



Sandford Hill Primary School Newsletter

Thoughtfulness and Respect



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School Council

Welcome to our new School Council for this 2020-21 school year - **Alfie H, Niamh B, Finley J, Lily D, Amina K, Callum H, James H-B, Charlotte B, Julia D, Ruby L, Kinga I and Shaun B.** Of course our usual elections with voting booths could not take place as we have done in previous years during the summer term, so we had to change our way of candidates promoting themselves and the children voting for them.

All those children who wished to stand were filmed making their election speech and Mr Jones kindly put the videos together on Teams. Each class could then watch all the candidates and vote for their top three. Miss Gerrard counted up the votes and 12 out of 20 candidates were elected and informed on Monday, following their return from Stanley Head. Well done to everyone who has become a councillor, but also to those not elected who put themselves forward. It was quite nerve-wracking being filmed and lots were nervous about it. The School Council now have their own Teams group and will meet fortnightly. Look out for lots more council news soon.



Sandford Hill goes ECO !

Our Eco Day this year will be on Tuesday 20th October. Pupils will be learning about how to care more for our environment. In year groups we will find out about a variety of issues including plastics, reducing, reusing and recycling, litter and waste and land use/habitat destruction. We will all make an Eco Promise such as reducing our use of single plastic items or only using reusable bags.

We will also consider these questions:

- ⇒ Who does the Earth belong to?
- ⇒ Whose job is it to look after the Earth?
- ⇒ Why does it need looking after?

It would be fantastic if you could talk to your children about these questions and what you do, or can do as a family, to help. Thank you.



A Bit of Bedtime Reading

We're really excited to launch our Bedtime Story Books for children in Reception. On Monday, the children will bring home a bedtime story book to keep at home for the week and return on Friday. It is hoped that you will enjoy reading the book throughout the week with your child.

Research shows that reading a book to your child before they go to sleep has many benefits. It can develop their communication skills and creative thinking, increase their vocabulary and understanding, strengthen the bond between parents and children as well as helping to establish a bedtime routine.

Mrs Powell, Mrs Smith and Miss Hodgson look forward to hearing about the stories!



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.

F1/1	Luna H
F1/2	Evie F
F2/1	Keira M
F2/2	Brooklyn B
Y1/1	Millie H
Y1/2	Lily-Grace D-S-D
Y2/1	Lowry B
Y2/2	Olivia D
Y3/1	Coby D
Y3/2	Max B
Y4/1	Kaytee L
Y4/2	Marium A
Y5/1	Lucy D
Y5/2	James W
Y6/1	James H-B
Y6/2	Jack S

Health and Wellbeing

School Library Month

As October marks National School Library Month, it is the perfect opportunity to think about how lucky we are to have such a wonderful collection of books in school and how important it is to look after these. Whether it's a tale or a biography, a thriller or a poem, everyone should have a favourite book. Whilst we all understand the importance of reading for our school work, it is equally as important to read books that you enjoy, and to try reading new books that you may not have explored before. To find out about the 100 best books for children from the past 100 years, click on the link: booktrust.org.uk



Parents' Evening

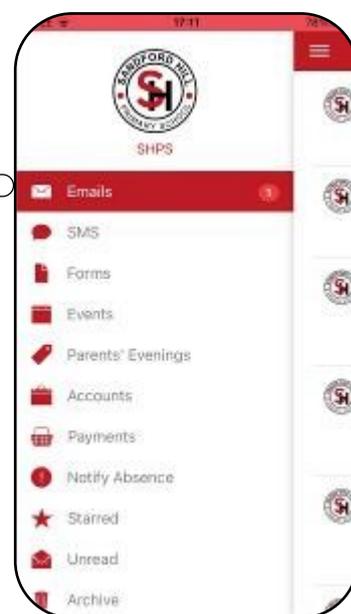
This year, as we are unable to offer face-to-face Parent/Carer meetings, we are proposing to offer a phone call to all parents/carers of Reception to Y6 children instead. Different teachers will be phoning on different days as indicated right.

How the calls will operate:

- ◇ Appointments will be available for you to choose for your child(ren) between 3:30 and 6:30 p.m. only on the days shown for your child's class/year shown right. Please note: If you choose a different date not allocated to your child's class or year, it will show all times as 'Unavailable'.
- ◇ Appointments will be available to book using ParentMail Parents Evening Manager from **6:00 p.m. on Tuesday 6th October**.
- ◇ Appointment slots are every 10 minutes, but calls are expected to take approximately 5 minutes to allow teachers time to prepare for the next call.
- ◇ If your call, after 5 minutes, requires more time, the teacher may ask you to arrange a further call. This is because we do not want calls to run behind.
- ◇ When booking an appointment, please enter the phone number you wish to be called on, at your selected time, in the notes section.
- ◇ You need to be ready with your phone at your appointment time and need to be aware that when the teacher calls you, it will most likely indicate 'No Caller ID' or a similar message.

Classes/Years	Dates
Both Reception classes	Mon 12 th Oct & Wed 14 th Oct
Both Year 1 classes	Mon 19 th Oct & Wed 21 st Oct
Y2/1 Miss Gregory	Mon 12 th Oct & Wed 14 th Oct
Y2/2 Miss Heath	Wed 14 th Oct & Wed 21 st Oct
Both Year 3 classes	Tues 20 th Oct & Thurs 22 nd Oct
Y4/1 Mrs Carney	Mon 12 th Oct & Thurs 15 th Oct
Y4/2 Mr Alcock	Tues 13 th Oct & Thurs 15 th Oct
Both Year 5 classes	Tues 20 th Oct & Thurs 22 nd Oct
Both Year 6 classes	Tues 13 th Oct & Thurs 15 th Oct

To parents/carers of Nursery children: We do not usually have a parent/carers meeting at this time, but you are welcome to email your child's practitioner with any questions regarding your child settling in or with any concerns you may have. However, please be reassured that your child's practitioner will always contact you if there are any concerns with your child or other information that may be needed to be shared.



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
FS1/1	Nathan P	Y3/1	Chloe T-W
FS1/2	Eeligh R	Y3/2	Emma B
FS2/1	Josiah D	Y4/1	James M
FS2/2	Jessica G	Y4/2	Jenna B
Y1/1	Amelia C	Y5/1	Oliver J
Y1/2	Flynn H	Y5/2	Evie-Rose M
Y2/1	Isla J	Y6/1	Skye Z
Y2/2	Daniel C	Y6/2	Annabelle S

Congratulations

Well done again to Seth H who was awarded Player's Player of the Year, Sponsor's Player of the Season and Parent's Player of the Year. A fantastic season all round and very well deserved awards. We are all very proud of you Seth.



Building Update

Now that the most visible building work has been completed at the front of the school, there is little sign of what is happening around the back. However, work is progressing with tons and tons of earth being removed from site from the back of the hall, in readiness for the siting of our second classroom block. Though we don't like to tempt fate and weather permitting, the new block is due for completion early in 2021.

