



Sandford Hill Primary School Newsletter

Thoughtfulness and Respect



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A Huge Farewell to our Y6 leavers

For many of us, today we will be excited about ending the school year and starting our six week summer holiday. For others however, the emotions may be a little different, for today will be the day when we say au-revoir, not goodbye, to our Year 6 pupils as they prepare to go their separate ways to High School.

Since starting in the nursery, we have, encouraged, supported, challenged, cared, played, hugged, wiped away tears and laughed at their jokes. We have loved it! The children have been a pleasure to teach and it has been a delight to see them develop into confident and independent young adults. The reports that the children took home last Friday highlight that the children have fully embraced all of the opportunities that have been provided for them at Sandford Hill and, through their resilience and desire to be the best they can be, have achieved great things across the curriculum and are well-prepared for the next phase of their education.

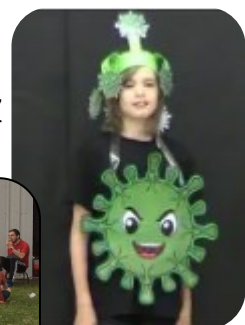
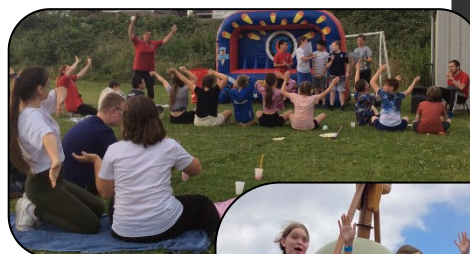
So as the children head off today, to gain new experiences and memories, I would ask them all to embody our school motto of thoughtfulness and respect, that they continue to work hard, think big thoughts and be optimistic in whatever they do. I hope our fabulous 2021 Year 6 cohort aim to make themselves a successful career, but also aim to use their skills, talents and wonderful personalities to make a difference in the Sandford Hill community and beyond.



"Wow, What a Year!" - Y6 Leavers' Memories

As the title of our Y6 end of year concert ([watch here](#)) indicates, this year has been rather exceptional. Therefore, as a finale to their rather disrupted and restricted school year, our Y6 children were allowed to determine for themselves this year, how they would like to spend and celebrate their last few days at Sandford Hill to make memories that will last a lifetime.

- The activities kicked off last Friday evening with a 'Festival on the Field' which was very much enjoyed by all.
- On Monday the children went on a cycle ride, following up on their recent L3 Bikeability training.
- On Tuesday they went on a morning hike, prior to their fun session on the inflatables in the afternoon.
- On Wednesday they enjoyed the traditional visit to the West Midlands Safari Park.
- Yesterday, they dressed up for their Hogwarts day of wands, spells and potions.
- Then today as they leave us they have shared comments in their leavers books and will say their final goodbyes.



Dates for your Diary

Fri 3rd Sept - FIRST DAY OF AUTUMN TERM

Mon 13th - Fri 17th Sept - Sport Week

(P.E. kit to be worn all week)

Thurs 23rd Sept - Swimming starts Y3 & Y6*

Fri 24th Sept - Swimming starts Y4* & Y5

Mon 27th Sept - Fri 1st Oct - Y6 Stanley Head

Wed 20th Oct - School photos

Mon 25th - Fri 29th Oct - HALF TERM

Fri 5th Nov - Rec to Y6 Flu vaccine - **NEW**

Fri 17th Dec - LAST DAY OF AUTUMN TERM

Wed 26th Jan - Choir to Young Voices - **NEW**

***Note: changed since first published**

We hope that all the children have enjoyed all their end of Sandford Hill activities, however none of them could have been possible without the 'over and above' dedication from the wonderful Y6 staff. So a massive thank you to Mrs Hassall, Mr Jones and Mrs Hopkinson, along with the numerous additional staff that have worked behind the scenes and supported the activities enabling such a fantastic time to be had by all.



Final Farewell

Today we also say goodbye to Mrs Hulme, Mrs Foster and Miss Heath. They have contributed greatly to the life of the school and we wish all three of them every success and happiness for the future. Although Miss Heath is resigning from her class teacher post, she will be returning in September to support us with our tutoring programme.



September Arrangements

Our intention in September is for all pupils to return to school with no restrictions in place. The arrival and departure times, for each cohort, can be found below. With this said however, I am most mindful, that the current Covid infection rate across the city (410.3 infections per 100,00 people) is a similar figure to when the country was put into lockdown in January. Indeed, having spoken to a number of headteachers, yesterday, the number of schools across our city being adversely impacted through both pupil and staff absence, has never been higher! **Please note that as September approaches, in the interests of keeping everyone safe, we may need to adapt these start and end times.** Should this be the case, you will be notified as soon as possible. Finally, if we are able to operate 'normally' from September extra-curricular activities will begin week commencing 20.09.21 (the week after our Sports Week).

Arrival: ALL children arrive between 8:45 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.

Early Years - taken to their building

Y1, 2 and 4 - through the front entrance

Y3 - through caretaker's entrance, hall and back stairs

Y5 - up the ramp and round the back to the new block

Y6 - straight into front block

Collection times

Early Years - 3:00 p.m. from the Early Years building

Y1 - 3:10 p.m. from the rear school doors

Y2 - 3:10 p.m. from the front door

Y3 - 3:20 p.m. from the front ramp

Y4 - 3:20 p.m. from the front door

Y5 - 3:20 p.m. from the front ramp

Y6 - 3:20 p.m. straight out on their own

(**PLEASE NOTE:** there will no longer be a sibling collection arrangement, but the front drive will continue to be used as a waiting area for parents/carers at the end of the day.)

Birthdays

Wishing all these children a very **Happy Birthday** during the summer break:

Alfie H	Brooklyn B	Sophie L	Freddie M	Lucas V	Lyla F
Grace H	Suleiman J	Thomas S	Annabelle S	Mollie B	Nathan-Lee B
Callum H	Cole H	Ella W	Dominik W	Spencer H	Lilly M-N
Charlotte B	Adrian P	Austin P	Empress D	William C	Lewis T
River P	Jasmine E	Amina K	Sebbie G	Leah B	Joshua T
Xander H	Bonnie M-P	Owen W	Khadijat F	Eva R	Millie P
Ieuan P	Teddy L	Jamie O	Alice G	Keira M	Ollie W
Gracie-Mae C	Tansey M	San A	Keira C	Thomas H	
Neve B	Ellie T	Lotti C	Chloe T-W	Ethan B-S	
Rosie E	Alexander S	Sienna-Mae H-J	Michaela L	Elliott H-T	



Congratulations and Well Done

• Many, many congratulations to **Noah F-J** and **Isabella J** who have achieved their Word Millionaire status. A fantastic achievement Noah and Isabella - well done!

• A huge well done also to **Lexi B** who has received a special Headteacher reading achievement award. Congratulations Lexi!



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

N1	Archie-George C
N2	Rogan H
R1	Jessica R
R2	Layla C
Y1/1	Niamh J
Y1/2	Lily-Grace D S-D
Y2/1	Bobbi M
Y2/2	Stanley R
Y3/1	Maab H
Y3/2	Chloe S
Y4/1	Leyton H
Y4/2	Rae B
Y5/1	Bethany P
Y5/2	Noah F-J
Y6/1	Kyle B
Y6/2	Elliot H

School Attendance Target - 96.5%
This week is 95.3% - below our school target.

N1	95.3%	Y2/2	93.1%
N2	96.4%	Y3/1	98.0%
N3	97.3%	Y3/2	90.6%
N4	97.4%	Y4/1	97.1%
R1	96.6%	Y4/2	96.1%
R2	98.7%	Y5/1	95.0%
Y1/1	95.9%	Y5/2	93.3%
Y1/2	95.7%	Y6/1	92.8%
Y2/1	92.3%	Y6/2	97.0%

Fun, Fun, Fun!

You can't have failed to notice the fun activities set out on the field for the children on Tuesday and Wednesday and the excitement was evident on the children's faces as they arrived. Well we don't think the children were disappointed. As you can see from just a few of the many photos below there appears to have been a great time had by all. Many thanks to our new Y5 School Council helpers who carried out their first task in their new role; but an even bigger thank you to Miss Morton and Mrs Wildgoose. for not only arranging all the activities, but also for making sure everything ran smoothly on both days - no mean feat!



Summer Reading Challenge 2021

The summer reading challenge is run by Staffordshire Libraries and children can either sign up at any local library or on-line. In September, we'd love to hear of children who've completed the challenge! Here's what it's about...

This year we're going green! We're inviting you to make the world a better place and become a Wild World Hero - by joining the Summer Reading Challenge 2021!

Children taking part in the Challenge will join our six Wild World Heroes - who have teamed up to learn about the importance of the environment, solve the threats to nature and help to restore the nature levels in the neighbourhood of Wilderville.

Summer Reading Challenge 2021



Presented by The Reading Agency.
Delivered in partnership with libraries.

So who can join the summer reading challenge...and how?

- *Wild World Heroes is aimed at children aged 4-11 and is completely FREE to join!*
- *You can join the challenge by popping into your local library any time from Saturday 10*
- *July and telling library staff that you'd like to be a Wild World Hero. We'll sign you up and start you on your Wild World adventure!*
- *If you can't make it into your local library then you can also join in with the reading challenge online via the [Summer Reading Challenge website](#).*
- *We are challenging you to visit your library three times and read six books during the summer holidays - it doesn't matter what you read as long as you enjoy what you read! We love to find out what you've been reading for your summer challenge - so why not come and tell us what you've been reading and what you thought of it?*
- *With each of your three library visits we'll have some little goodies to give you - such as stickers (bonus: some of the stickers are even smelly!)*
- *When you complete your challenge you'll receive a certificate and medal to take home and keep. Why not take your medal into school in September to show your teachers what you've been doing over the summer?*
- *If you've got any questions just have a chat with staff at your local library - or ask a grown up to ask us a question on [Facebook](#).*