



# Sandford Hill Primary School Newsletter

Thoughtfulness and Respect



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## Welcome Back!

We do hope you managed to have a pleasant and safe half term break. Last Saturday at the end of the holiday, the second national lockdown, which began yesterday, was announced. On the BBC website there is a useful list of the [‘Nine ways England’s lockdown is different from last time’](#):

1. You can meet one friend outside, socially distancing ... with your children;
2. Public toilets will not be closed;
3. Support 'Bubbles' exist;
4. Click and collect services will be available;
5. Sitting on a bench is allowed;
6. You can take unlimited exercise;
7. Dentist and opticians are staying open;
8. Nobody will formally shield; and most relevant
9. Schools and universities are staying open.



We were all delighted that one of the differences from last time is that schools are staying open. Being at school is vital for children’s education and well-being. Indeed it is fabulous that our overall whole school attendance for this year is 96.4%. Despite this week having a number of staff self-isolating, it continues to be our aim, that all pupils in all year groups remain in school.

To help us with managing risk we would very much appreciate your continued support with the systems and procedures (below) that we have in place at the beginning and end of the school day.

- ⇒ **Please continue to follow the ‘One Way’ system** (even if the signs are no longer up);
- ⇒ **Please do wear a mask while on the school site.** (Should this not be possible for you, for whatever reason, then please contact the school office and we will try to arrange for your child to be collected/taken to the school gate where possible);
- ⇒ **Please keep paths clear at all times** so that there is no congestion at busy cross over points;
- ⇒ **Please ‘Keep Off’ the red ash car park.** We cannot fence the whole path along the red ash, so rely on parents to keep children safe on the path please.
- ⇒ Scooters should be stored in the scooter pods by each entrance/exit and should not be ridden on the school grounds.
- ⇒ **If any member of your household has COVID symptoms**, please keep your children at home until test results tell whether it is safe or they need to self-isolate;
- ⇒ Please remember to use [parent@sandfordhill.org.uk](mailto:parent@sandfordhill.org.uk) for any e-mail communications to staff or use the ParentMail Absence option.



### 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	Cadi R
F1/2	Ethan D
F2/1	Adam R
F2/2	William A
Y1/1	Bellamy M
Y1/2	Poppy T
Y2/1	Anna T
Y2/2	Lily-Grace S
Y3/1	Summer W
Y3/2	Reggie L
Y4/1	Billy D
Y4/2	Daniel I
Y5/1	Jessica M
Y5/2	Erin D
Y6/1	Evie B
Y6/2	Callum D

### Prospective Nursery Virtual Open Evening is NOW LIVE!

As we are unable to welcome prospective Nursery parents/carers into school, you can now view our Virtual Open Evening on our website: [sandfordhill.org.uk/](http://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 2<sup>nd</sup> November
- ♦ Nursery Admissions open: Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December



### Health and Wellbeing

#### Parliament Week

As this week marks UK Parliament Week, it is the perfect opportunity to discuss the process of government on both a national and local level with children. This might involve helping them to find out who their local MP is, and then writing to them about something that matters in our local community. Whilst there are lots of ways that children can engage with parliament and democracy, we can all agree that having an awareness of these is a fundamental life skill. Find out more about UK Parliament Week by following the link:

[www.ukparliamentweek.org/en/](http://www.ukparliamentweek.org/en/)



## Poppies for Sale

From next Monday we will have a selection of poppy gift items available for each year group bubble to help raise funds for the British Legion. Poppies will be for a donation and the gift item prices range from 50p to £2.

- ♦ Metal Pin Badge £2
- ♦ Elasticated Wristbands £2
- ♦ Poppy Cross £1.50
- ♦ Silk Poppies £1
- ♦ Rubber Wristbands £1
- ♦ Car Badge £1
- ♦ Reflectors 50p
- ♦ Poppies Donation

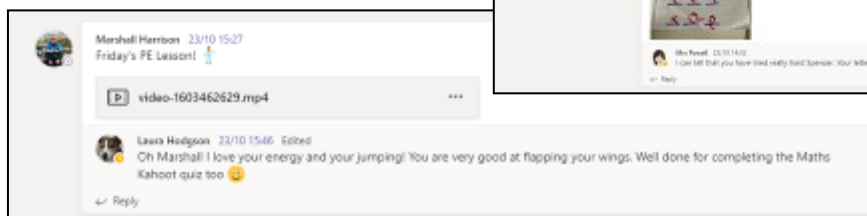
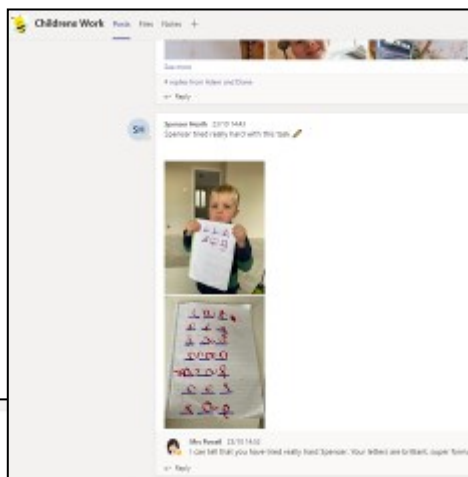
It will be a first come first served in each year group with limited stock, although we have requested some more supplies!



## Remote Learning Review

One of the key aims of Sandford Hill Primary School is to prepare our children for the digital world and so we continue to work hard to further improve our remote education provision. We were all delighted by the work which our Nursery and Reception children submitted through Microsoft Teams during their recent school isolation and the feedback we received from parents on their experiences was overwhelmingly positive.

To further support parents, we have started to create a 'help' page on our school website: <https://sandfordhill.org.uk/home-learning/microsoft-teams/>. Teams itself can be accessed on the web by searching for 'Teams' in the browser. It works best through Google Chrome or Microsoft Edge. There is also an app which users can download which will avoid the need to keep logging in. The app is available for most devices; computers, laptops, phones and tablets (not Kindle Fire). If you require any further help or support, please feel free to contact school, via [parent@sandfordhill.org.uk](mailto:parent@sandfordhill.org.uk).



## 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	Briar B	Y3/1	Caden H
FS1/2	Oluwateniayo K	Y3/2	Elizabeth R
FS2/1	Malachi M	Y4/1	Charlie B
FS2/2	Alice G	Y4/2	Riley W
Y1/1	Jensen F	Y5/1	Caleb J
Y1/2	Ava P	Y5/2	Skye S
Y2/1	Ollie W	Y6/1	Jack T
Y2/2	Rowan Jay J	Y6/2	Brodie B

## Congratulations

⇒ Well done to **Seth H** who has passed his silver swimming award. He was particularly pleased to get this award after having had such a long time off. Congratulations Seth.



## School Attendance Target - 96.5%

This week is 96.8% - ABOVE - Well done ALL

F2/1	98.3%	Y3/2	97.9%
F2/2	96.7%	Y4/1	94.6%
Y1/1	95.3%	Y4/2	98.3%
Y1/2	94.7%	Y5/1	95.6%
Y2/1	93.8%	Y5/2	89.4%
Y2/2	96.7%	Y6/1	93.5%
Y3/1	98.6%	Y6/2	95.9%

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[www.sandfordhill.org.uk](https://www.sandfordhill.org.uk)