



# Sandford Hill Primary School Newsletter

Thoughtfulness and Respect



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## A Flying Visit

Yesterday and today, some wonderful Christmas magic happened in school! We found Santa had arrived in his sleigh on our school field. He said that because the children at Sandford Hill Primary had been so good coping with all the difficult times this year; and because they were working so hard in school and when they were forced to stay at home; that he really wanted to come and see us and give all the children a special treat. He magically turned our garage into a welcoming barn and two of his elves helped the children to feed his reindeer.

Not only did Santa take time out of his busy schedule to visit us, but when the children returned to the classroom he had magically left the each of the children a Christmas present.



## 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	Hana A
F1/2	Oliver B
F2/1	Mason H
F2/2	Mason N
Y1/1	Jaxon H
Y1/2	Jake M
Y2/1	Maisie C
Y2/2	Macie L
Y3/1	Lexi W
Y3/2	Poppy T
Y4/1	Poppy J
Y4/2	Lucy M
Y5/1	Ashton S
Y5/2	Isabelle B
Y6/1	Alfie D
Y6/2	Ella W

## Next Week's Birthdays

- ♦ Mason N
- ♦ Emelia B
- ♦ Olivia-Grace M
- ♦ Darcy-Grace W
- ♦ Harrison D
- ♦ Jack H
- ♦ Hana A
- ♦ Roman A
- ♦ Jessica R

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



## Christmas Party Days

Starting next Thursday each year group will be having a Christmas Party with their 'bubble' of children and staff.

- Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> Dec – Y1
- Fri 11<sup>th</sup> Dec – Y3
- Mon 14<sup>th</sup> Dec – Y4
- Tues 15<sup>th</sup> Dec – Y2
- Tues 15<sup>th</sup> Dec – Nursery/Reception
- Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Dec – Y5
- Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> Dec – Y6

On the relevant day shown above your child is invited to **come into school in their party clothes.**



## Health and Wellbeing

### Healthy Snacks

Did you know that half the sugar that children have comes from snacks and sugary drinks? We all understand the importance of encouraging children to make healthy choices, especially around snacking, and it's pleasing to see so many children taking a piece of fruit outside at playtimes. Change 4 Life recommend that children have no more than 2 snacks each day, and that each snack is no more than 100 calories. For examples of healthier snack choices or for more information, please visit [www.nhs.uk/change4life](http://www.nhs.uk/change4life).



### Eric the Elf Causes Chaos!

This week we have been visited by a very naughty elf named Eric.

URGENT MESSAGE! HELP REQUIRED! He first struck in Mr Wardle's office who arrived at school on Monday morning to find Mr Walford tied to his chair, with Eric sitting on his head!

Eric the Elf has struck in Y6!

Then on Tuesday Y6 arrived to find all their desks flipped upside down. They were not too impressed with having to work sitting on the floor.



### Eric the Elf Redecorates Year 5!

On Wednesday, Y5 came into total havoc in their classroom. Naughty Eric had upset chairs, thrown counting blocks on the floor and had spread the children's exercise books all over the place including in lockers, hanging from pegs and laid out on the flooring spelling out HA!

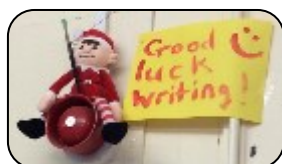
Then yesterday, the little rascal made mischief in Y3/1. During the night Eric

had swapped all of the pencils for paint brushes and decorated the room with paint brushes hanging from the ceiling. He also teased

the children with a messages saying 'Good luck with your writing!'.

Hot of the Press! Eric Strikes In Year One!

I dread to think what he'll get up to next week!



### **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	Lola W	Y3/1	Maab H
FS1/2	Rohan K	Y3/2	Noah K
FS2/1	Gracie-Mae	Y4/1	Bethan B
FS2/2	Ethan B-S	Y4/2	Gracie H
Y1/1	Grayson-Isaac C	Y5/1	Declan B
Y1/2	Mia M	Y5/2	Erin D
Y2/1	Harry C	Y6/1	Skyla P
Y2/2	Kayden C	Y6/2	Caitlin H

### Christmas Dinner

This week our amazing kitchen staff have cooked the most scrumptious Christmas dinners for our children 4 days in a row!! We don't know how they do it, but we are very grateful to them that they do. A huge thank you to Ms Cotton and her team for all their hard work. We really do appreciate it.



### Poppy Appeal

A huge thank you also to everyone that purchased a poppy or other items from the British Legion for their Poppy Appeal. We have been notified that we raised a brilliant £433.20. We are sure they are extremely grateful for your support.

### Parent Notices

**Sharing Christmas Cards** - If your child wishes to send any of their friends in their year group, then please note the last day for posting into the class postboxes is Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December, to allow for 72 hrs quarantining. Thank you.

### **School Attendance Target - 96.5%**

This week is 95.9% - below our school target.

F1/1	97.9%	Y2/2	94.2%
F1/2	96.4%	Y3/1	96.3%
F1/3	97.3%	Y3/2	98.1%
F1/4	100%	Y4/1	99.3%
F2/1	98.7%	Y4/2	97.3%
F2/2	98.9%	Y5/1	95.6%
Y1/1	94.8%	Y5/2	97.7%
Y1/2	94.7%	Y6/1	98.5%
Y2/1	97.9%	Y6/2	98.3%

### 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/](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

