



Sandford Hill Primary School Newsletter

Thoughtfulness and Respect



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Thoughtfulness and Respect at Christmastime

At Sandford Hill Primary School, we live by our school motto (above) and this year, 2020, it has been even more important, in such difficult times, to look after each other and to show caring and kindness, thoughtfulness and respect. As we finish the term, I would therefore like to offer thanks to all our families, for all your support, patience and understanding during this year. It has been a tough one for us all, but one that has shown us just how strong and dedicated we all are in trying to do the very best for our children. Thank you from myself and the staff for the very kind gifts and may we wish you all an enjoyable and safe Christmas and New Year. We will look forward to welcoming the children back into school on Monday 4th January 2021!

End of Term Merit Certificates

Congratulations to our Nursery and Reception children who have been awarded a certificate for progress and attainment through the term:

Class	Award Winner	Class	Award Winner
F1/1	Nevaeh S Elliot D Briar B Michaela L Grace M Nathan P	F2/1	Darcy-Grace W Jaxon B Oluwateniayo K Pyper J Oliver B Darci M-N
F1/2	Salem S Travis M Lacie-Mai H Spencer H Adam R Isabella K	F2/2	Stanley W-L, Sinmiloluwa K Cole H Freya H Keegan A William A Archie P



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 child from each class.

F1/1	Joseph C
F1/2	Isaac J
F2/1	Henry F
F2/2	Maddison C
Y1/1	Oliver B
Y1/2	Winnie M
Y2/1	Jenson W
Y2/2	Katie B
Y3/1	Abby-Jaye T
Y3/2	Poppy T
Y4/1	Olivia-Grace M
Y4/2	Georgia B
Y5/1	Jamie T
Y5/2	Jamie K
Y6/1	Kyle B
Y6/2	Elouise H

Headteacher's Termly Star Awards:

Congratulations to these children who were presented with the Head Teacher's Termly Star Award for demonstrating our school values of thoughtfulness, respect, aspiration, resilience and co-operation.

Class	Award Winner	Class	Award Winner
FS1/1	Amelia T	Y3/1	Summer W
FS1/2	Rohan K	Y3/2	Zeen A
FS2/1	Malachi M	Y4/1	Lucas C
FS2/2	Cole H	Y4/2	Joseph V
Y1/1	Millie H	Y5/1	Jessica M
Y1/2	Mya G	Y5/2	Charlie S
Y2/1	Caleb T	Y6/1	Mason L
Y2/2	Hollie-Anne D	Y6/2	Kyla M

Holiday Birthdays

- ♦ Ryan H
- ♦ Tamzin P
- ♦ Caleb B
- ♦ Kian D
- ♦ Ruby L
- ♦ Salem S
- ♦ Frankie C
- ♦ Olivia W
- ♦ Henry F
- ♦ Jensen F
- ♦ Macie L
- ♦ Mia M
- ♦ Henry R
- ♦ Gracie W
- ♦ Aliza A
- ♦ Lennon B
- ♦ Isaac P
- ♦ Elliot D
- ♦ Rogan H
- ♦ Mollie M

Wishing all these children a very **Happy Birthday** during the Christmas break and the first week back in January.



January staffing changes

Following Mrs Powell's retirement, Miss Hodgson will be taking over her class. She has also been appointed as our new Foundation Stage leader, so if Early Years parents/carers have any concerns or queries, then please speak to Miss Hodgson.

We also welcome in January Mrs Macmillan, a new SEN support assistant, and Mrs Schifano, a teacher who will be working in Reception on Thursday and Friday.

Eric the Elf Strikes Again!

Is there no safe place in school where Eric the Elf hasn't struck! Here are this week's antics by the mischievous elf:

Eric Strikes again and Eric The Elf Visits Y4/2

On Monday morning Mr Alcock's class arrived to chaos in the classroom. Over the weekend, a naughty elf had sneaked in and had a snowball fight! The children were quick to find the culprit but the mayhem could not be stopped!

Eric causes trouble in Year 1/2

On Tuesday, Eric caused a crisis in Y1/2 and the children had to investigate what had happened! They saw pictures of Eric captured in a net by their class elves Buddy and Bobby, but it seemed he escaped! They were shocked to see that he had then captured Buddy and Bobby in the net. Mrs Martin found evidence of Eric playing on the photocopier!

Eric causes mischief in Reception

On Wednesday, Eric had thrown the self registration names on the floor, then made snow angels all over the floor, before building a swing in the reading area! He covered himself in Mrs Powell's stickers, but was then captured by dinosaurs!

Eric the Elf Takeover

Yesterday we found a message from Eric:

Well you would not believe how busy I've been recently! All I wanted was some peace and quiet but every room that I find to relax in, I end up being chased away by children. Yesterday was the worst yet. I was trapped by some DINOSAURS! Well I think I've finally managed to find somewhere that I won't be bothered. Can you guess where I am? I've even found some friends to play with me. I'll be getting my revenge on you all again, very, very soon! Yours sincerely, Eric the Elf

STOP PRESS:

Eric's been at it again: [Y3/2 Bear The Brunt Of Eric's Antics!](#)

This week's blog posts

As well as Eric the Elf there are plenty of other blog posts to check out this week:

- ◆ [Oranges and Strawberries Party.](#)
- ◆ [Apples and Pears Christmas Party](#)
- ◆ [Reception Christmas Party!](#)
- ◆ [Y1 WANTED Posters](#)
- ◆ [Y1/1 Class Make A Prediction](#)
- ◆ [Year 1 Explore Toys From The Past](#)
- ◆ [Year 1 Number Bonds](#)
- ◆ [Home Learning from Y2/1](#)
- ◆ [Super Sewing from Y2/1.](#)
- ◆ [Home Learning With Y2/2](#)
- ◆ [Tuesday's Home Learning Y2/2](#)
- ◆ [Wednesday's Home Learning Y2/2](#)
- ◆ ['Sew' Fantastic Y2/2](#)
- ◆ [Year4 Artist Research](#)
- ◆ [Y4 Artist Research Nicky Perryman](#)
- ◆ [A Festive Treat For Y4/1](#)
- ◆ [S'mores Around The Campfire For Y4/2](#)
- ◆ [Year 5 Art – William Morris](#)
- ◆ [It's Party Time in Year 5](#)
- ◆ [Brilliant Bears in Year 6](#)
- ◆ [It's Party Time in Year 6](#)
- ◆ [School Council Tile Magnets](#)



Word Millionaires

Well done to **Sebbie G** in Y6 and **Brooke M** in Y5 who have both read more than a million words since September. They join our other two word millionaires, **Jack T** and **Eli H** in Y6.

Please see below for some exciting outdoor reading activities taking place across the city over the Christmas period.

Stoke Reads at Christmas

Christmas Story Quest trail:

Saturday 5th December – Sunday 10th January

A free, festive story trail for families with primary school aged children around Hanley Town Centre.

Story Quest encourages families to get outside together and take part in adventure story trails around their local area, encouraging families to develop a love of reading and be physically active together. There are 12 Story Quest trails available for families to explore including Burslem Park, Central Forest Park, Tunstall Park and Westport Lake.

How to take part

Sign up and receive a **free activity pack** including all 12 Story Quest trails and activities to do at home:

Sign up at www.storyquest.org.uk

Collect an activity pack from Tunstall Library or City Central Library (no appointment needed; check online for opening times)

The 12 Days of Story Quest

Running between 25 December and 5 January this is a special version of the classic Christmas carol sung by local families and schools. We will be posting daily challenges on the [Stoke Reads Facebook page](#) to help families stay active and keep reading during the school holidays. Exciting prizes to be won!

Find out more on our festive [Christmas with Stoke Reads](#) webpage or [click here](#) to download the 12 Days of Story Quest challenge sheet.



School Attendance Target - 96.5%
This week is 95.5% - below our

F1/1	99.1%	Y2/2	95.8%
F1/2	91.5%	Y3/1	98.5%
F1/3	76.2%	Y3/2	96.6%
F1/4	100%	Y4/1	95.6%
F2/1	94.9%	Y4/2	97.4%
F2/2	93.3%	Y5/1	94.4%
Y1/1	96.4%	Y5/2	94.3%
Y1/2	97.2%	Y6/1	97.0%
Y2/1	100%	Y6/2	97.0%

Health and Wellbeing

The Spirit of Christmas

As we come to the end of Autumn Term, reflect on our achievements and look forwards to a restful Christmas, it can be useful to consider the value of this time of year. Whilst we all enjoy giving and receiving presents, it is the spirit of giving that gives us so much satisfaction, rather than the thing that is being given. Therefore, remember that when you receive a gift this year, as much as you appreciate the gift, you should also appreciate the spirit of giving that the person has shown towards you. As we all know, it is just as nice to give a meaningful gift as it is to receive one ourselves. Have a restful and safe Christmas. un.org/en/observances/human-rights-day

