



# Sandford Hill Primary School Newsletter

Thoughtfulness and Respect



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**Welcome** to our first, modern look newsletter for the 2020-2021 academic year, to reflect our new classroom block and the start of updating the décor throughout the inside of school.

All the staff were so excited to welcome back the children to school last week and it is lovely to see them happily in class.

## All Change

This week in assembly, we have been speaking to the children about the word change. On Wednesday I shared with Key Stage 2 the mind boggling fact that two-thirds of the children in school will end up, when they are an adult, doing a job that hasn't yet been invented! The world is changing around us, changing so fast it's no wonder that we sometimes feel anxious. I talked about the importance of embracing change and looking upon it as a way for each and every one of us to become an even stronger person. I finished the assembly by telling the children how proud I was of them. The way they have adapted and accepted the changes that we have had to make to keep everyone safe at school, has been remarkable. They are, as the title of the book I shared with them says, AWESOME!



## A Big Thank You

We would like to thank you for your support of our new arrival and collection arrangements and would like to remind of some key points:

- Please ensure you stick to the arrival and collection times (right) to ensure we do not get too congested on the school site.
- As per latest government guidance, can we encourage you to maintain social distancing, wear masks and limit gathering in groups.
- Can we also please ask that when collecting your child in one of our waiting areas, that you stand well back and only come forward when your child is brought to the front of the queue.
- Children are asked not to bring in toys from home, particularly cuddly ones.

Many thanks with your ongoing support with this.

## Getting in Touch

Communication is always key, but never more so than now. However, with restrictions in place can we please ask that, rather than send in paper based messages, you either:

- ⇒ use the Absence feature in ParentMail,
- ⇒ or phone school on the numbers above between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. (or leave a message on the answerphone),
- ⇒ or best still, you send us an e-mail on our new [parent@sandfordhill.org.uk](mailto:parent@sandfordhill.org.uk) e-mail address. This replaces the office@sandfordhil... which gets so many business e-mails and we don't want your mails getting missed.

Year Group	Arrival	Collection
Nursery	8:40	2:45
Reception	9:00	3:10
Year 1	8:50	3:00
Year 2	9:00	3:10
Year 3	8:40	3:15
Year 4	8:40	3:15
Year 5	8:30	3:25
Year 6	8:30	3:25

## Start of year reminders

- Have you moved house or changed your mobile number over the school holiday? Or maybe one of your contacts for your child has changed. If so, please do make sure you let the school office know via call, e-mail or using the ParentMail absence.
- Also, you should have received a ParentMail asking you to provide your child's dietary requirements and medical conditions. As well as for dinners, buttered bagels have now restarted since our new kitchen is up and running, so please do respond, especially if your child's circumstances have changed.
- Please be reminded that school dinners are £2.35 per day or £11.75 for a full week. Payment should be made via ParentMail before school starts on the Monday morning. All Reception, Y1 and Y2 children receive free School dinners through the Universal Infant Free School Meal programme.
- Please ensure that all your child's uniform is labelled with their name, especially their new P.E. kit as we accumulate so many uniform items and without them being named we cannot reunite them with their owner.



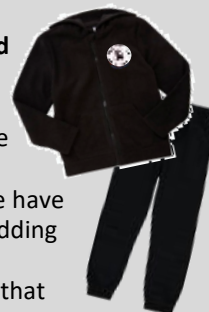
### P.E. Smart

We hope you'll agree that the children look so smart in their new P.E kit. Please do make sure that you have **named each item**, especially the hoody and joggers that might be taken off, as we will not be able to return any lost items if unnamed.

We are in the process of sorting those items where there was a sizing issue and will provide them to the children as soon as we receive our additional stock.

Also, on ParentMail under the Payments heading, we have set up for sale additional red polo shirts. We have a number in stock but will also take orders and then get them made up. Likewise we will shortly be adding the black hoodies to buy as well.

Below is a reminder of the P.E. days when your child should wear their P.E. kit. Also please remember that no jewellery should be worn on P.E. days. Thank you.



Classes	P.E. kit Day	Classes	P.E. kit Day
Reception – Mrs Powell	Friday	Reception – Mrs Smith	Friday
Year 1/1 - Miss Harrison	Wednesday	Year 1/2 - Miss Ridgway	Wednesday
Year 2/1 – Miss Gregory	Wednesday & Friday	Year 2/2 – Miss Heath	Wednesday & Thursday
Year 3/1 – Mrs Frost	Tuesday & Friday	Year 3/2 – Mr Frost	Tuesday & Friday
Year 4/1 – Mrs Carney	Thursday	Year 4/2 – Mr Alcock	Thursday
Year 5/1 – Mrs Bullock	Tuesday & Thursday	Year 5/2 – Miss Jones	Tuesday & Thursday
Year 6/1 – Mrs Hassall	Monday & Thursday	Year 6/2 – Mr Jones	Monday & Thursday

### Remote Learning

Due to the possibility of further lockdowns, we are busily preparing for how we would continue to provide learning activities for the children.

If your child is at home, due to self-isolating, for more than a couple of days, then you can request work for your child to do at home.

Also we will be sending out a ParentMail form next week to ask about what provision you would have available at home for your child to use for online learning, e.g. internet wifi, computer, tablet, etc. To ensure that we can provide continued learning activities at all times, it is really important that you please complete the form. Thank you.



### Bikeability

This week our Y6 children have had a great time doing their Level 2 Bikeability. This was squeezed in early (as they missed it last term), so that they can do their level 3 next summer. Well done to all the Y6 children.

Next week Y5 will be doing their L1 Bikeability, so that like Y6, they can do their L2 next summer as planned.

Y5/2 - Miss Jones's class is on Monday; Y5/1 - Mrs Bullock's class is on Friday  
On the relevant day, the children should:

- Wear their P.E. kit to school
- If bringing a bike then children should walk it up to the top playground. Helmets can be left with the bikes if the weather is dry.
- Bikes and helmets will be provided for any child requiring them.



### Congratulations

- ◆ Well done to Mrs Carney who was recently awarded her certificate as a Chartered Science Teacher.
- ◆ Even though we are asking children not to bring items into school to show us, we do still want you to let us know about all the wonderful things they manage to achieve.
- ◆ So if you have something for us to share on the newsletter, please do send a picture and message via e-mail to [parent@sandfordhill.org.uk](mailto:parent@sandfordhill.org.uk).



### Headteacher's Star Awards:

Congratulations to these children who was given this week's Head Teacher's Star Award.

Class	Award Winner	Class	Award Winner
FS2/1	Salem S	Y3/2	Evelyn T
FS2/2	Simi K	Y4/1	Leila H
Y1/1	Aliza A	Y4/2	Skyla-Beau R
Y1/2	Mia Gy	Y5/1	Lily H
Y2/1	Martha-Rose L-C	Y5/2	Sian S
Y2/2	Sienna D	Y6/1	Mason L
Y3/1	Martha J	Y6/2	Leo W

### Health and Wellbeing

#### Looking After Each Other

Just as it is important that we recognise our own emotions and understand how we are feeling, it is also important that we understand how the people around us may be feeling. When someone is happy, it's nice to be happy with them. When someone is sad, it's nice to ask them if they need cheering up. By looking after each other, we can all be happier together and make our school a more enjoyable place to learn. Watch the story below by Michael Rosen. It talks about the things he does when he feels sad, how other people can spot that he's sad and that by understanding our emotions we can all be happier together.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pcpcLpCKZoc>

