



Sandford Hill Primary School Newsletter

Thoughtfulness,
Respect and
Hard Work

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A Chilly Return

Welcome back after a hopefully enjoyable half term break. This is always a busy half term in school (when isn't it!) and if you follow our twitter feed @sandford_hill and/or read our blog sandfordhill.schoolblogs.org you will see some of the things that have gone on in this busy first week back. These included Y3 seed hunting, Y5 visit to Tesco, Y1 learning about Diwali, Y6 using map reading skills, Y4 learning about earth's structure, pumpkin soup in early years and much more.



In KS2 assembly, the children explored the British value of 'Tolerance'. The account of The Gunpowder Plot of 1605 was revisited, where sadly, Guy Fawkes and his fellow plotters resorted to extreme measures when tolerance was not shown towards them. As well, the children have been reminded about keeping safe over the weekend if attending any firework displays. We have included the firework code on page 3 so please do share this with your child(ren).

Dates for the Diary

- Thurs 11th November**
Absentee photos - see notices
- Fri 19th November**
Children in Need - Non-uniform
- Thurs 25th November**
Full Governors Meeting
- Fri 10th December**
EYFS & KS1 Christmas Dinner
- Mon 13th December**
KS2 Christmas Dinner
- Fri 17th December**
LAST DAY OF AUTUMN TERM
- Tues 4th January**
Term starts
- Wed 26th January**
Choir to Young Voices

Congratulations and Well Done

- Well done to **Isabella L** who performed in a dance show called 'The Passing.' We're sure that lots of hard work went in to the rehearsals and that her performance was a real show-stopper!
- Congratulations to **Ellie-Mae G** who achieved her Rainbow Distance 600 metres award at swimming! Fantastic!
- Well done to **Lyla-Rai D** and **Lucy B** have achieved their Level 4 trampolining award and **Chloe** has been awarded her Level 7. Fantastic hard work, keep bouncing girls!
- Congratulations to **Isaac Pi** who has achieved his Gold swimming award. Fantastic effort, keep it up!



- Well done to **Ellie T** who has successfully completed her Stanley 6 swimming award. Congratulations Ellie.
- Congratulations to **Caleb M** who has achieved his Level 1 swimming certificate! Fantastic!



- And finally, huge congratulations to **Owen W**, **Jordell A** and **Kindra C** who were each placed in the top ten from across the city in the recent Year 6 Times Tables Rock Stars competition. A fantastic effort was made by all our Y6 children and we are super proud of them all; but more importantly they are now all skilled for life having their times tables at their finger tips.

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

N1	Bella H-T
N2	Arthur R
R1	Alicja P
R2	Lettie-Rose B
Y1/G3	Adam R
Y1/G4	Mathieu R
Y2/G1	Vinny W
Y2/G2	Lila L
Y3/F4	Lily-Grace S
Y3/F3	Genevieve G
Y4/F2	Summer W
Y4/F1	Emma B
Y5/RBL	Lola F
Y5/RBR	Sophie M-P
Y6/FBR	Isobel S
Y6/FBL	Jasper B

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

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main meal	Sausage/Vegi Sausage, mash, seasonal veg and gravy	Pizza, potato wedges and sweetcorn	Cheese oatcake, diced roasties and beans	Roast chicken/Quorn Roast, stuffing, mash, mixed veg and gravy	Fish fingers, chips and peas
Alternative Option	Filled Jacket Potatoes with Cheese and Beans	Ham, Cheese or Tuna Sandwich and crisps	Filled Jacket Potatoes with Cheese and Beans	Ham, Cheese or Tuna Bap and crisps	Filled Jacket Potatoes with Cheese and Beans

Parent Notices

CLUBS - clubs start again next week, with new children for the oversubscribed clubs. Please check your child's club record. For the next two weeks Mrs Carney's clubs, gardening and STEM are cancelled and CHOIR is changed for one week only from Tuesday 9th to Wednesday 10th November. You should have been notified individually via ParentMail for these changes.

School Photos - Proofs should have been sent home with your child today. Orders can be placed on-line as per the instructions on the pack. **ABSENTEE PHOTOS** - these will be taken on Thursday 11th November. Children that wear their P.E. kit on a Thursday will need to bring just a shirt, tie and jumper to change into for the photo.

Children's Christmas Dinners - a ParentMail form will be sent shortly for each child to order a Christmas Dinner, so please do keep an eye out for it as the deadline is Friday 26th November.

Reception Places for September 2022 - Applications are now live for any current Nursery parents/carers to apply for a Reception place for their child. Please visit www.stoke.gov.uk/admissions to complete an online application. The deadline for applications is 15th January 2022. All current Nursery parent/carers will have been sent a ParentMail with more information.

Children In Need - On Friday 19th November the children are invited to come to school in non-uniform in return for a small donation towards the valuable work of 'Children in Need'.

Lest we Forget

From next Monday we will have a selection of poppy gift items available for sale to help raise funds (see page 3). Monies raised are used to support the Armed Forces, and their families, from Britain and the Commonwealth, the emergency services and those that have lost their lives as a result of conflict or terrorism. Remembrance Sunday, on 14th November, is a way for us all to remember the service and sacrifice of all those that have defended our freedoms and protected our way of life. In school next week, look out for 'Tommy', our lost soldier, who will be placed on the front drive to help us remember. Please do keep your children off the grass area nearby.

Ollie E made some clay poppies during half term to sell in remembrance of his great great grandfather, great grandfather, uncle and grandad, from his mums side, who all served in the forces. Well done Ollie.



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

N1	Vinnie B
N2	Jaxson R
R1	Kyiah I
R2	Archie H
Y1/G3	Reggie J
Y1/G4	Gracie W
Y2/G1	Leo P
Y2/G2	Ingrid S
Y3/F4	Imogen W
Y3/F3	Thomas H
Y4/F2	Adrian P
Y4/F1	Bentley D
Y5/RBL	Jamie O
Y5/RBR	Lucas C
Y6/FBR	Kelsie W
Y6/FBL	Caleb J

Eco News

The COP26 climate change conference in Glasgow is making us all think about what else we can do as individuals to help our world.

At school we have recycling bins for batteries and crisp packets so children can bring these in to recycle. This really helps as it stops them going into landfill.

Supermarkets are now able to recycle more. Both Tesco and the Co-op have new bins collecting soft plastics. This includes bread bags, sweet and chocolate wrappers, clear film, salad and vegetable bags, crisp packets and pet food pouches.

The Co-op say to check if the plastic is recyclable, you can scrunch it up and if it pings back it is soft plastic. This website lists all the items they take. www.coop.co.uk/environment

This would be a great thing for children to help with and it is amazing to see how little then goes in the general bin!

<https://www.recyclenow.com/node/65>

This handy website is great for finding out what things can be recycled and even where to take items. Thank you.



School Attendance Target - 96%

This week is 93.9% - below our school target.

N1	98.3%	Y2/G2	90.0%
N2	93.8%	Y3/F4	94.6%
N3	90.6%	Y3/F3	96.0%
N4	73.8%	Y4/F2	95.3%
R1	96.0%	Y4/F1	96.8%
R2	98.7%	Y5/RBL	97.9%
Y1/G3	94.0%	Y5/RBR	94.8%
Y1/G4	93.3%	Y6/FBR	92.8%
Y2/G1	89.0%	Y6/FBL	93.5%

Birthdays

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

- Oliver J
- Gracie-Mae G
- Isabella W
- Levi K
- Noah B
- Archie D
- Olivia-Mae D
- Vinny E



SUGGESTED DONATIONS	
CAR POPPY	£5
METAL PIN BADGE	£2
ELASTICATED WRISTBANDS	£2
POPPY CROSS	£1.50
SILK POPPY	£1
RUBBER WRISTBANDS	£1
CAR STIKER	£1
PAPER POPPY'S	DONATION

Poppies and other items for sale from next Monday 8th November. Children may bring the appropriate money to school for purchase, though we cannot guarantee that items will be available as we have limited stock. School council members will be taking the trays round to classes.

Poppies Appeal

Well done to Year 5 wonderful poppies which are going to be displayed in local shops. We know they are going to be appreciated and we have had a message about them: [Longton Community Partnership](#)

A big thank you to Year 5 and Mrs Drakeford for the wonderful poppies which will be on display in Longton from Monday.



Harvest thanks

Many thanks to everyone that made donations of food for our harvest appeal. Mrs Brennan, Mr Simcox and some of our school council members took pleasure in delivering some of the harvest boxes to the local community, with the majority being taken to the Longton Bethel Church. Thank you for helping us to support those less fortunate than ourselves.



The Firework Code

- **Keep fireworks in a closed box**
- **Follow the instructions for lighting them very carefully**
- **Light them at arm's length**
- **Stand well back**
- **Never go back to a lit firework**
- **Never put fireworks in your pocket**
- **Never throw fireworks**