



Sandford Hill Primary School Newsletter



Thoughtfulness and Respect

Week 27 - Thursday 1st April 2021

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Wishing you a Happy Easter break

Well, we have reached the end of another very different term. The staff, children and parents/carers have experienced further time with the children in lockdown and have all learned to deal with the challenges faced by remote education.

Then for the last four weeks, it has been so lovely to have all the children back in school. We really did miss them while off and although things are not fully back to normal, with year group bubbles still restricting our normal arrangements and activities, we are getting ever closer to business as usual - we hope!

For the summer term, trips and clubs are still on hold awaiting further government guidance, but we are busy planning plenty of activities, including our Bikeability and learn to ride sessions.

Despite the numerous restrictions, the children have still enjoyed plenty of exciting learning activities since their return. Below are just a few:



◆ Early Years have been busy settling back in and Reception have design farm animal craft linked to 'What the Ladybird Heard.'

◆ Year 1 have made wanted posters, explored fossils and made Easter cakes in our new food technology room.



◆ Year 2 have made and flown kites.

◆ Year 3 have taken part in a Times Table Rockstars competition.

◆ Year 4 have made Easter cakes in our new food technology room.



◆ Year 5 have made wanted posters, explored fossils and made Easter cakes in our new food technology room.

◆ Year 6 have learned about earthquakes and Potterbots.

Parent Notices



Dinner Money Increase

As stated in last week's newsletter, the price of school dinners will be increasing to £2.50 per day, (£12.50 per week) from **Monday 19th April 2021**. 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.

COVID-19 over Easter

Please report any positive cases to school immediately over the Easter Holidays by reporting on the ParentMail absence app or by email to parent@sandfordhill.org.uk.

Don't forget—If your child or anyone in your household/bubble has symptoms of coronavirus (persistent cough, temperature, loss of taste/smell), everyone in your household / bubble must isolate until you have received a negative test result.

Please look at [Week 24](#) of the school newsletter for information about obtaining lateral flow tests that can be administered at home.

School Attendance Target - 96.5%
This week is 95.9% - below our school target.

F1/1	92.4%	Y2/2	98.1%
F1/2	91.8%	Y3/1	96.2%
F1/3	99.0%	Y3/2	95.7%
F1/4	90.2%	Y4/1	99.0%
F2/1	94.8%	Y4/2	95.4%
F2/2	94.2%	Y5/1	97.9%
Y1/1	97.1%	Y5/2	96.3%
Y1/2	96.7%	Y6/1	96.3%
Y2/1	99.5%	Y6/2	90.5%

The Tony Hughes Award for 'Thoughtfulness and Respect'

The medal, in memory of our former Chairman of the PTFA, is presented each week to a child from each class.

F1/1	Isaac J
F1/2	Lillia-Grace B
F2/1	Spencer H
F2/2	Keegan A
Y1/1	Jenson F
Y1/2	Ava P
Y2/1	Bobbi M
Y2/2	Lacey-Mae C
Y3/1	Alecia O
Y3/2	Leighton B
Y4/1	Leila H
Y4/2	Jayden B
Y5/1	Tyler C
Y5/2	Tristan D
Y6/1	Mason L
Y6/2	Brodie B

ParentMail by Iris

As you are aware, we use ParentMail daily and so it is important to ensure your notifications are **turned on** so that you do not miss out on vital information concerning your child.

If you're having any issues with ParentMail or would like help downloading the mobile app, please speak to the school office who will be happy to help.

Three years ago, ParentMail became part of the Iris software family and they're making changes to reflect this. You may notice over the coming days/weeks that the appearance of your ParentMail app changes. Please be assured that this is purely cosmetic and your usage of the app, will be unaffected.



Birthdays

Wishing all these children a very **Happy Birthday** for over the Easter Holidays and the first week of the new term:

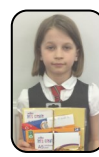
- Kayden C
- Ellie-Mae G
- Ava-Rae M
- Harry C
- Elliot H
- Jacob C
- Joseph C
- Abdullah Y
- Woody E
- Jessica G
- Skylar M-W
- Maisie C
- Charlie S
- Alex H
- Joshua V
- Emma B
- Jasper B
- Harper-Lee C
- Jayden B
- Kyla M
- Grace M
- Marley C
- Flynn H



Design an Easter Egg Competition Winners

We are overwhelmed at the hundreds of entries for the Design an Easter Egg Competition organised by our School Council. Thank you to everyone who entered—your creations were amazing! Our 4 winners are:

- Nursery/Reception— **Brooklyn B**
- Year 1 / Year 2— **Jack E**
- Year 3 / Year 4— **Anna D**
- Year 5 / Year 6— **Ava T**



The school council have raised a fantastic £98.50. The monies raised will go towards items for the school.

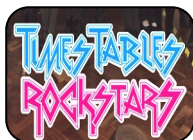
Easter Story Quest - An Adventure at home!

Below is a link for an exciting activity, an Easter Egg hunt brought into your home using the Story Quest adventure. All you will need are: The Eggciting Easter Adventure booklet from the link; Four eggs (chocolate, real, plastic or paper!); and a pen/pencil and paper.

Do have a go with your children at this [Story Quest hunt](#) done in your very own home - Have fun!

Y3 are Rockstars!

We are extremely proud of our Year 3 pupils for their fantastic efforts towards our TTRockstars competition last week.



A particular well done to **Ellie-Mae G** who received an Achievement Award for being in the Top 20 in the whole of Stoke-on-Trent. The top 2 awards for Sandford Hill went to **Ellie-Mae G** and **Isla R**. Congratulations everyone!

Y4 and Y5 Bikeability

Below are the dates your child will be taking part in the Bikeability training sessions next term. Please be reminded that they must come to school, on the date specified, wearing their school PE kit (see page 1 for details). They must also bring their bike and helmet to school, unless they have already requested to borrow one. If you have any questions, please email parent@sandfordhill.org.uk

- **Y4**-Monday 26th April
- **Y5**-Tues 27th and Wed 28th April

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 or e-mail parent@sandfordhill.org.uk.



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
FS1/1	Luna H
FS1/2	Dakota A
FS2/1	Bella B
FS2/2	Oakley-James J
Y1/1	Aliza A
Y1/2	Ava-Rae M
Y2/1	Seraphina S
Y2/2	Theo C
Y3/1	Sophie L
Y3/2	Poppy T
Y4/1	Mconnel B
Y4/2	Oliver D
Y5/1	Caleb J
Y5/2	Skye S
Y6/1	River P
Y6/2	Elliot H

End of Term Merit Certificates

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

Class	Award Winner	Class	Award Winner
F1/1	Alicja P, Archie-G C, Lola W, Akuila T, Leah H, Quinn-Rose B	Y3/1	Lyla-Rai D, Adrian P, Callum C, Chloe T-W, Harry E, Max W
F1/2	Isaac J, Jack S-G, Ethan D, Joshua T, Logan Mark H, Rohan K	Y3/2	Zeen A, Deni R, Frankie M, Evelyn T, Reggie L, Isla R
F2/1	Faith A, Austin P, Gabriela P, Noah D, Ellise P, Caleb M	Y4/1	Billy D, Lexi-Jean B, James M, Bethan B, Dominik W, Harry B
F2/2	Layla C, Maddison C, Alice G, Marshall H, Oakley-James J, Gracjan P, Mathieu R	Y4/2	Sienna-Mae H-J, Joseph V, Sereana V, Anna D, Marium A, Jamie O
Y1/1	Archie R, Scarlett W, Oliver B, Nina B, Bellamy M, Ieuan P, Amelia C	Y5/1	Jasper B, Declan B, Jessica M, Amelia M, Patryk W, Kindra C, Jayden W
Y1/2	Nathan-Lee B, Suleiman J, Lila L, Mia C, Sophie G, Poppy T	Y5/2	Harry-George D, Emily S, Brooke M, Jasmine E, Marley C, Aston M
Y2/1	Poppy J, Caleb T, Kaitlin B, Sonny L-P, Ollie E, Amilia P	Y6/1	Niamh B, Kinga I, Skyla P, Kyle B, Alfie D, Lewis D
Y2/2	Rowanjay J, Kayden C, Lily-Grace S, Ayda T, Evie W, Shaye K	Y6/2	Elouise H, Annabelle S, Ryan H, Brodie B, Ryan C, Leo W