



Sandford Hill Primary School Newsletter

Thoughtfulness and Respect



Week 24 - Friday 12th March

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A safe return....

I hope this newsletter finds you and your loved ones well. The staff and I are delighted to have welcomed our pupils back to school on Monday and begin, what we all hope is, the start of a return to something a little closer to normal. Our weekly attendance, this week (97%), would certainly suggest that the children have missed us, as much as we have missed all of them. Indeed, I would like to congratulate the children not only for their attendance but also for quickly settling back into school life and responding positively to everything that has been asked of them. They have been amazing. There are pictures of the children back at work on Page 3.

At the beginning of the week our aim, with the staggered start and end times of the day, was to maximise learning time for the children whilst keeping families and staff safe. However, I understand that staggered end of the day times have proven difficult for those of you with children in more than one year group. Therefore, until further notice, from Monday (15th March) we are returning to the arrangement that we had in place in the Autumn Term. Please see the times below.

Year Group	Start time	Finish time	Enter school	Exit school
Nursery	8.40	2.50	EYFS main door	Nursery door
Reception	9.00	3.10	Reception door	Reception door
Year 1	8.50	3.00	Main door	KS1 Playground
Year 2	9.00	3.10	Main door	Wait on drive (R)
Year 3	8.45	3.15	Side door	KS1 Playground
Year 4	8.45	3.15	Main door	Wait on drive (L)
Year 5	8.30	3.25	Drop and collect from school gate	
Year 6	8.30	3.25		



Red Nose Day next Friday!

Next Friday 19th March, the children are invited to come to school in dressing up super-hero clothes/non-uniform for a small donation.

Red Noses already purchased will be sent home on Monday. There are still a few remaining to buy via the ParentMail shop.

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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	Lyla F Michaela L	Y3/1	Florence B
FS1/2	Darci M-N Elijah F	Y3/2	Emma B
FS2/1	Ellise P	Y4/1	Mconnel B
FS2/2	Ethan B-S	Y4/2	Erin L
Y1/1	Mollie M	Y5/1	Patryk W
Y1/2	Kylan M	Y5/2	Jasmine E
Y2/1	Anna T	Y6/1	Kinga I
Y2/2	Charmian H	Y6/2	Elouise H



School Attendance Target - 96.5%

This week is 97.4% - above our school target.

F1/1	97.3%	Y2/2	99.6%
F1/2	91.4%	Y3/1	98.0%
F1/3	97.7%	Y3/2	99.3%
F1/4	99.3%	Y4/1	95.4%
F2/1	99.0%	Y4/2	98.6%
F2/2	97.0%	Y5/1	92.8%
Y1/1	97.3%	Y5/2	99.6%
Y1/2	94.1%	Y6/1	98.2%
Y2/1	100%	Y6/2	96.4%

Birthdays

Wishing all these children a very **Happy Birthday** for the coming week:

- Poppy J
- Sebastian H
- Sophie G
- Spencer H
- Theodore T
- Modou K
- Leo W
- Jessica B
- Erin L
- Myla H



If your child or anyone in your household is displaying any coronavirus symptoms, please keep your child at home, get them tested and inform the school as soon as possible.

Health and Wellbeing

Role Models

We've spent time this week thinking about different role models and what it means to be a role model for somebody else. At some point in our lives, we're all likely to have a role model, whether this be a parent, carer or somebody famous. Role models have a huge influence upon our lives, helping us to develop our own aspirations, along with considering how our own actions can influence others. We hope that all of our children aspire to become a role model for others by demonstrating our school values in everything that they do.



Lateral Flow tests available to your household and support bubble

About 1 in 3 people with coronavirus do not have symptoms but can still pass it on to others. Regular testing of people without symptoms is important to help stop the virus spreading and protect your loved ones. As lockdown restrictions gradually ease it is great if we can all play our part to help protect each other.

All the staff currently carry out twice-weekly lateral flow tests and now, if you're a member of a household or childcare bubble of a pupil here at Sandford Hill Primary, you too can get a twice-weekly test to do at home. They take a few minutes to do and you get the result in 30 minutes. For any family members that are regularly out for work or other purposes, the lateral flow tests can be a great reassurance that you are not passing on the virus to loved ones, without even knowing, as you have no symptoms. See below for how you can get your kits.

Collect Your Test Kits - You can collect 2 packs of home test kits at a local collection point. Each pack contains 7 tests. Anyone 18 or over can collect. Most collection points are open from 1.30pm to 7pm. You can check online if the location is open or busy before you go. You do not need to make an appointment. [Find your nearest home test kit collection point.](#)

Order Home Test Kits Online - If you cannot get tested at your workplace, or are unable to go to a test site or collect test kits, you can order a home test kit online. Do not order online if you can get a test through other methods. This frees up home delivery for those who need it most. [Order rapid lateral flow home test kits](#)

These lateral flow tests are not intended for our children to be tested, only those in their support bubble.



Parents with children at nurseries, schools and colleges

A guide to regular rapid Covid-19 testing



Regular rapid testing is now available for parents, their households and bubbles.

Regular rapid testing is a fast and easy way to find out if you have coronavirus and help protect your loved ones and community. **It's free and takes around 30 minutes.**

Why introduce regular rapid testing?

Up to 1 in 3 people who have Covid-19 have no symptoms and could be spreading it without knowing.

Regular rapid testing is now available for parents of nursery, school children and college students. As well as adults in their households, childcare and support bubbles.

Regular testing for people without symptoms is already taking place across the country. Thousands of people who didn't know they had the virus have been able to take action to stop the spread of the disease.

As lockdown restrictions ease, getting into the **regular habit of twice weekly testing** will play an important role in getting back to normal; **alongside the vaccine, following the hands, face, space guidance, and social distancing measures.**

Regular testing for school staff and students

Regular rapid testing is already **available to all staff** at nursery, primary and secondary schools and colleges.

Secondary school and college students aged 11 and above will continue to access regular rapid tests directly through their school or college. And we continue to encourage them to get tested.

On return they will initially be supervised while testing at school and then continue to test themselves at home with test kits they will get from school or college.

Nursery and primary school children are not being asked to be tested as evidence continues to show that children and young people are at low risk from Covid-19 and are very unlikely to get seriously ill.

What is the benefit to you?

By taking part in regular rapid testing, you'll be protecting yourself and your loved ones. And helping us all get back to a more normal way of life.



We're Back!

