



# Sandford Hill Primary School Newsletter



Thoughtfulness and Respect

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## A short week's update

Despite it only being a 3 day week for children (4 day week for staff) quite a bit has happened.

- ◆ Following our recent advert, we were pleased to welcome two new lunchtime supervisors, Mrs Austin and Miss Walklate. They have initially joined the Y2 bubble and we know they will be a valuable addition to the staff.
- ◆ Yesterday saw a range of staff training, including First Aid, taking place, as well as numerous other meetings and preparation activities which are often so difficult to squeeze into busy days.
- ◆ On Tuesday and Wednesday we held our virtual Parent's Evenings using SchoolCloud. We recognise there were a few teething issues for some users, as is often the case when introducing a new system, and we apologise for any inconvenience, but the verbal feedback so far has been really positive. Comments such as:
  - not having to bring the children out again after school;
  - not having to worry about parking;
  - electronically timed appointments meant that nothing ran late, so no waiting around;
  - more meetings with both parents (even in different locations) and sometimes the child too.

We will soon be sending out a survey to gather your feedback about the new system, so do let us know.

- ◆ You may have heard in the news this week the impact of children missing school swimming during the pandemic. We are therefore particularly pleased to share with you, that we have managed to organise double our usual swimming allocation for next year. In doing so, we hope to make sure that all the children leave Sandford Hill Primary able to swim the required minimum length of the pool.
- ◆ Finally, the building works to the new block at the back of the school are now progressing at speed. Next week there will be large concrete delivery vehicles bringing concrete for the base of the 2 new classrooms. Then the following week, the huge wooden frames for the classrooms, exactly like the ones for the front block, will be delivered and erected using another massive crane. All very exciting, but out front is still a building site, so please make sure you keep your child(ren) with you at all times on arrival and collection, just to be extra safe. Thank you.

### The Tony Hughes Award for 'Thoughtfulness and Respect'

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

F1/1	Archie H
F1/2	Quinn-Rose B
F2/1	Malachi M
F2/2	Benjamin B
Y1/1	Layla M
Y1/2	Alisha S
Y2/1	Zara W
Y2/2	Olivia D
Y3/1	Martha J
Y3/2	Frankie M
Y4/1	Tayla D
Y4/2	Jenna B
Y5/1	Declan B
Y5/2	Atunaisa S
Y6/1	Kyle B
Y6/2	Ruby L

### Summer Reading Challenges

Well done to **Kindra C** for providing our first 'Book Commercials' on our school website, at <https://sandfordhill.org.uk/reading/book-commercials/>. Please do help and encourage your child to share a review of their favourite book or author via a video message. Children wanting to leave a review should make sure they share the Title and Author of the book and why they like it. They may also read the blurb or their favourite part of the story. When recording, please be mindful of dressing appropriately and having a suitable background.



### Important Messages to Nursery and Reception Parents

- Next **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May**, as part of our minibeast topic, all our Early Years children will be going down to our woodlands area to investigate and play. Nursery will be going down in the morning and Reception in the afternoon. Although at the moment the weather forecast looks quite good for Monday, the ground is likely to still be muddy, so we ask the following to keep your child safe and well:
  - ⇒ Send your child to school in old clothes that you don't mind getting very dirty - that includes the jacket/coat they come in;
  - ⇒ Send them with wellies/old trainers and a spare pair of **named** trousers in a **named** plastic bag.
- A reminder that our Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) are taking part in the Book Trust event 'Pyjamarama' on **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May**. On this day the children are invited to come to school dressed in pyjamas with shoes or trainers and we will be sharing lots of bedtime stories (50p donation please).



- If you have any jigsaws (still in a decent condition) that your child no longer plays with and which you are willing to donate to our Early Years, we would be very grateful to receive them. Also any unwanted cushions that are still in a reasonable condition would be much appreciated. Many thanks.



# Health and Wellbeing

## Sun Awareness Week

With all this sunshine and rain changing every 5 minutes, it's easy to forget the strength of the sun when it does come out at this time of year. This week marks UK 'Sun Awareness Week', encouraging us all to remember the importance of protecting ourselves when out in the sun. This involves wearing a high factor sun cream, along with suitable clothing such as a sun hat. Although it might not always appear sunny or feel hot outside, UV rays from the sun can still have a damaging effect on our skin. For more information on sun protection or Sun Awareness Week, visit:

[www.skinhealthinfo.org.uk/sun-awareness/sun-awareness-week/](http://www.skinhealthinfo.org.uk/sun-awareness/sun-awareness-week/)



## Congratulations and Well Done

- Well done to **Kelsie W** in Year 5 who has become our latest word millionaire! We're also pleased to announce that this week, **Brooke M** in Year 5 has read 3 million words, followed by **Finley J** in Year 6 who has read 2 million words since September! All fantastic achievements!
- A huge well done to **Isla R**, who with some of her neighbourhood friends, raised money by holding a charity car wash. This was in aid of a local boy, Ashton, who has an extremely rare form of bone cancer. The money raised will help to provide Ashton with a prosthetic leg. Well done Isla and your friends.



## Birthdays

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

- Alicja P
- Lexi-Jean B
- Frankie M
- Michelle W
- Isla B
- James W
- Rae B
- Jenna B
- Genevieve G
- Evelyn T



**Headteacher's Star Awards:**  
Congratulations to these children who were given this week's Head Teacher's Star Award for Hard Work.

Class	Award Winner
FS1/1	Ethan D
FS1/2	Emily-Rose F
FS2/1	Charlie A
FS2/2	Sinmiloluwa K
Y1/1	Jaxon H
Y1/2	Elliott H-T
Y2/1	Thomas H
Y2/2	Tansey M
Y3/1	Lyla-Rai D
Y3/2	Sebastian H
Y4/1	Lucas C
Y4/2	Lola F
Y5/1	Ashton S
Y5/2	Charlie S
Y6/1	Sebastian G
Y6/2	Caitlin H

## School Attendance Target - 96.5%

This week is 96.2% - above our school target.

F1/1	98.6%	Y2/2	97.4%
F1/2	94.3%	Y3/1	98.7%
F1/3	94.7%	Y3/2	96.7%
F1/4	100%	Y4/1	98.6%
F2/1	99.3%	Y4/2	100%
F2/2	96.0%	Y5/1	94.3%
Y1/1	94.7%	Y5/2	90.9%
Y1/2	92.6%	Y6/1	89.7%
Y2/1	98.0%	Y6/2	98.7%