



# Sandford Hill Primary School Newsletter

Thoughtfulness,  
Respect and  
Hard Work

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## One Kind Word

You may be aware that this week is Anti-Bullying week, with a theme of 'One Kind Word' and so we have been sharing with the children the importance of being kind. Kindness is more important today than it has ever been. The isolation of the last year has underlined how little acts of consideration can break down barriers and brighten the lives of the people around us.

We have some wonderfully thoughtful and kind children at Sandford Hill and nothing makes us prouder than when we see them show kindness to each other. You may have noticed or been told by your child, how since the start of term, all staff are meeting and greeting children and parents/carers on arrival to school. We have received lovely comments from the children about what a difference it makes to them - that little bit of kindness to start their day. What they may not realise though, is how it makes such a lovely start to the day for the staff and it provides a great opportunity to get to know the children that little bit better.



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

N1	Clara W
N2	Neave K
R1	Pyper J
R2	Shea T
Y1/G3	Ivy-Jane F
Y1/G4	Alexis L
Y2/G1	Jensen F
Y2/G2	Elliott H-T
Y3/F4	Stanley R
Y3/F3	Lowry B
Y4/F2	Mollie B
Y4/F1	Madison M
Y5/RBL	Oliver D
Y5/RBR	Archie M
Y6/FBR	Blake W
Y6/FBL	Ellie H

**Staff absences** - we are currently going through a difficult period having to manage a number of staff absences for varied reasons. In order to minimise the disruption to the two classes where the class teacher is off, Mrs Martin is currently covering Mrs Smith's class and Mrs Drakeford is covering Mrs Carney's class. If parents/carers of children in those classes have any issues, then please feel free to ask to speak to Mrs Martin or Mrs Drakeford.

## Dates for the Diary

**Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> November**  
Full Governors Meeting

**Mon 29<sup>th</sup> November**  
Y6 to the Arboretum

**Tues 30<sup>th</sup> November**  
Y3 Fieldwork Day

**Tues 7<sup>th</sup> December**  
Y4 Fieldwork Day

**Fri 10<sup>th</sup> December**  
EYFS & KS1 Christmas Dinner

**Mon 13<sup>th</sup> December**  
KS2 Christmas Dinner

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

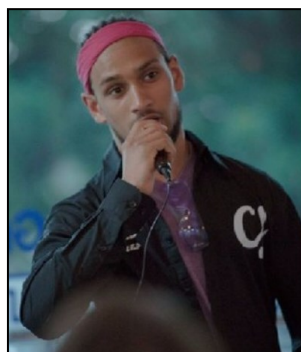
**Tues 4<sup>th</sup> January**  
Term starts

**Wed 26<sup>th</sup> January**  
Choir to Young Voices

## Inspiring our Writers - Y6 Biographies - Ryan Raghoo

As part of their biographies topic in English, Year 6 spent time discussing inspirational individuals that would be a suitable focus for their writing. The overwhelming decision was Ryan Raghoo, the GB Paralympian that visited our school at the beginning of September during Sports Week.

Ryan has kindly sent the children a video explaining his life and career in sport and can't wait to read the biographies that the children write. After speaking to Ryan, he was moved to hear that the children thought of him as an inspirational individual and that his message of 'Enabled not Disabled' is one that has had a lasting impact. Next week, we hope to share the link so you can watch the video that Ryan has sent and learn more about his work that has inspired the children.



## Next Week's School Meals—all served with a dessert and drink

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Main meal</b>	Pizza, Garlic Diced Potatoes and Beans	All Day Breakfast (Sausage/Veg Sausage, Hash Brown, Beans and Oatcake)	Breaded Chicken Grill/Quorn Chicken with Mash and Beans	Roast Turkey/Quorn Roast, Stuffing, Gravy, Diced Roasts and Veg	Fish, Chips and Garden Peas
<b>Alternative Option</b>	Filled Jacket Potato with Cheese and Beans	Ham, Cheese or Tuna Sandwich with Crisps	Filled Jacket Potato with Cheese and Beans	Ham, Cheese or Tuna Bap with Crisps	Filled Jacket Potato with Cheese and Beans

### School Council Charity Christmas Card Competition

The School Council are pleased to announce their Christmas Art Competition! All children are invited to create a Christmas picture by Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Dec. Council members will bring round the form to take home. The children can draw anything that makes them think about Christmas and use pencils, felt tips, paint or even collage materials. When the picture is finished, your child will need to bring it into school along with 50p making sure their **name and class** is written on it. A winner from Early Years, Y1-3 and Y4-6 will be announced in the w/b 13<sup>th</sup> Dec. All money raised will be donated to the Alice Charity. We can't wait to see their pictures. Have fun and good luck!

'The Alice Charity' works with local families, helping with both emotional support and practical help. They are asking for help to provide **brand new toys** for local children, 0-13 years old or a gift bag for a teenager for Christmas. If you are able to contribute a new toy, then please bring it into school, unwrapped, so the Alice Charity can sort them before sending them to families. For more about the Alice Charity, either contact Mrs Brennan, (our Home school Link Worker), or go to their website [alicecharity.com](http://alicecharity.com).



### School Attendance Target - 96%

This week is 93.9% - below our school target.

N1	93.4%	Y2/G2	86.9%
N2	84.2%	Y3/F4	94.7%
N3	98.3%	Y3/F3	86.3%
N4	96.6%	Y4/F2	94.4%
R1	96.6%	Y4/F1	96.8%
R2	97.0%	Y5/RBL	91.3%
Y1/G3	93.7%	Y5/RBR	97.4%
Y1/G4	95.6%	Y6/FBR	91.2%
Y2/G1	97.3%	Y6/FBL	95.7%

### Headteacher's Star Award

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

N1	Izzabella P
N2	Mya W
R1	Lola W
R2	Teddie D
Y1/G3	Lacie-Mai H
Y1/G4	Freya H
Y2/G1	Darci-Jade C
Y2/G2	Mia M
Y3/F4	Sienna D
Y3/F3	San A
Y4/F2	Leah B
Y4/F1	Chloe S
Y5/RBL	Jayden B
Y5/RBR	Olivia-Grace M
Y6/FBR	Sian S
Y6/FBL	Lily H

### TT Rockstars for Year 5



After the brilliant efforts of Y6 winning their years TT Rockstar city-wide competition, Y5 now have the opportunity to show their times tables knowledge. So get practising over the weekend Y5 as your competition starts on Monday and runs until 3pm next Friday. Good luck Y5 - let's see if we have some real TT Rockstars amongst you!

**Children In Need** - Many thanks for your generous donations towards Children in Need. With your support we have managed to raise a brilliant £460.82!! Thank you all so much.



### Congratulations and Well Done

- Well done to **Lucy B** who recently achieved her Level 5 Trampoline Proficiency award. Fantastic Lucy!
- Congratulations to **Evelyn T** who has been awarded The Chief Scouts Bronze Award, which is the top award for Beaver Scouts. A magnificent achievement and a wonderful example for others to follow. We're all very proud of you Evelyn.
- Well done to **Adam R** who has achieved his Stanley 1 Award at swimming! Brilliant!
- Many congratulations to **Imogen W** who has achieved her Level 5 Trampolining Proficiency Award. Well done Imogen!
- We're delighted to announce that **Noah F-J** and **Brooke M** have now joined the esteemed ranks of Word Millionaires! Congratulations Brooke and Noah, a tremendous achievement.
- A huge thanks to **Theo C** who has kindly donated his collection of Horrid Henry books so that lots of other children can get pleasure from reading them too.
- Well done to **Lyla-Rai D** who has starred in her first musical 'Nativity' this week with Five Towns Theatre.



### Birthdays

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

- Isla J
- Maisy-Lee B
- Samuel C
- Roberta S
- Oscar S
- Kylan M
- Robert B
- Lillie-Jo R
- Skyla-Beau R
- Ashton S



## Christmas Cometh!

As always, we aim to make Christmas in school as memorable as possible. We're hopeful that Santa and his reindeer will again, find time in his very busy schedule to pay us all a visit too!

This year however, the challenges schools face are, in many ways, even greater than those from last year. As you can appreciate, absence of both children and staff is a huge challenge for us all to contend with. This includes Mrs Brian, who sadly through illness, is not able to support the musical side of our Christmas assemblies this year.

However, over the coming few weeks, we still aim for each class to hold a Christmas-themed assembly for parents to watch (dependent on our on-going risk assessments and Covid infection rates across the city). The dates for these assemblies are listed below:

– Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Mr Frost's class (Y3/F3)
– Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Mrs Frost's class (Y3/F4)
– Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Mrs Bullock's class (Y6/FBR)
– Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Mr Jones' class (Y6/FBL)
– Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Miss Ridgway's class (Y1/G4)
– Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Miss Gregory's class (Y2/G1)
– Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Mrs Smith's class (Y1/G3)
– Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Miss Harrison's class (Y2/G2)
– Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Mr Alcock's class (Y4/F1)
– Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Mrs Hassall's class (Y4/F2)
– Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Miss Hodgson's class (R1)
– Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Mrs Carney's class (Y5/RBL)
– Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Miss Humphries' class (R2)
– Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Miss Jones' class (Y5/RBR)

**The Christmas Assembly ticket request form will be sent out by the end of today via ParentMail. As you MUST have a ticket to see your child's assembly, please make sure you look in Forms and book your seat. (Strictly 2 adults per child)**



The doors for the Christmas assemblies will open at **9:00am** and the assemblies will start around 9:15am once pupils are registered. Each assembly will last for around 15 – 20 minutes and will take place in the school hall. To help keep everyone safe, we are limiting the number of adults to **2 per family for each performance. There will be no exception to the number of adults allowed.**

We would also like to invite our **Nursery** parents/carers to join us to listen to the children perform Christmas songs in the hall. Again there will be a limit of **2 adults per family with no exceptions.** Doors will open at 2:20pm and the children will sing three Christmas songs at approximately 2:30pm.

Please see below which days each family group will be performing:

- **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December** – **Oranges and Apples group**
- **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December** – **Strawberries and Pears group**

We will be sending out a ParentMail form for you to confirm your attendance as we will be operating a ticketing system. **Those who join us for these occasions are politely asked to wear an appropriate face covering when in the school building.**

If your child's assembly has to be cancelled at short notice, we do intend to record one of the practices beforehand for you still to enjoy.

### Christmas Dinner

- **Early Years, Y1 and Y2** will be having their Christmas dinner on **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December**
- **Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6** will have their Christmas dinner on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December**

Children can wear a Christmassy non-uniform on their Christmas dinner day.

### Christmas Party Days

We will be having Christmas parties in school again this year. Children will play games, listen to Christmas music and have party food. They are also welcome to come to school in Christmas or party clothes.

- **EYFS and KS1** will have their Christmas party on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December pm**
- **KS2** will have their Christmas party on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December pm**

### Christmas Gifts

Packs of your child's personalised Christmas cards designs can still be purchased via the ParentMail shop until 26th November. All of the monies raised will go towards ensuring that all pupils have a magical Christmas in school. Purchased aprons, tea towels and pupil Christmas cards will be sent out early in December.

### Christmas Card class lists

We understand that some pupils like to send Christmas cards to others within their class so individual class lists will be sent via Parent Mail at the end of November.







IN CONJUNCTION  
WITH



# **Longton Christmas event 2021**

## **2:00 – 4:30 pm Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November**

COLOURING COMPETITION –  
DOWNLOAD THE TEMPLATE FROM OUR  
FACEBOOK PAGE OR FROM KIZZY B IN  
LONGTON EXCHANGE FROM 1/11 AND  
RETURN YOUR ENTRY TO KIZZY B BY  
17/11. THE PRIZE IS A 'MAKE A BEAR'  
COURTESY OF BUTTERFLIES

### **FREE SATURDAY ACTIVITIES IN LONGTON EXCHANGE**

TABLE-TENNIS PARLOUR  
OPEN ALL DAY

### **FROM 2 PM**

KAT & SNIKE – FACE-PAINTER AND  
BALLOON ANIMALS

ANNA FROM FROZEN WILL MEET AND  
GREET, SING AND GAMES WITH PRIZES

THE STORMTROOPERS WILL BE  
MEETING AND GREETING

CHILDREN FROM THE THRIVE  
ACADEMY OF PERFORMING ARTS  
WILL BE SINGING

NAME THE TEDDY-BEAR (KINDLY  
DONATED BY SMYTHS TOYS)  
- WINNER GETS THE BEAR

MEET SANTA CLAUS IN THE  
TABLE-TENNIS PARLOUR

DECORATE YOUR OWN XMAS CARD /  
BAUBLE / GRAFFITI CRACKER

HAVE YOUR PHOTO TAKEN IN OUR  
PHOTO BOOTH, DECORATE YOUR  
XMAS CARD AND WE WILL ADD  
YOUR PHOTO TO THE CARD.  
**SMALL CHARGE OF £2 PER CARD**

**LIGHTING UP OF THE  
CHRISTMAS TREE AT 4:30  
PM ON THE STRAND !**



Longton Community Partnership