



Sandford Hill Primary School Newsletter

Thoughtfulness,
Respect and
Hard Work

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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:

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



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

N1	Rayaan A
N2	Noor A
R1	Quinn-Rose B
R2	Ava R
Y1/G3	Austin P
Y1/G4	Adrian D-K
Y2/G1	Jaxon H
Y2/G2	Kylan M
Y3/F4	Olivia-Mae D
Y3/F3	Zara W
Y4/F2	Harry E
Y4/F1	Deni R
Y5/RBL	Marium A
Y5/RBR	Billy D
Y6/FBR	Jasmine E
Y6/FBL	Alex S

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 8th December - Oranges and Apples group
- Thursday 9th 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.

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

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main meal	Pizza, Roasties and Sweetcorn	Beef Burger/Vegi Burger, Potato Pommes and Beans	Cheese Whirl, Diced Potatoes and Sweetcorn	Roast Pork/Quorn Roast Stuffing, Mash, Mixed Veg and Gravy	Fishcake, Chips and Peas
Alternative Option	Cheese or Tuna Bap with Crisps	Filled Jacket Potato with Cheese and Beans	Ham, Cheese or Tuna Roll with Crisps	Filled Jacket Potato with Cheese and Beans	Ham, Cheese or Tuna Baguette with Fruit

Christmas Dinner

Due to the amount of Christmas dinners served, we will be splitting this years' dinner service over 2 days. Pupils are welcome to come to school wearing a Christmas jumper/outfit on their Christmas dinner day.



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

It is vital that you immediately complete the Christmas dinner form sent to you via ParentMail email as we are on a very tight deadline for final numbers. Thank you.

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 15th December pm**
- **KS2** will have their Christmas party on **Thursday 16th December pm**

Christmas Cards

We understand that some pupils like to send Christmas cards to others within their class and that many parents often ask at the school office for class lists. Individual class lists will be sent via Parent Mail at the end of November.

Christmas Gifts

A huge thank you to those who have supported our Christmas fundraising this year by purchasing aprons, tea towels and Christmas cards. Card designs have been scanned and will be sent home on Monday. They do not need to be returned to school.

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 the first week in December.



Headteacher's Star Award

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

N1	Skyla-Grace T
N2	Neave K
R1	Robert B
R2	Joshua T
Y1/G3	Spencer H
Y1/G4	Samuel C
Y2/G1	Henry R
Y2/G2	Kaiden A
Y3/F4	Mollie-Mae E
Y3/F3	Amilia P
Y4/F2	Summer W
Y4/F1	Lily M-N
Y5/RBL	Oliver D
Y5/RBR	Bobby M
Y6/FBR	Maisy-Lee B
Y6/FBL	Adena P

Parent Notices

Children In Need - A reminder that for next Friday's 'Children In Need' our children are invited to come to school in non-uniform in return for a small donation

School Attendance Target - 96%

This week is 93.9% - below our school target.

N1	95.8%	Y2/G2	92.5%
N2	90.6%	Y3/F4	96.0%
N3	89.2%	Y3/F3	91.6%
N4	83.1%	Y4/F2	92.7%
R1	92.3%	Y4/F1	96.8%
R2	100%	Y5/RBL	98.6%
Y1/G3	93.2%	Y5/RBR	96.3%
Y1/G4	95.0%	Y6/FBR	88.4%
Y2/G1	92.1%	Y6/FBL	95.8%

Congratulations Well Done and Farewell

- Well done to **Skyla-Beau** who took part in "The Passing", a dance show, at the Mitchell Arts Centre all half term week with her dance school "SCDC". Amazing Skyla-Beau!
- Well done to **Henry R** who has achieved his level 1 trampolining proficiency award. Fantastic Henry!
- Congratulations to **Lucy B** in Year 4 who last night achieved her Level 5 Trampoline Proficiency award!
- Well done to **Woodrow T** who shared his red judo belt which, following his recent grading, has his first yellow tab attached. Congratulations Woodrow.
- Well done to **Martha J** and **Sophie L**, who have both achieved trampolining certificates this week! Keep bouncing girls!
- Congratulations, **Katie B** on achieving her Goldfish 1 swimming certificate.
- Finally we would all like to wish **Mr Turner** (one of our Y6 teaching assistants), all the very best as he leaves us today to start a new job with the Shaw Trust.



Birthdays

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

- Grace B
- Freya H
- Tobiasz L
- Emily S
- Isobel S
- Aaron M



Lest we Forget

"At the going down of the sun,
and in the morning, we will
remember them."

Many thanks to everyone who
has supported our Poppy Appeal
this year. Thanks are also sent to
the members of the School
Council who have organised the
sales of poppies around school.

The poppies, which Year 5
created, are now proudly
displayed in Longton
Central Hall. Huge
thanks to Skyla Beau
and her nan for
helping to arrange this.
The art work looks
magnificent.



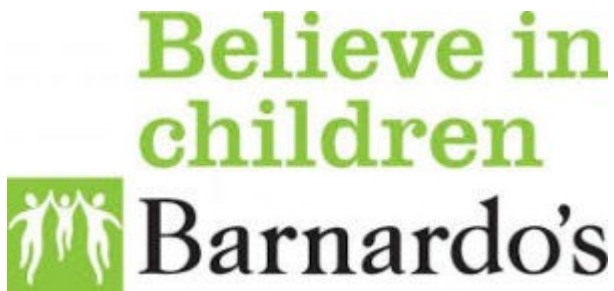
School Council News

Our School Council have chosen a very important charity to
support this year - 'The Alice Charity', who work with families
across Stoke and Newcastle. They help with both emotional
support and by providing practical help in the family home
and communities.

The Council will be
running a **Christmas
Competition** to raise
funds and details of
the Art Competition
will be coming soon.

In addition, school
staff will also be
helping by buying toys to help local children. If any of our
parents and their families would also like to contribute that
would be wonderful. Toys need to be brand new and suitable
for 0-13 years old. Or if you prefer, a gift bag for a teenager.
All gifts can be brought into school, unwrapped please, so
Alice Charity can sort and send them.

If you would like to find out more about the Alice Charity,
either contact Mrs Brennan, (our Home school Link Worker),
or go to their website alicecharity.com They also have a self-
referral form on their page if anyone needs support.



Barnardo's Launch Health Awareness Campaign for NHS

This winter, there will be an influx of coughs, colds and chest infections in children aged 0-3.

To reduce increased pressure on local healthcare systems, Barnardo's has been funded by NHS England and Department for Health and Social Care (DHSC) to provide a helpline advising on respiratory illnesses, focused on supporting parents/carers from Black, Asian and Minority communities.

The Boloh helpline can provide advice, guidance and signposting support to partners/carers who are unsure about what to do if their child has a chest infection. We can provide information via our Helpline advisors to :

Recognise signs and symptoms of Chest infections

How to access the right health support

Self-manage respiratory infections at home

Speak to a nurse or doctor if required via NHS 111 and 999

Register with GPs

Helpline advisors can also provide parents/carers with practical support to meet their child's needs.

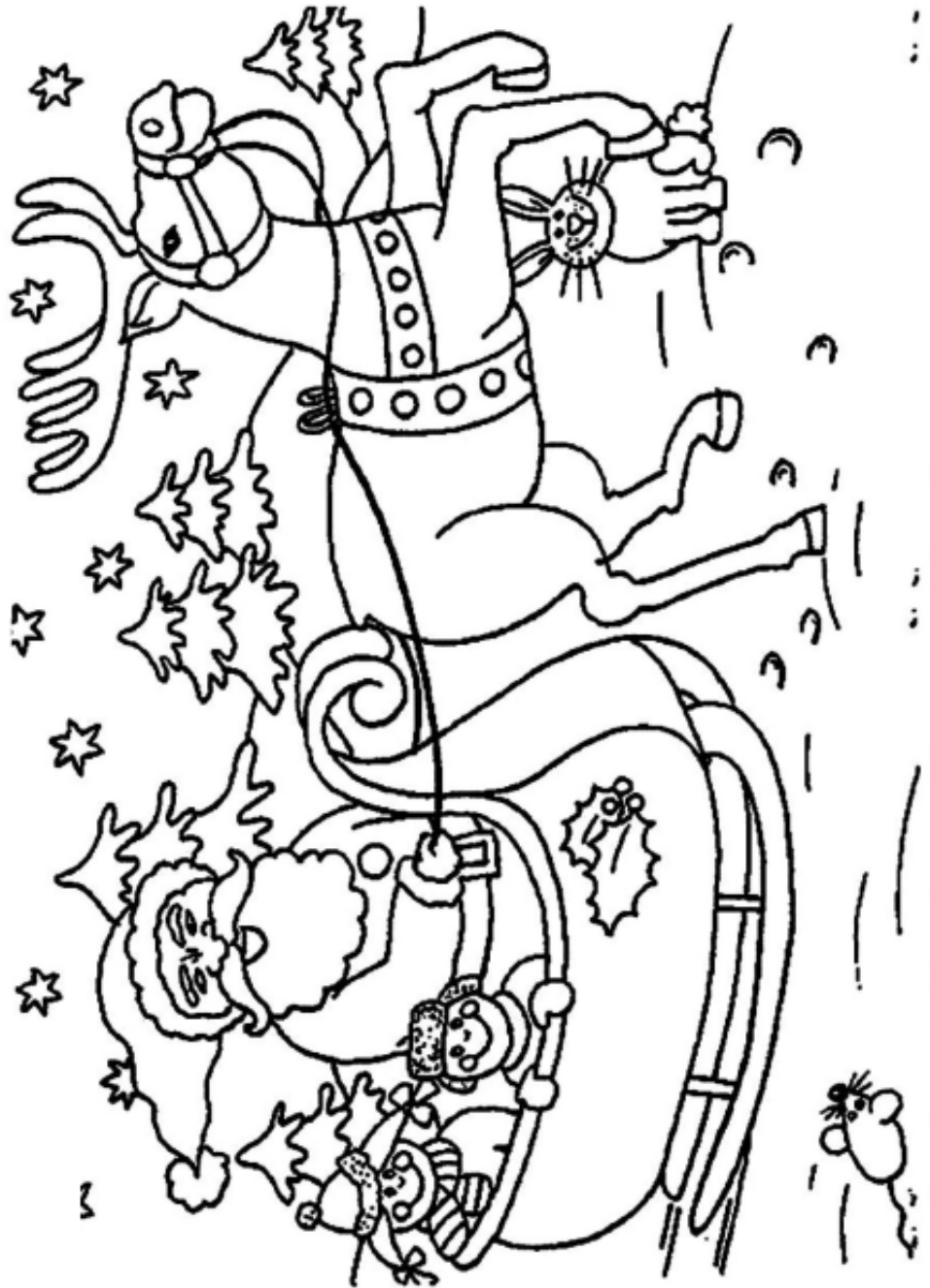
Parents/carers can call Boloh helpline on 0800 151 2605. Professionals can also refer their service users to the helpline and a helpline advisor will contact them. Referrals can be made via this link https://helpline.barnardos.org.uk/professionals/boloh_referral_form

Our helpline advisors are trained to provide advice about respiratory illnesses in children aged 0-3. Our advisors can provide a service in English, Punjabi, Hindi, Urdu, Albanian, Polish, Luganda, Ruyankole, Rukiga, Rutooro and Kinyarwanda. Interpreters can be provided for other languages.

Health professionals can refer parents/carers to Boloh and a helpline advisor will call them back.

You can find information on Barnardo's website: <https://helpline.barnardos.org.uk/>

Longton Community Partnership have asked us to share this template with you for any of our children that would like to enter our Christmas Colouring Competition. The prize is Make A Bear at Butterflies, Longton Exchange.



Parent's phone number :

Parent's name :

Return your entry to Kizzy B in Longton Exchange by 17/11/21