



# Sandford Hill Primary School Newsletter

Thoughtfulness,  
Respect and  
Hard Work

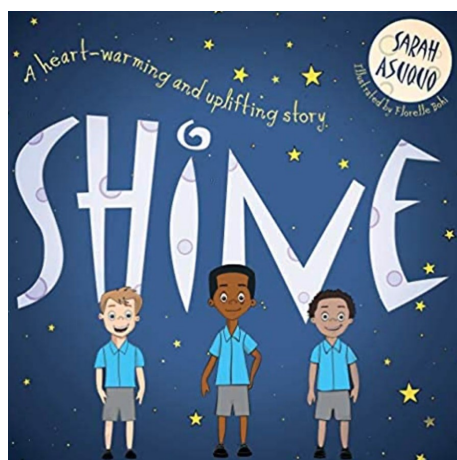
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## Differences

This week we have been thinking about how we are all different and how important it is to accept and value our differences and those of others. In assemblies, the book 'Shine' by Sarah Asuquo was shared with the children and they were asked to think about all our differences and how we should make sure that being different doesn't become a barrier.

Click the book cover right to listen to the story.  
"Everyone is different, so be true to you. Within us all is a special light, will you let yours shine through?"  
"We all can shine if we just unite".



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

N1	Harlee D
N2	Mya W
R1	Skylar M-W
R2	Olivia C
Y1/G3	Freddie M
Y1/G4	Freya H
Y2/G1	Mollie M
Y2/G2	Ralphie S
Y3/F4	Charmian H
Y3/F3	Isla J
Y4/F2	Martha J
Y4/F1	Molly B
Y5/RBL	Oscar S
Y5/RBR	Tilly H
Y6/FBR	Isabelle B
Y6/FBL	Amelia M

## Dates for the Diary

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

**Tues 30<sup>th</sup> November**  
Y4 Fieldwork Day - **correction**

**Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> December**  
Y3 & Y6 last swimming this term

**Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> December**  
Y4 & Y5 last swimming this term

**Tues 7<sup>th</sup> December**  
Y3 Fieldwork Day - **correction**

**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

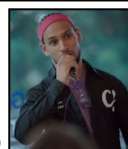
**Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> January**  
Y3 & Y6 swimming starts

**Fri 21<sup>st</sup> January**  
Y3 & Y6 swimming starts

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

## Ryan Raghoo Inspiring our Y6 Biography Writers

As included in last week's newsletter, we now have permission from Ryan to share his inspiring [video](#) specially recorded for our Y6 children. Do have a watch about Ryan's special light shining through.



## Not just for one day

We are always very grateful to those parents/carers that **do** park away from the school entrances and walk the last distance, but we were pleased to see the Parking Enforcement Team in attendance on Tuesday speaking to a number of drivers who are still parking illegally when dropping children off at school.

However, sensible parking should not be reliant on law enforcement telling us what we should do. The safety of all our children is the most important thing, as the injury or death of a child would have a devastating impact on the whole school community, not to mention the driver at fault.

A reminder that **both** cul-de-sac ends of Clayfield Grove are restricted zones for **residents parking only** from 8:30-9:30am and 2:45-3:45pm. Illegal parking could result in a fine.



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

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Main meal</b>	Sausage/Vegi Sausage, Mash, Mixed Veg and Gravy	Pizza, Jacket Wedges and Sweetcorn	Cheese Oatcake, Diced Roasties and Beans	Roast Chicken/Quorn Roast, Stuffing, Mash, Mixed Veg and Gravy	Fish Fingers, Chips and Peas
<b>Alternative Option</b>	Cheese or Tuna Baguette with Fruit	Filled Jacket Potatoes with Cheese and Beans	Ham, Cheese or Tuna Roll with Crisps	Filled Jacket Potatoes with Cheese and Beans	Ham, Cheese or Tuna Baguette with Fruit

## Christmas Class Assemblies Next Week

Next week we start our Christmas Class Assemblies with:

- Mr Frost's class (Y3) on Mon 29<sup>th</sup>
- Mrs Frost's class (Y3) on Tues 30<sup>th</sup>
- Mrs Bullock's class (Y6) on Wed 1<sup>st</sup>
- Mr Jones' class (Y6) on Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Miss Ridgway's class (Y1) on Fri 3<sup>rd</sup>

When you come into school for your child's class assembly, please remember that:

- Tickets must be brought, to hand in on arrival. No ticket - no admittance, no exceptions.
- A face covering must be worn in the school building.
- To keep paths clear for children arriving, please start queueing from the yellow barrier down round the main drive, as entry will be through the caretaker's door at 9:00am.
- Tickets will be sent home 2 days before your child's assembly.

## Blogspot

As we have had technical issues with the blogs pulling through to twitter and Facebook this week, here is a list of this week's posts you might have missed:

- [Nursery Children In Need Day](#)
- [Sports Hall Athletics](#)
- [Great Geographers in Year 2](#)
- [Super Sewing](#)
- [Hello Digital Leaders!](#)
- [We love our Christmas decorations!](#)
- [Year 1 Mix Colours](#)
- [Year 1 Art](#)

## School Council Christmas Card Competition

Children are still able to bring in 50p so they can enter the charity Christmas card competition. The closing date is Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Dec.

Also new gifts for children and teenagers are still being collected for distribution to local families by the school council's chosen charity, 'The Alice Charity'.

## Headteacher's Star Award

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

N1	Charlie D
N2	Chloe G
R1	Oluwateniayo K
R2	Nevaeh S
Y1/G3	Gracie-Mae D
Y1/G4	Benjamin B
Y2/G1	Grayson-Isaac C
Y2/G2	Ava-Rae M
Y3/F4	Rowanjay J
Y3/F3	Ollie E
Y4/F2	Sophie L
Y4/F1	Elizabeth R
Y5/RBL	Dominic M
Y5/RBR	Emelia B-S
Y6/FBR	Skye S
Y6/FBL	Jamie T

## TT Rockstars for Year 5

Well done to our Y5 children who have been taking part in their Times Tables Rockstars competition this week.

At the time of finishing this newsletter our school was in 2nd place of the 42 Stoke schools taking part. Let's hope they can hang on to that position until 3:00pm!



Position (Out of 42 schools taking part)	School average / user
1	Newstead Primary Academy, 7,981
2	Sandford Hill Primary School, 6,204

## School Attendance Target -

96%

This week is 91.1% - below our school target.

N1	90%	Y2/G2	89.1%
N2	92.1%	Y3/F4	97.3%
N3	95.8%	Y3/F3	93.0%
N4	79.2%	Y4/F2	85.7%
R1	97.3%	Y4/F1	88.0%
R2	92.3%	Y5/RBL	90.4%
Y1/G3	97.3%	Y5/RBR	96.6%
Y1/G4	94.0%	Y6/FBR	91.4%
Y2/G1	91.2%	Y6/FBL	95.1%

## Congratulations and Well Done

- Well done to **Sam T** is very proud to have taken his promises and being invested to become a Cub Scout.
- Congratulations to **Tommy C** who has achieved his Stanley 4 swimming award.
- Well done also to **George C** has achieved his green belt in Taekwondo.
- Congratulations to **Henry R** and **Jack H**, both in Y2 who have read over 25,000 words. Future word millionaires in the making!
- Well done to **Riley W** and to **Vinny W** who shared their certificate (and white belt with a yellow tab) that they have been awarded following their recent grading in Karate.
- Congratulations to **Leo B** who has worked really hard to be awarded his brown belt from his Taekwondo class.
- Well done to **Jordell A** on his MVP trophy in basketball. A credit to your skills and sportsmanship.
- Many congratulations to **James M** who enjoyed great success at a swimming gala, in Mansfield recently. James, who won an incredible 6 gold and 3 silver medals, is now ranked 6th across the UK, in his age group, in the 400 metres individual medley. Just amazing James!



## Birthdays

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

- Asinate L
- Marium A
- Vinnie B
- Elsie S
- Blayke D
- Mollie-Mae E
- Oliver H
- Leah H
- Noah F
- Evie W
- Sinmiloluwa K
- Ella B



## Christmas Still 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 next three 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)
– Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Mrs Frost's class (Y3)
– Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Mrs Bullock's class (Y6)
– Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Mr Jones' class (Y6)
– Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Miss Ridgway's class (Y1)
– Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Miss Gregory's class (Y2)
– Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Mrs Smith's class (Y1)
– Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Miss Harrison's class (Y2)
– Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Mr Alcock's class (Y4/F1)
– Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Mrs Hassall's class (Y4)
– Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Miss Hodgson's class (R1)
– Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Mrs Carney's class (Y5)
– Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Miss Humphries' class (R2)
– Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Miss Jones' class (Y5)

The assigned tickets will be sent out 2 days before the assembly. As only those allocated a ticket will be permitted into the assembly, please make sure you bring it with you and have a face covering for inside school. Thank you.



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 exceptions 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**

A ParentMail form has been sent out for you to confirm your attendance and you will be allocated a ticket to bring with you. **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

The deadline for packs of your child's personalised Christmas cards designs has now passed. 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 once delivered, expected 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