



Sandford Hill Primary School Newsletter

Thoughtfulness and Respect



Week 7 - Fri 16th Oct 2020

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Eco Day

will be taking place next Tuesday. On this day children will explore and learn about environmental issues affecting our world, make individual Eco promises and consider solutions to the problems. Nursery and Reception will be covering the litter problem; Y1 and Y2 will be learning about the issue of plastic and why it creates so many problems; Y3 and Y4 will think about the meaning of 'Reduce, Reuse and Recycle' and how we all need to think about reducing what we buy. Y5 and Y6 will be taking part in a national challenge which has been devised following a recent report led by the World Wide Fund for Nature. The Living Planet Report shows that the way we are living on our planet at the moment is unsustainable, and that human activity is destroying the natural world and making it less able to provide for our needs. The challenge is for pupils to share their vision of life in the future. They could write a song or rap, a poem, letters or create a poster. If you would like to read the report it can be found at: <https://livingplanet.panda.org/en-gb/> David Attenborough also has a brilliant new film, currently on Netflix, called 'A Life on our Planet'. We would also love our families to join us in making an Eco Promise too! Here are some suggestions:

- ⇒ Taking a reusable bottle out with you;
- ⇒ Always turning off the lights when they are not in use;
- ⇒ Recycling more at home;
- ⇒ Feeding the birds/wildlife;
- ⇒ Not leaving the tap running when brushing your teeth;
- ⇒ Always taking bags shopping;
- ⇒ Setting up and looking after a wildlife area/wild place left in garden;
- ⇒ Not buying plastic things unless necessary; and
- ⇒ Not wasting any food.

Please talk to your child about Eco Day after school on Tuesday. Thank you for your support.

Key Stage 1 Dressing Up Day

We are really looking forward to our Y1 and Y2 children having their dressing up day next Friday 23rd October.

Y1 Superhero day

Our Y1 classes are being asked to come to school dressed as a Superhero! Maybe someone who does a superhero job, like a nurse, care worker or a scientist inventor, or it could be an imaginary comic type superhero.

Y2 Alice in Wonderland

Our Y2 children are having an Alice in Wonderland themed Tea Party. And can wear either Alice in Wonderland outfits or normal party clothes. They will be having a tea party with a difference, with some party food and lots of imaginary tea!



HARVEST Donations for Bethel Church

Thank you so much to those that have already sent in donations. Mrs Brennan has been in contact with the Bethel Church and they are in need of tins, cereals and pastas. Please could any donations be brought into school up until **Wednesday morning** when the food will be taken to the church.

Thank you.



The Tony Hughes Award for 'Thoughtfulness and Respect'

This medallion, in memory of our former Chairman of the PTF, is presented each week to a worthy child from each class.

F1/1	Amelia T (9 th Oct) Elliot D
F1/2	Dakota A (9 th Oct) Rowan K
F2/1	Tommy C
F2/2	Gracjan P
Y1/1	Lexi L
Y1/2	Freya L
Y2/1	Olivia W
Y2/2	Bradley B
Y3/1	Kian D
Y3/2	Grace H
Y4/1	Emelia B-S
Y4/2	Seren C
Y5/1	Amelia M
Y5/2	Brooke M
Y6/1	Alana M-I
Y6/2	Finley J

Nasal Flu Vaccinations

The immunisation team will be visiting school on **Tuesday 20th October** to deliver the Nasal Flu spray programme for Reception to Y6 children. Thank you to those who have completed the online consent form already. If you have not done so and would like your child protected against Flu please go to <https://forms.mpft.nhs.uk/> and fill in the form using the code **JBFSANDH**. If you are having trouble completing the form, please contact the team on **0300 124 0366** to have a form emailed or to complete a verbal consent form over the phone.

On the day of vaccination all children that have received the vaccine will have a smiley face stamp on their wrist to identify that they have had the vaccine, if your child has any allergies please make the team aware by phoning 0300 124 0366.

Health and Wellbeing

Global Handwashing Day

As we all recognise the importance of effective personal hygiene, we would encourage everyone to spend time reminding their children the correct way to wash their hands. Alongside this, it can be useful to talk to children about the different surfaces that are likely to contain a high number of germs, such as door handles and hand-held devices. For more information and for resources to support this, please visit the following link:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/best-way-to-wash-your-hands/>



Medical absence reminders

A couple of important medical reminders please:

Following sickness

- If your child has been physically sick, then they must not return to school until 48 hours after the last bout of sickness;

Covid 19

- If your child is tested for Covid 19 then they should not return to school until either:
 1. a Negative text result can be shared with the office staff; or
 2. If they receive a positive result, that they have completed the 10 day quarantine.

Please do keep the office informed of any results and if you have any questions then you can either call school, e-mail to parent@sandfordhill.org.uk or use the absence ParentMail for any message. Thank you for your support.

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	Leah H	Y3/1	Harry E
FS1/2	Isaac J	Y3/2	Isla R
FS2/1	Jessica R	Y4/1	Mconnel B
FS2/2	Lottie S	Y4/2	Emori S
Y1/1	Darci-Jade C	Y5/1	Patryk W
Y1/2	Keaton M	Y5/2	Blake W
Y2/1	Ollie E	Y6/1	Alfie W
Y2/2	Harper B	Y6/2	Ryan H

Prospective Nursery Virtual Open Evening

This year, due to Covid, we are unable to welcome prospective Nursery parents/carers into school to show them and their children our Nursery classroom and outdoor spaces.



Instead, we are in the process of putting together a Virtual Open Evening full of really useful information for parents/carers. We will share the web address for this soon.

We will also be providing an opportunity to join in a video chat to ask any questions that we might not have covered or for individual circumstances.

For your information, the **Admission Dates** are:

- ♦ High School Admission: closes Saturday 31st October
- ♦ Reception Admissions: Monday 2nd November
- ♦ Nursery Admissions open: Tuesday 1st December

Congratulations

⇒ Well done to **Patryk W** who has passed his Level 7 in swimming. A fantastic achievement Patryk, many congratulations.



⇒ Congratulations also to **Jack H** on being awarded his Level 3 Learn to Swim certificate. Super swimming Jack. Well done!



School Attendance Target - 96.5%

This week is 97.4% - ABOVE - Well done ALL

F2/1	98.5%	Y3/2	96.9%
F2/2	97.0%	Y4/1	98.0%
Y1/1	99.2%	Y4/2	100%
Y1/2	93.6%	Y5/1	95.2%
Y2/1	98.9%	Y5/2	94.4%
Y2/2	96.8%	Y6/1	95.3%
Y3/1	98.5%	Y6/2	96.7%

Attendance

Since we have returned to school in September we have been so pleased with the children's enthusiasm and keenness to get back into school life. Due to the current situation, we know there have been a high number of enforced absences due to Covid and this is likely to continue well into the future.

However, our attendance is currently showing a percentage, over the past 7 days, of 97.7% and for the whole school year 96.4%. This shows a fantastic commitment by children and families and we would like to thank you for your continued support.

Parents' Evening Calls

We are now half way through our parent/carers progress calls and for those that have already had theirs, we hope you found it useful. The remaining classes can be seen on the right and will operate as described below.

- ♦ Appointments will have been booked on ParentMail Parents Evening 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'.
- ♦ 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 Year 1 classes	Mon 19 th Oct & Wed 21 st Oct
Y2/2 Miss Heath	Wed 21st Oct
Both Year 3 classes	Tues 20 th Oct & Thurs 22 nd Oct
Both Year 5 classes	Tues 20 th Oct & Thurs 22 nd Oct