



Sandford Hill Primary School Newsletter

Thoughtfulness,
Respect and
Hard Work

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Dates for the Diary

Tues 7th December
Y3 Fieldwork Day

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

Thurs 20th January
Y3 & Y6 swimming starts

Fri 21st January
Y4 & Y5 swimming starts

Wed 26th January
Choir to Young Voices

Grateful Thanks

We are so grateful for all the generous donations that have been offered in support of this year's toy appeal on behalf of The Alice Charity. The School Council invited Mrs Bradbury in to our assembly to talk about the work of her charity, which this Christmas is aiming to ensure that no child or young person is left without in Stoke-On-Trent. Donations of new toys or gifts for teenagers are still very welcome. Thank you on behalf of the alicecharity.com



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

N1	Charlie D
N2	George W
R1	Leah H
R2	Xander H
Y1/G3	Ellise P
Y1/G4	Jessica G
Y2/G1	Jack H
Y2/G2	Alisha S
Y3/F4	Jack E
Y3/F3	Anna T
Y4/F2	Briley S
Y4/F1	Max B
Y5/RBL	Erin L
Y5/RBR	Dominik W
Y6/FBR	Thomas H
Y6/FBL	Jesse S

School Attendance Target - 96%

This week is 91.5% - below our school target.

N1	96.6%	Y2/G2	95.1%
N2	81.7%	Y3/F4	93.0%
N3	93.5%	Y3/F3	92.0%
N4	78.1%	Y4/F2	90.9%
R1	89.3%	Y4/F1	90.5%
R2	90.5%	Y5/RBL	95.7%
Y1/G3	89.9%	Y5/RBR	90.5%
Y1/G4	95.7%	Y6/FBR	94.2%
Y2/G1	88.1%	Y6/FBL	93.0%

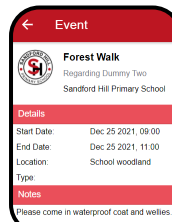
Farewell and Welcome

Today we send Mrs Mitchell off with our very best wishes as she starts her maternity leave. We would also like to welcome Mrs Davenport (right) who will be replacing Mrs Mitchell in her absence.



Parent/Carer Notices

- **No More Clubs until next term.**
- Update to Christmas activities on the next page.
- School photos should now all have been sent home. If you placed an order and have not received it then please speak to the office.
- You should now be receiving EVENTS on the ParentMail App which provide reminders of when your child is involved in an activity and if they are required to wear/ bring anything special. Please do check your app and make sure you have notifications enabled so you don't miss an event. If you need any help with it, then please ask at the office.



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

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main meal	Pizza, Roasties and Beans	Beef Burger/Bap, Pommes and Sweetcorn	Cheese Whirl, Wedges and Sweetcorn	Fish Cake, Chips and Peas	ALREADY PRE-ORDERED EYFS/KS1 Christmas Dinner; KS2 Sandwiches in classroom
Alternative Option	Filled Jacket Potato - cheese/beans Baguette - ham, cheese or tuna	Filled Jacket Potato - cheese/beans Sandwich and crisps	Filled Jacket Potato - cheese/beans Filled Roll - ham, cheese or tuna	Filled Jacket Potato - cheese/beans Baguette - ham, cheese or tuna	

Swimming Successes

This term we have finally seen the return of the children to their swimming lessons. In addition, to try to enable the children to catch up from the almost 2 years missed swimming, we have managed to enable a double swimming slot for our school. This means that most of KS2 will be swimming all year.

We are proud to share the children's highest swimming certificates achieved this term:

Y3 Mrs Frost

Beginners Certificate: Bradley, Jack, Parker, Rowan and Vinnie.

Length Certificate: Grace, Katie, Stanley and Theo.



Y3 Mr Frost

Beginners Certificate: Amilia, Bobbi, Ellie, Evie, Jacob, Levi, Ollie E, Ollie W, Olivia, Poppy, Seraphina, Thomas and Zara. **Length Certificate:** Isla

Y4 Mrs Hassall

Beginners Certificate: Mollie, Caleb, Lucy, Noah, Isla, Florence, Coby, Lyla-Rai, Ellie-Mae, Ava, Caden, Ravyn, Alecia, Lexi, Max and Peter.

Length Certificate: Lilly-Rose, Leah, Harrison, Harry, Martha, Sophie, Riley, Abby-Jaye, Chloe and Summer.

Y4 Mr Alcock

Beginners Certificate: Zeen, Leighton, Max, Emma, Harrison, Thomas, Grace, Oliver, Teddy, Michelle, Olivia, Frankie, Chloe and Poppy.

Length Certificate: Liam and Evelyn. **Elementary Certificate:** Noah and Bessie

Proficiency Certificate: Reggie

Y5 Miss Jones

Beginners Certificate: Emelia, Charlie, Tayla, Daniel, Leila, Poppy, Kaytee, Bobby and Skylar. **Length Certificate:** Ella, Lexi-Jean, Harry, Mconnel, Leyton, Archie, Sophie, Olivia, and Kayden. **Elementary Certificate:** Bethan, Belle-Elise, Alexander and Woodrow.

ASA Challenge Bronze: Lucas, James and Dominik.

Y5 Mrs Carney/Mrs Drakeford

Beginners Certificate: Evelyn, Jenna, Jessica, Jayden, Lola, Lucy, Rae, Asinate, Seren and Sienna. **Length Certificate:** Daniel, Dominic, Erin, Emori, Joshua, Georgia, Neve, Oliver, Oscar, Skylar and Sereana. **Elementary Certificate:** Riley. **ASA Challenge Bronze:** Isabella.

Y6 Mrs Bullock

Beginners Certificate: Jordell, Maisy, Gracie, Marley, Erin, Jasmine, Thomas, Mustafa, Brooke, Lenny, Aston, Evie, Atunaisa, Skye, Sian and Blake. **Length Certificate:** Oliver, Harry, Noah, Jamie and Kelsie **Elementary Certificate:** Isabel, Emily and Isobel. **ASA Challenge Bronze:** Isabelle.

Y6 Mr Jones

Beginners Certificate: Jasper, Caleb, Modou, Jessica, Ashton, Mason, Jamie, Owen, and Jayden. **Length Certificate:** Declan, Kai, Tyler, Kindra, Lucy, Oliver J, Amelia, Adena, Tamzin, Alex, Jesse, Isla and Bethany. **Elementary Certificate:** Patryk. **ASA Challenge Silver:** Ellie.

Headteacher's Star Award	
Congratulations to these children who received this week's Head Teacher's Star Award for Hard Work.	
N1	Freddie B
N2	Tobiasz L
R1	Archie D
R2	Hana A
Y1/G3	Charlie A
Y1/G4	Theodore T
Y2/G1	Amelia C
Y2/G2	Amelia G
Y3/F4	Theo C
Y3/F3	Ellie T
Y4/F2	Alecia O
Y4/F1	Evelyn T
Y5/RBL	Jenna B
Y5/RBR	Leyton H
Y6/FBR	Oliver C
Y6/FBL	Declan B

Congratulations and Well Done

- Well done to **Elliott L** on achieving his Mini Stars Level 4 – Clownfish swimming Award. Fantastic Elliott - just keep swimming!
- Congratulations to **Skylar H** whose recent performances in 'The Passing', at the Mitchell Arts Centre, have earned her a dance scholarship and an opportunity to share her skills with the children attending the toddler dance group. An amazing achievement Skylar.
- Well done to **Jaxon H**, another 25,000 word reader on Accelerated Reader. Great work Jaxon. A superb example for others to follow.
- Congratulations to **Kaytee L** who shared about receiving a special T-shirt after completing 4 ballet exams and achieving grade 5. She now gets to wear the t-shirt with her name on the back for her performance in January. Well done Kaytee, we're all very proud of you!



Birthdays

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

- Ella B
- Sinmiloluwa K
- Evie W
- Kaiden F
- Mason N
- Emelia B
- Olivia-Grace M
- Harrison D
- Jack H
- Hana A



Christmas Arrangements - Updated!

Thank you to all the parents/carers that have come into school this week to watch their child(ren)'s class assembly. We know that the children love having you watch them. 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.**

The dates for the remaining assemblies are listed below:

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| – Monday 6 th December | Miss Gregory's class (Y2) |
| – Tuesday 7 th December | Mrs Smith's class (Y1) |
| – Wednesday 8 th December | Miss Harrison's class (Y2) |
| – Friday 10 th December | Mr Alcock's class (Y4/F1) |
| – Monday 13 th December | Mrs Hassall's class (Y4) |
| – Tuesday 14 th December | Miss Hodgson's class (R1) |
| – Wednesday 15 th December | Mrs Carney's class (Y5) |
| – Thursday 16 th December | Miss Humphries' class (R2) |
| – Friday 17 th 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.



Nursery parents/carers are invited 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

Some reminders please:

- The doors for the Christmas assemblies will open at **9:00am** and the assemblies will start around 9:15am
- Each assembly will last for around 15 – 20 minutes and will take place in the school hall.
- **Face covering must be worn in the school building, unless exempt.**
- A link to the recorded video will be sent via ParentMail following the assembly.
- **No mobile phones can be used while 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

Christmas Gifts

Purchased Christmas cards will be sent home by the end of next week, along with ordered aprons and tea towels (providing we have taken receipt of them by then). All of the monies raised will go towards ensuring that all pupils have a magical Christmas in school.



Christmas Card class lists

As requested by many parents, you should now have received your child's class list, in case your child wants to send out Christmas cards. Please do not feel in any way obliged to use it!

Christmas Dinner

- **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**



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

Many thanks for your continuing support.

Parent/Carer Safety Net Guide

As Christmas time approaches, it's likely that many children and young people will be looking forward to receiving technology-based gifts under the tree this year. This means the festive period is a great opportunity to highlight simple tips to help parents and carers make safer choices when buying new devices. Please accept this email to serve as a timely reminder to encourage parents to consider how they can help their children to keep safer online during the festive period, and beyond.

Please click on the picture below for the Parent Guides that will help you to do so and continue to share them with your wider parent network.

