



Sandford Hill Primary School Newsletter

Thoughtfulness and Respect



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Such a Shame

We have been so pleased and proud with the way that all the children have settled into being back at school after such a long break. It is therefore so disappointing that we had to make the difficult decision to send our Y3 children home yesterday to self-isolate. We can report the child who tested positive is absolutely fine having had only a very mild illness. While we desperately hope that this situation will not repeat too often, our preparations for providing remote learning for children at home will be put into practice earlier than we thought!

On Monday we plan to send out the survey mentioned in last week's newsletter to all families, asking for your response about school/home communication and also about home access for home learning.



Remote Learning using Microsoft Teams

The staff continue to prepare for how we can provide learning activities for the children to access at home. Over the course of the next few days, the children will be bringing home usernames and passwords to log into Microsoft Teams. This is a free to use digital education platform with multiple uses. Teachers can set assignments for the children to work on online; teachers can then view and give feedback to them on the platform. Since the start of the school year, the teachers in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 have been introducing the children to Microsoft Teams.



How to log in on a computer or laptop at home:

The children can log in to Teams at home through [this link](#) or by searching for Microsoft Teams. After log in, there is the opportunity to download a desktop app for laptops and computers so that the children do not need to keep signing in.



How to log in on a mobile device (phone or tablet):

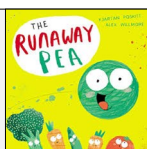
Download Microsoft Teams, OneNote and OneDrive from your app store. These are available free of charge. Sign in using your child's username and password.



As this is new learning for so many of us, any help and support you can give to your child would be greatly appreciated. Helping your child to log in would be a great start. Thank you.

Reception Free Book 'The Runaway Pea'

Tonight our Reception pupils are bringing home their free copy of 'The Runaway Pea' which has been funded by Arts Council England. We hope you enjoy reading the book with your child. Reading together for just ten minutes a day improves children's imagination, language, emotional well-being and curiosity. Useful tips about sharing the story can be found inside the cover of the book. Happy reading!



Congratulations

Well done to Seth H who won man of the match at last Sunday's football match. Well played Seth.

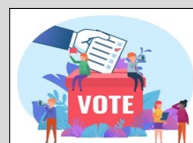


Health and Wellbeing

International Day of Democracy

Earlier this week marked the International Day of Democracy. Democracy allows people to voice their opinions by voting on important issues, along with deciding who should be the leader of the country. Whilst we often hear the word democracy in the news, living in a democracy should never be taken for granted. It is important that we all appreciate the opportunity to voice our opinions, respect the opinions of others and work to make the democratic process fair for everyone. You can find out more about democracy in our country by watching the clip below:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/30880972>



Headteacher's Star Awards:

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

Class	Award Winner	Class	Award Winner
FS2/1	Caleb M	Y3/2	Bentley D
FS2/2	Theodore T	Y4/1	Lexi-Jean B
Y1/1	Jack H	Y4/2	Vinnie L
Y1/2	Amelia G	Y5/1	Modou K
Y2/1	Amilia P	Y5/2	Joseph S
Y2/2	Eva R	Y6/1	Kai A
Y3/1	Lyla-Rai D	Y6/2	Charlotte B

Parking

Last night I received an e-mail from a local resident who raised a concern regarding parking close to school. Please may I once again ask everyone to park thoughtfully and respectfully and show consideration for all of our neighbours, our families and our children. Thank you.