



# Sandford Hill Primary School Newsletter



Thoughtfulness and Respect

Week 37 - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2021

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## End of Term Fun Sessions

This has been another incredibly difficult and disrupted school year and both the staff and the children are ready for a summer break. We would like to thank the children for all their hard work, their understanding and acceptance of all the changes forced upon them this year due to Covid (year bubbles, no clubs, lunches in classrooms, no sporting days, etc, etc) by providing them with an end of year treat. We have therefore arranged for a Fun Session for each year group in the last week of term.

⇒ Key Stage 2 (years, 3, 4, 5 and 6) will have their Fun Session on **Tuesday 13th July**

⇒ Early Years (Nursery and Reception) and Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) will have their Fun Session on **Wednesday 14th July**

There will be exciting activities provided for the children to play, including a number of inflatable challenges, set up on the field for each year group in turn to enjoy.

For lunch, there will be a special menu of cheeseburgers one day and hotdogs the other, which any child can order in advance through the usual ParentMail dinner order form for either or both days.



The Tony Hughes medal for 'Thoughtfulness and Respect' awarded each week to a child in every class.

N1	Dakota A
N2	Xander H
R1	Gabriela P
R2	Myla H
Y1/1	Jack H
Y1/2	Winnie M
Y2/1	Jenson W
Y2/2	Daniel C
Y3/1	Briley S
Y3/2	Bentley D
Y4/1	Bethan B
Y4/2	Seren C
Y5/1	Amelia M
Y5/2	Aston M
Y6/1	Skye Z
Y6/2	Annabelle S



On their respective fun days, children are invited to come to school in their PE kit, as they will be expending a lot of energy during their fun session!

A ParentMail form will be sent out next week with a few more details and asking for consent for your child to take part in specific activities.

We really hope the children will enjoy this special end of term treat and that the weather is kind to us on those two days.

Have a lovely weekend and Come on England!



## Dates for your Diary

**Wed 7<sup>th</sup> July** - 2<sup>nd</sup> transition to new class

**Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> July** - Full Governors Meeting

**Fri 9<sup>th</sup> July** - Reports home

**Tues 13<sup>th</sup> July** - KS2 Fun Day

**Wed 14<sup>th</sup> July** - EYFS/KS1 Fun Day

**Wed 14<sup>th</sup> July** - Y6 to Safari Park

**Fri 16<sup>th</sup> July** - LAST DAY OF SUMMER TERM

**Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept** - FIRST DAY OF AUTUMN TERM

**Mon 13<sup>th</sup> - Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Sept** - Sport Week

**Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept** - Swimming starts Y3 & Y4

**Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Sept** - Swimming starts Y5 & Y6

**Mon 27<sup>th</sup> Sept - Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Oct** - Y6 Stanley Head

**Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Oct** - School photos

**Mon 25<sup>th</sup> - Fri 29<sup>th</sup> Oct** - HALF TERM

**Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Dec** - LAST DAY OF AUTUMN TERM

School Attendance Target - 96.5%

This week is 93.6% - below our school target.

N1	84.0%	Y2/2	97.9%
N2	87.1%	Y3/1	96.1%
N3	97.3%	Y3/2	96.0%
N4	91.2%	Y4/1	91.6%
R1	93.7%	Y4/2	97.1%
R2	97.2%	Y5/1	87.6%
Y1/1	96.7%	Y5/2	95.1%
Y1/2	83.4%	Y6/1	92.6%
Y2/1	93.2%	Y6/2	98.7%

## Parent Notices

- P.E. kit can still be purchased via the ParentMail shop up until **Fri 9th July**. These items will be sent out before the end of term. After 9<sup>th</sup> July any orders will be distributed at the start of the new term.
- A reminder that for Nursery children going into Reception, from September all reception children will be entitled to Universal Free school dinners. Also, Y2 child going to in Y3 will no longer receive Universal Free school dinners and will need to pay for their child's school dinner in advance via ParentMail.
- Please don't forget, if you move or change your contact details over the summer, to let the office know, so we always have the correct details for you and all your contacts in case of emergency.

## School Council Elections Progress



All the children have now had an opportunity to watch the videos prepared by the prospective school council members. - all of which were fantastic and a great credit to the children. The children certainly found it really hard to just choose two!

The key responsibilities for the councillors are to:

- attend regular meetings;
- speak to an assigned class regularly about things going on and to gather views;
- discuss those ideas and views with the council;
- put forward ideas, help and organise charity events throughout the year;
- vote on actions;
- speak to visitors;
- report back to Senior Leaders; and
- encourage all to be aware of the school environment and to respect and care for it.

There are 12 councillor positions available and 24 children have stood for election. This inevitably means that some will be very disappointed. However, we are incredibly proud of all of them and thank them for putting themselves forward and taking that risk. Taking chances and putting yourself in situations where you might not succeed is a really commendable thing to do, as one of life's important lessons is that if you don't try something then you'll never know.



The voting took place on Tuesday and Wednesday, enjoyed by all the children voting for their preferred 2 candidates, while learning about the democratic process. The ballot papers are now in the process of being counted and verified.



We will share the outcome of the vote and our new councillors in next week's newsletter.

### Birthdays

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

- Eliza P
- Jamie T
- Ellise P
- Logan-Mark H
- Lily-Grace S
- Evelyn L
- Freya M
- Zara W



### Build Update

Work is progressing quickly on Block B, our new double classroom at the back of the school.

- The roof is on and banking repaired (below)
- The new back steps are made (above right)
- The windows are going in and connecting passage with the hall due next. (right)



## Congratulations and Well Done

- Many congratulations to **Shaun B** who on Tuesday night was presented with his Ogden Trust and Keele University School Physicist of the Year Award. We are all very proud of you.
- Congratulations to **Reggie L** who achieved his Angelfish 3 award at swimming last weekend! Well done!



### Y4's Chocolate Courgette Muffins

For their second session at baking, Y4 are now making chocolate courgette muffins. The skills the children are using include: following the recipe; weighing the ingredients, grating the courgette, mixing the ingredients, portioning into the muffin cases and timing them in the oven.

The children were very pleased with the end result and enjoyed the taste of them, even though they had vegetables in them! See Page 3 for the recipe.



We are looking forward to more year groups starting their cooking next school year.



### Headteacher's Star Awards:

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

N1	Henry R
N2	Rohan K
R1	Adam R
R2	Keegan A
Y1/1	Amber S
Y1/2	Ralphie S
Y2/1	Zara W
Y2/2	Rowanjay J
Y3/1	Adrian P
Y3/2	Leighton B
Y4/1	Leila H
Y4/2	Asinate L
Y5/1	Lily H
Y5/2	Mustafa K
Y6/1	Lotti C
Y6/2	Kyla M

## Health and Wellbeing

### Healthy Eating

Although we know how important clear routines are for children, we also know that encouraging them to try new foods can be a really valuable part of promoting a healthy and balanced diet. To support this, it can be useful to involve children in food shopping and food preparation, along with encouraging them to express their likes and dislikes when it comes to food. The BBC Good Food Recipe finder can be a useful resource, finding recipes that are based around a particular ingredient. You can find this by visiting the following link: [www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes](http://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes)



## Chocolate Courgette Muffins



### Ingredients

- 200g golden castor sugar
- 200g sunflower margarine
- 150g wholemeal self-raising flour
- 50g white self-raising flour
- 1 level teaspoon baking powder
- 75g cocoa, sieved onto the flour
- 4 medium-sized eggs, beaten
- 150g courgette, coarsely grated

### Equipment

- Grater
- 2 small bowls
- Sieve
- Mixing bowl
- Fork
- Wooden spoon
- Tablespoon
- Spatula

### How to make them

1. Place the grated courgette in a small bowl. Add one level tablespoon of golden castor sugar (from the weighed (200g) and mix it in well. Set aside for 10-15 minutes to all moisture from the courgette to be drawn out.
2. In the mixing bowl, beat the margarine and remaining sugar together until it is lighter in colour and fluffy texture. Add the beaten egg, a tablespoon at a time.
3. Heat the oven to 180°C/Gas 3.
4. With your hand squeeze the excess juice from the courgette. Add it to the mixture and stir well to combine the courgette. Add the flour and cocoa to the mixture and fold it in gently. The mixture should be a 'soft dropping' consistency.
5. Spoon the a heaped teaspoon of the mixture into the muffin cases and bake for 20 minutes until well-risen and slightly firm to the touch.