



Sandford Hill Primary School Newsletter

Thoughtfulness and Respect



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Road Safety

A quick Google search earlier this week, led me to discover a Department For Transport report on road accidents. I was encouraged to note that the number of accidents on our roads is thankfully going down from year to year. However, I was still very much alarmed to note that in a quite recent year, there were still 186,000 road accidents. Of these, 19,000 involved children and tragically, this included 1,700 child fatalities. With this in mind, our assemblies this week have focused on Road Safety!

The children in the assembly were surprised to learn that, although the roads around our school have speed limits of 30 m.p.h., it would still take around 23 metres for a car, travelling at this speed, to come to a stop. This is almost two and half times the width of our school hall! It's clear for us all to see therefore how important it is for us all to remember that **'Twenty is Plenty!'** along the roads around our school.

In the assembly with our older children we focused on the 'ABC's of Road Safety': A - Awareness - knowing what the dangers are; B - Behaviour - Stop, Look, Listen and THINK!; C - Choice - the decisions we make to keep us safe. Ask your child about how they keep safe on the roads.

If you would like any further advice or information, [Zebras](http://Zebras.org.uk) is a wonderful website for children and families to find out more.



A new item for the newsletter is to share the names of the children who have a birthday the following week.

Next Week's Birthdays

- ♦ Mariam A
- ♦ Vinnie B
- ♦ Archie-George C
- ♦ Finley J
- ♦ Mollie-Mae E
- ♦ Oliver H
- ♦ Leah H
- ♦ Noah F
- ♦ Ella B
- ♦ Sinmiloluwa K
- ♦ Evie W
- ♦ Kaiden F

Wishing all these children a very **Happy Birthday** during next week.



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	Briar B
F1/2	Olivia C
F2/1	Noah M
F2/2	Layla C
Y1/1	Leo P
Y1/2	Alisha S
Y2/1	Yaswanth N
Y2/2	Lacey-Mae C
Y3/1	Caleb B
Y3/2	Madison M
Y4/1	Alfie G
Y4/2	Anna D
Y5/1	Tyler C
Y5/2	Tyler C
Y6/1	Alfie-John G
Y6/2	Leo W

Spring/Summer 2021 Term Dates

Spring Term 2021	Summer Term 2021
Mon 4 th January	Mon 19 th April
Term starts	Term starts
Mon 15 th to Fri 19 th February	Mon 31 st May to Fri 4 th June
Half Term	Half Term
Fri 2 nd to Fri 16 th April	Friday 16 th July - Wed 1 st Sept
Easter Holidays	Children's Summer Holidays

Christmas Dinner Arrangements Reminder

Our Christmas dinners are being spread over 4 days this year to enable us to maintain social distancing. On your child's Christmas Dinner day below, your child should come to school wearing something 'Christmassy'.

- Tues 1st Dec - Y4 and Y6
- Wed 2nd Dec - Y3 and Y5
- Thurs 3rd Dec - Y1 and Y2
- Fri 4th Dec - Nursery and Reception



Also, please do make sure they have a warm coat on as they will be having a bit of time standing outside.

For parents with children in **Nursery, Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6:**

If your child is having a Christmas Dinner and is not eligible for Free School Meals, please ensure that £2.35 is paid into the 'Accounts' in ParentMail in advance of their dinner day.

Health and Wellbeing

National School Meals Week

As part of our National School Meals Week celebrations, it is important to recognise the excellent meals that City Catering and our Head Cook, Mrs Cotton, provide for the children, especially in the week that we have so many children enjoying a Christmas dinner. We all understand the importance of a healthy and balanced diet, however our school meals strive to go even further than this, allowing our children to explore seasonality and different cultures through the food that they eat. To find out more about National School Meals Week, follow the link below.

<https://thegreatschoolslunch.co.uk/>



Y4 Bulb Planting Bonanza

After a final count up we reckon that around 600 Spring bulbs have been planted around school by our Y4 children this week. A magnificent effort, don't you think? We can't wait to see the results with some well-needed colour in our grass verges. Thank you Y4!



Y6 have seen the light!

Y6 demonstrated their fantastic problem solving skills yesterday as they were challenged to find a way to win a game of laser tag without ever leaving cover. As you can see from the photographs, they used their knowledge of how light travels, along with reflection, to create a model that showed the solution. The only material that the children were given was a piece of paper and they had to ask for anything additional that they required, including Lego pieces to make barriers, a light box to act as the laser and a target to act as another player. The children asked some really interesting questions and investigated different ways to improve their model, such as by closing the blinds, switching off the lights and moving away from any natural light sources. Super science, Year 6!



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	Michaela L	Y3/1	Florence B
FS1/2	Henry R	Y3/2	Lilly M-N
FS2/1	Ava P	Y4/1	Billy D
FS2/2	Frankie C	Y4/2	Oliver D
Y1/1	William B	Y5/1	Jasper B
Y1/2	Woody E	Y5/2	Jasper B
Y2/1	Ellie T	Y6/1	Shaun B
Y2/2	Roman A	Y6/2	Ryan C

Parent Notices

No bagels

As the kitchen are preparing so many Christmas dinners over 4 days next week, they will not have the capacity to prepare bagels as well. So, for next week only, there will be no bagels in morning.

COVID Testing

Please can we remind that if **anyone** in the household has symptoms and is waiting for a test result, then your child **SHOULD NOT BE IN SCHOOL**, until a negative test result is received. If the result is positive, they should not return for a further 14 days. Thank you for your support.

School Attendance Target - 96.5%

This week is 95.9% - below our school target.

F1/1	94.4%	Y2/2	93.5%
F1/2	83.3%	Y3/1	99.7%
F1/3	97.3%	Y3/2	94.1%
F1/4	95.6%	Y4/1	96.3%
F2/1	96.2%	Y4/2	96.8%
F2/2	97.6%	Y5/1	98.9%
Y1/1	94.6%	Y5/2	86.2%
Y1/2	92.6%	Y6/1	95.8%
Y2/1	97.4%	Y6/2	99.1%

Prospective Nursery Virtual Open Evening is NOW LIVE!

Do you know someone who has a child that will be 3 by next September? If so do encourage them to view our Virtual Open Evening on our website: sandfordhill.org.uk/.

There you will find:

- A welcome video
- 'An A-Z of starting in Nursery' information video
- 'Meet the Nursery Staff' profiles
- A video tour of the Nursery classroom
- An online form to complete should you wish a member of staff to contact you about an individual query.

We do hope you find it useful!

For your information, the Admission Dates are:

- ◆ Reception Admissions: Monday 2nd November
- ◆ Nursery Admissions open: Tuesday 1st December



Still Recruiting

We have been asked to share a recruitment drive for people to join health and social care to help fight the covid pandemic. They are particularly looking to reach out to those recently out of work, redundant etc because of covid, but also to clinical people who want to come back to the service or pick up more work if they are working part time. Click on the image right for more information.



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