



# Sandford Hill Primary School Newsletter



Thoughtfulness and Respect

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## Building works to restart

Following a lengthy break in the building works, we are pleased to announce that work is resuming next Monday. Could we please therefore ask parents/carers to remind their children about keeping safe near the building works. Please ensure you supervise your children closely at the beginning and end of the day and keep them with you at all times. Children going to Kidzone must be escorted at all times.

After Easter we will be expecting large cranes on site, so heavy goods vehicles will be arriving at and leaving via the Pevensy Grove entrance. Thank you for your support in keeping all our children safe.

### 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	Katie W	Y3/1	Summer W
FS1/2	Rosie E	Y3/2	Madison M
FS2/1	Isabella K	Y4/1	Khadijat F
FS2/2	Samuel C	Y4/2	Marium A
Y1/1	Abdullah Y	Y5/1	Lucy D
Y1/2	Ava-Rae M	Y5/2	James W
Y2/1	Seraphina S	Y6/1	Alfie-John G
Y2/2	Lennon B	Y6/2	Alfie H

## Parent Notices

### Dinner Money Increase

We regret to inform parents/carers that the price of school dinners will be increasing to £2.50 per day, (£12.50 per week) from the start of the Summer Term. This is due to a significant increase in the charges made to us by City Catering. Even with this price increase however, this still does represent good value for money for a two course meal with a drink.



### P.E. Kit Uniform

A reminder please that the school P.E. kit is a part of our school uniform and is made up of: **Black hoody, red polo, black joggers, black shorts and black trainers/pumps.**

Whilst it is lovely to see our children wearing the hoodies and polo shirts with the school logo (these items are available to buy through the ParentMail shop), plain black hoodies or plain red polos are acceptable. Children should not wear P.E. kit other than the plain black/red or with the school logo.

Thank you for your support with this.

We have now received our delivery of new P.E. kit (apart from some joggers) and so all orders should be fulfilled very shortly, if not already completed.

### Y3 Maths Rockstars Competition

Year Three are currently taking part in a Times Table competition across all of Stoke-on-Trent! A massive congratulations to our Y3 children who are currently in 4th place out of nearly 50 schools! Keep going everyone!



### School Attendance Target - 96.5%

This week is 96.6% - below our school target.

F1/1	92.0%	Y2/2	98.7%
F1/2	87.1%	Y3/1	96.3%
F1/3	91.2%	Y3/2	96.3%
F1/4	98.7%	Y4/1	98.3%
F2/1	97.0%	Y4/2	94.1%
F2/2	96.7%	Y5/1	97.1%
Y1/1	97.0%	Y5/2	98.1%
Y1/2	98.3%	Y6/1	99.0%
Y2/1	97.0%	Y6/2	97.0%

### 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	Neveah S
F1/2	Cadi R
F2/1	Bella B
F2/2	Freya H
Y1/1	Sofia P
Y1/2	Lily-Grace DSD
Y2/1	Yaswanth N
Y2/2	Sienna D
Y3/1	Chloe T-W
Y3/2	Sebastian H
Y4/1	Olivia M
Y4/2	Anna D
Y5/1	Hayat H
Y5/2	Blake W
Y6/1	Lola S
Y6/2	Isabella N

## Health and Wellbeing

### World Water Day

Earlier this week marked World Water Day and was a good opportunity to think about something that we all take for granted – access to clean, safe drinking water. Water is the life source of our planet and is something that we all rely on, not just to live but also to stay clean. Unfortunately, not everyone on our planet has the same access to water and this can lead to lots of different consequences. We have encouraged our children to use the map below to learn about access to water in other countries. To use the interactive map, please follow this link - [https://www.sdg6data.org/#Search\\_country](https://www.sdg6data.org/#Search_country)



## Medical absence reminders

A couple of important medical reminders please:

### Following sickness

If your child has been physically sick, then they must not return to school until 48 hours after the last bout of sickness;

### Covid 19

If your child is displaying any of the Covid 19 symptoms:

- ⇒ Persistent cough
- ⇒ Temperature
- ⇒ Loss of taste and/or smell

then you should get them tested and then they should not return to school until either:

1. a Negative test result can be shared with the office staff; or
2. If they receive a positive result, that they have completed the 10 day quarantine.

Please do keep the office informed of any results and if you have any questions then you can either call school, e-mail to [parent@sandfordhill.org.uk](mailto:parent@sandfordhill.org.uk) or use the absence ParentMail for any message. A reminder that in the newsletter [Week 24 - 12th March](#) Page 2 there was information about obtaining lateral flow tests that can be administered at home. Thank you for your support.

### Birthdays

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

- Jack T
- Maab H
- Aaron S
- Alfie-John G
- Molly B
- Shaye K
- Archie P



## Polling Day Frustration

Following last week's newsletter item about the school being forced to shut to children on Thursday 6th May for the Police Commissioner Elections, it is clear that a number of parents/carers made use of the link provided and complained about this closure. We assume this, as we have since had a mail from the Elections Leader stating "I have received several comments through our customer service team regarding the disappointment and disruption to your pupils and parents."

Following the letter from the Department of Education and Cabinet Office on 11 February 2021, the elections team have undertaken an extensive exercise to source suitable venues and premises to replace school buildings that we currently use as polling stations. Unfortunately we could not source an alternative for Sandford Hill Primary School that was suitable or in walking distance for the electorate.

I would like to apologise for the disruption this is causing and will look at reviewing the use of all schools following the election in May."

So many thanks to those that took the time to write in and hopefully it will be the last time that we will be used for elections.

## Batteries

Our Eco Warriors would like to remind all families that we are still collecting batteries in school for recycling. We have two battery bins in the main building where batteries can be deposited. Thank you.



## Design an Easter Egg Competition

Our School Council are running a super competition for Easter. Pupils in all year groups are invited to design an Easter Egg using pencils, paint or collage materials. They have all been given an entry form to put their design on but it can also be done on a plain piece of paper with their name and class on. Form details below.

Pictures need to be sent back to school by **Tuesday 30th March**, along with 50p to enter the competition. The fantastic prizes which can be won are shown right.

Winners (one from Nursery/Reception, one from Years 1 and 2, one from Years 3 and 4 and one from Years 5 and 6) will be announced on Thursday 1st April.

The School Council also made [this video](#) which was shared in each class which we thought you might like to see.

Monies collected will be going towards .....



## Easter Egg Design Competition (50P entry)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

The School Council would like you to get creative this Easter with a great competition: designing a brand new Easter Egg! Draw a picture of your egg then if you like, tell us: **what it tastes like (flavours), what it has inside it and what it is called.** For your picture you can use pencils, felt tips, paint or even collage materials.

Bring back this sheet with your design on and your 50p by **Tuesday 30th March.**

Winners (one in Nursery-Reception; one in Years 1-2; one in Years 3-4 and one in Years 5-6) to be announced on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April. Good Luck and have fun creating!

## Can you help?

**Gardeners required** - Now that our polytunnel is very near completion and will soon be ready for the children to start planting, we would love to hear from anyone with an interest in gardening who could spare a couple of hours a week to help with some of the gardening jobs that arise. If so please contact the school office as detailed below.

**Lunchtime Supervisor required** - We are looking to recruit a lunchtime supervisor to join our Sandford Hill staff. They will be needed for 1 hour each day to supervise the children with their dinners and then play with the children on the playground. We are looking for someone who is caring and approachable, but is able to ensure the children adhere to our clear behaviour expectations. If you are interested in applying for this post please contact by phone or e-mail to Mrs Wildgoose via [parent@sandfordhill.org.uk](mailto:parent@sandfordhill.org.uk).

