety concerns, both discos are limited to 120 spaces, so do get them early to avoid disappointment.

Child collection arrangements at the end of discos

After the discos please collect your child from the following locations:

- KS1** - 4:15 p.m. from your child's classroom;
- Y3/4** - 6:30 p.m. from the hall;
- Y5** - 6:30 p.m. from first downstairs classroom;
- Y6** - 6:30 p.m. from first upstairs classroom.



New Childline website for under 12s

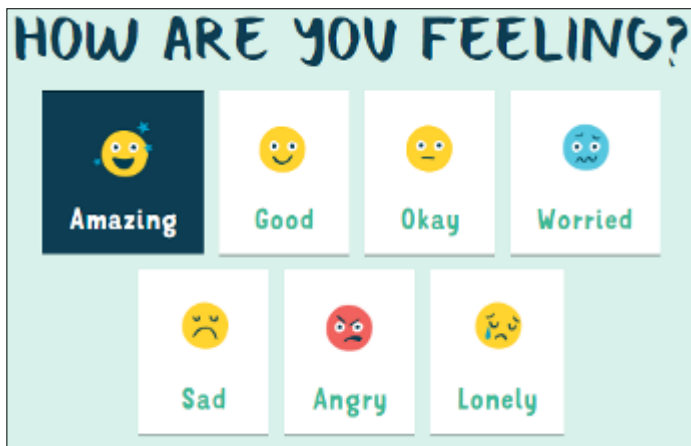
Childline has launched a website www.childline.org.uk/kids aimed at children under the age of 12. This provides age-appropriate content on topics including: bullying, family, friends, feelings, school, abuse and staying safe. It also includes games and therapeutic tools for young visitors to play and express how they are feeling. It will be promoted through the NSPCC's Speak out Stay safe programme.

Our very own Good Samaritan

We would like to say a big thank you and well done to Jamie K in Y3 who recently showed real goodwill and strength of character. On Monday, on his way home from school, he spotted a purse on the ground containing money and cards. This might have caused a dilemma as to whether to keep it or return it, but not for Jamie. He went straight round to the owner's house and returned the purse. It is lovely to think that one of our children showed such honesty, thoughtfulness and respect for another person to put himself out and do the right thing. We are all very proud of you Jamie and you are a wonderful example to others. Well done.

Giants are great!

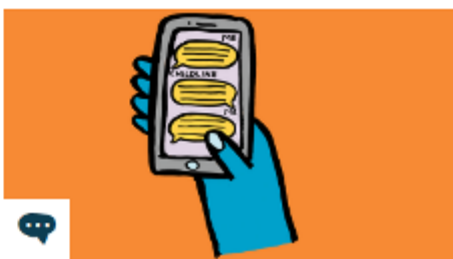
We would like to pass on another very big thank you to Zara W's dad who, through his new company Artificial Giant, have donated a new storytelling chair and grass topped stools for use in Nursery and KS1. They have also carpeted our older story telling area with artificial grass. Do go and have a look, they've done a super job. Very many thanks, it is much appreciated by all of us.



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