



Sandford Hill Primary School Newsletter

Thoughtfulness,
Respect and
Hard Work

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Welcome Back Year 6

This afternoon we welcomed back our Y6 children from Stanley Head after a fantastic week of activities. Despite the disappointing weather, the children all made the most of all what was on offer, including: crate stacking (right), caving, bouldering, hiking, high ropes and of course lots of free-time evening fun.

If you haven't been keeping up with events through the week, then do have a look at our twitter feed or Facebook page, both accessible from the links at the top of our [website](#).

Well done to all the children for showing perseverance, and resilience as well as thoughtfulness and respect. I am sure they will all have made memories that they will have for life.

A huge thank you to Mr Jones, Mrs Hassall, Mrs Bullock, Mrs Hopkinson and Mr Turner for enabling this amazing experience for our children.

Newsletter Survey Results

Thank you to everybody that completed our newsletter survey. We had 388 responses which is 83% of our child numbers and the overwhelming feedback is really positive. Below is a summary of the findings and what actions we propose in response:

- 83% responded that they read the newsletter every week;
- 74% said to keep it weekly; 20% to go fortnightly and 7% monthly;
- Of those that said they only sometimes or never read the newsletter - 28% would prefer more through ParentMail notifications and 35% would prefer paper copies;
- Most of the items rated 62% or above as being useful, with Diary dates and notices highest.

What we are going to do as a result of your feedback:

1. The font size has been increased slightly to make for easier reading.
2. There will be a number of paper copies available for taking in front reception.
3. We will gradually be introducing the use of 'Events' on ParentMail so you will always have the correct dates to view in the ParentMail app.



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

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| N1 | Bella H-T |
| N2 | Lily M |
| R1 | Henry R |
| R2 | Lillia-Grace B |
| Y1/G3 | Millie P |
| Y1/G4 | Cassandra E |
| Y2/G1 | Sofia P |
| Y2/G2 | Winnie M |
| Y3/F4 | Hollie-Anne D |
| Y3/F3 | Levi K |
| Y4/F2 | Lucy B |
| Y4/F1 | Poppy T |
| Y5/RBL | Rae B |
| Y5/RBR | Bethan B |
| Y6/FBR | At Stanley Head |
| Y6/FBL | |

Dates for the Diary

W/b 11th Oct

Children's Harvest Assemblies
(In school - children only)

Tues 19th & Thurs 21st Oct

Online Parent/Teacher Meeting

Wed 20th Oct

School photos

Mon 25th - Fri 29th Oct

HALF TERM

Fri 5th Nov

Rec to Y6 Fluenz vaccine

Fri 17th Dec

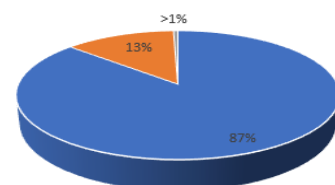
LAST DAY OF AUTUMN TERM

Wed 26th Jan

Choir to Young Voices

Do you read the newsletter?

■ Every week ■ Sometimes ■ Never



Next Week's School Meals

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday—SPECIAL MENU | Friday |
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| Main meal | Pizza, Roasties and Beans | Beef Burger/Veggie Burger in a Bap, Potato Pommes and Beans | Cheese Whirl with Diced Potatoes and Sweetcorn | Dalmatian Hotdogs, Dinosaur Dippers, Quorn Sausage/ | Fishcake, Chips and Peas |
| Alternative Option | Cheese and Tuna Baguette and Fruit | Jacket Potato with Cheese and Beans | Ham, Cheese or Tuna Roll with Crisps | Nuggets, Fantasia Fries, Beans or Sweetcorn. Monster Muffins/ Superhero Cookies/Fruit | Ham, Cheese or Tuna Baguette with Fruit |

Parent Notices

Weekend Work - For those that live close by to the school we just wanted to make you aware that there will be some workmen on site this weekend.

Prospective Parent/Carer Open Evenings - Do you know someone with a child aged 3 after next September 2022? If so, please let them know that we will be holding a number of open evenings for parents/carers and their child to come and have a look round our Nursery. Available dates are:

- 12th October 2021 4:00 to 6:00pm
- 11th November 2021 3:30 to 5:30pm
- 14th December 2021 3:30 to 5:30pm
- 13th January 2021 4:00 to 6:00pm

Open evening appointments must be made in advance so please email parent@sandfordhill.org.uk to enquire about availability. We ask this year that ALL prospective pupils attend one of our open evenings, regardless of whether or not you have other children in school.

Do you shop at Morrisons? - If so, we are collecting the 'Grow Tokens' and would love you to give them to us as we will be able to use them for free gardening equipment. Thank you.

Online Parent/Teacher Meetings - You will now have received a ParentMail e-mail inviting you to book an online appointment with your child's class teacher on either Tues 19th or Thurs 21st October. Thank you to those parents/carers that have booked (over 50% of children). If have you have yet to book an appointment and have any issues at all, then please do e-mail parent@sandfordhill.org.uk or call in at the office.

Birthdays

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

- Naomi D-S-D
- Peter K
- Gabriela P
- Samuel T
- Travis M
- Ayda T
- Lacie-Mai H



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

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| N1 | Elsie S |
| N2 | Olivia M |
| R1 | Maisie S |
| R2 | Jacob C |
| Y1/G3 | Bella B |
| Y1/G4 | Myla H |
| Y2/G1 | Alfie H |
| Y2/G2 | Flynn H |
| Y3/F4 | Vinnie B |
| Y3/F3 | Leo B |
| Y4/F2 | Ava H-N |
| Y4/F1 | Leighton B |
| Y5/RBL | Joshua V |
| Y5/RBR | Kayden S |
| Y6/FBR | At Stanley Head |
| Y6/FBL | |

Choir News

It's really exciting that we've got nearly fifty children signed up to take part in the Young Voices concert on 26th January 2022 in Birmingham, as well as over eighteen families requesting tickets to watch! We'd like to encourage the children to go onto the Young Voices website to practise some of the songs and dance moves at home. Follow these steps:

- ⇒ Go to www.youngvoices.co.uk
- ⇒ from there go to the menu in the right-hand corner
- ⇒ click on 'For children'
- ⇒ On the middle of the page click on the link to the music room
- ⇒ Our school's access code is **YV2021**.
- ⇒ From this link, the children can sing along with the lyric videos and watch videos teaching the dance moves.

We've lots of songs and moves to learn so the more practising the children can do the better! Thank you in advance for your support!

YOUNG VOICES



Gifts that last

At some point next week there will be new items for sale in the ParentMail shop. Incredibly it is 7 years since we last made available Sandford Hill tea-towels, so we thought it's time to offer it to a whole new school population.

In addition, there will also be available children or adult aprons. Both designs will have the children's self-portrait, or hand print, with their name. Items will need to be pre-ordered, so please watch out for the items going live.



School Attendance Target - 96.5%
This week is 91.4% - below our school target.

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| N1 | 60.7% | Y2/G2 | 95.6% |
| N2 | 65.8% | Y3/F4 | 93.3% |
| N3 | 66.7% | Y3/F3 | 90.7% |
| N4 | 76.9% | Y4/F2 | 92.6% |
| R1 | 98.5% | Y4/F1 | 98.2% |
| R2 | 92.2% | Y5/RBL | 90.4% |
| Y1/G3 | 93.3% | Y5/RBR | 94.2% |
| Y1/G4 | 92.5% | Y6/FBR | 99.7% |
| Y2/G1 | 95.0% | Y6/FBL | 94.5% |

Opportunity for girls footballers

We have been asked to promote an opportunity for any girls in Y5 or Y6 that would like to play for a local football team, as they are currently looking for new players. The girls would be learning new skills and playing regular matches. All 3 coaches are DBS checked and have all done the Staffordshire FA Safeguarding course. Training is every Monday at St. Thomas More High School and matches are played all over the Midlands area. They are mainly looking for Y5 and Y6 girls, but maybe open to Y4 girls for just the training part. If your daughter is interested and you would like further information, please mail to parent@sandfordhill.org.uk and we will pass on your details to be contacted.

Staff Vacancies

Lunchtime Supervisor - We currently have a vacancy for an Early Years lunchtime supervisor to work an hour every day, starting after half term. We are looking for someone who can lead play activities with the children, can work as a team, but also take the initiative and can commit to this important school role. If you are interested in the post then please ask to speak to Mrs Wildgoose for more information.

Catering assistant - City Catering who employ our kitchen staff have asked that we advertise a catering assistant post to work in our kitchen. If you are interested in knowing more then please ask at the office who will pass on your details to be contacted.

Congratulations and Well Done



- Congratulations to **Gracie W** for showing thoughtfulness, respect and hard work in her of school club! What a great achievement receiving two certificates for trying her best and having fantastic listening in her dance lessons. You should be very proud Gracie. Well done.

- A huge well done to **Lyla-Rai D** who has achieved her Level 2 and Level 4 Trampolining Proficiency awards! Fantastic Lyla-Rai D. Congratulations !



YUM Cartoon SPECIAL

DALMATION *Hot Dogs* or **DINOSAUR** *Dippers*

Vegetarian option available

Vegetarian option available

served with

BRILLIANT or **SUPER** and **FANTASIA**
BEANS **SWEETCORN** **FRIES**

followed by

HERO
COOKIE



or

MONSTER
MUFFIN



Thursday 7th October 2021