



Sandford Hill Primary School Newsletter

Thoughtfulness,
Respect and
Hard Work

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Our very special visitors came back!

We were so excited yesterday morning when Santa came back to visit us with his reindeer. It was rather an unplanned visit, after Santa was out on a training run and needed a place to have a bit of a rest as the reindeer were very tired. We do hope they're not coming down with something!

Here in school, we have been delighted to welcome further parents/carers into school for our class Christmas Assemblies. The children have all done so well, especially as we have not had Mrs Brian, our music teacher in to accompany them, so much of the singing has been acappella!

On that note, it is with much sadness that Mrs Brian will not be returning to Sandford Hill. Over the past 25 years, Mrs Brian has contributed hugely to the music provision and I know she will take with her many wonderful memories which include Alice in Wonderland and Rats, to Wizard and Peter Pan - to name but a few as well as numerous Christmas concerts and Young Voices. I am sure you will all join me in thanking Mrs Brian for her hard work and she leaves with our very warmest wishes for the future.



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

N1	Matei D
N2	Eva J
R1	Jaxon B
R2	Rosie E
Y1/G3	Travis M
Y1/G4	Gracie W
Y2/G1	Lexi L
Y2/G2	Poppy T
Y3/F4	Harper B
Y3/F3	Caleb T
Y4/F2	Ellie-Mae G
Y4/F1	Luke H
Y5/RBL	Jenna B
Y5/RBR	Khadijat F
Y6/FBR	Brooke M
Y6/FBL	Oliver H-N

Alice Charity Thanks

The School Council would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has donated presents for the Alice Charity this Christmas. So many children will benefit from these really lovely gifts. School Council members will hopefully be delivering the presents to



the charity's headquarters in Newcastle next week.

Many thanks also for everyone that bought an item for the poppy appeal. Together we raised a fantastic £300.43.

A reminder that the art competition entry forms are due in by Monday. The councillors will then be judging the competition and winners will be announced in next week's newsletter. Good luck to all who entered.

Dates for the Diary

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

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

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main meal	ALREADY PRE-ORDERED	All Day Breakfast	Breaded chicken grill with wedges and beans	Pizza, diced roasties and veg	Fish, chips and peas
Alternative Option	KS2 Christmas Dinner; EYFS/KS1 Sandwiches in classroom	Jacket Potatoes	Filled roll with crisps	Jacket Potatoes	Baguette and fruit

Parent/Carer Notices

Clubs - A ParentMail form will be sent out next week for your child to select which clubs they would like to do next term. Clubs will start the second week of next term. Thank you for the understanding and patience of those children whose clubs had to be cancelled due to staff absence. We always do our best not to cancel clubs as we appreciate the inconvenience this can cause. Those children will be prioritised next term.

Fluenz vaccine - we finally have a new date for the children's fluenz nasal vaccine - Thursday 13th January 2022. Should your child have received their flu vaccine via your GP in the meantime, then the nurses should have that on record.

Children's designed Christmas Cards - All cards have now been sent home. We do hope you and those you send them to like them!

Christmas Tea Towel and Apron gifts - We have now received these into school and we will be sending them home to all that purchased them early next week. We are really pleased with them, so we hope you are too.

Christmas Dinner - Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 will have their Christmas dinner on **Monday 13th December**. Children can wear something Christmassy on Monday.

Christmas Party Days

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

The children **are invited to come to school in Christmas or party clothes.**

Continued Covid Testing - We do so appreciate your support in testing your children if they are poorly, and getting them to take a PCR test if anyone else in the family is positive. Please do continue this rigorous testing next week. We have been facing significant staffing challenges recently, not least with two members of senior staff off, but we are hoping that with your continued co-operation we will make it through to the end of term and all enjoy a happy Christmas.

Some useful information about possible symptoms, especially in younger children, can be found on the BBC website from [this link](#). Were you aware of Covid toe? An inflammation in toes that anyone can get but is more likely in children and teenagers.

Farewell and Good Luck

Next week will be Miss Gibson's last week with us at Sandford Hill. She has been a valued teaching assistant to many different year groups and we will all miss her greatly. We wish her every success in her new job.

Congratulations and Well Done

- Well done to **Jack H** who received a 'Player of the Match' trophy which he earned at the weekend putting in a fantastic performance during his football match. Well done Jack - we're all very proud of you!
- Congratulations to **Lenny M, Marley C** and **Oliver C** who each shared their own gleaming trophy. Marley and Oliver have won at their boxing club and Lenny gave a man of the match performance for his rugby club. Excellent work, boys!
- After lots of hard work, and enjoying great success throughout the season, **James M** was awarded the Coaches Trophy at the annual Cheadle and District ASC presentation evening. Very well done indeed James.
- Many congratulations to **Grace B** who has worked very hard to achieve the Octopus 5 Swimming Award.



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

N1	Betsy H
N2	Alivia R
R1	Lyla F
R2	Empress D
Y1/G3	Freddie M
Y1/G4	Oakley-James J
Y2/G1	Chavindu B
Y2/G2	Keaton M
Y3/F4	Elizabeth DSD
Y3/F3	Sam T
Y4/F2	Lyla-Rai D
Y4/F1	Harrison C
Y5/RBL	Mconnel B
Y5/RBR	Joseph V
Y6/FBR	Harry-George D
Y6/FBL	Jasper B

School Attendance Target - 96%

This week is 89.7% - below our school target.

N1	92.5%	Y2/G2	89.7%
N2	83.2%	Y3/F4	93.4%
N3	91.5%	Y3/F3	83.4%
N4	80.5%	Y4/F2	81.6%
R1	92.5%	Y4/F1	89.1%
R2	91.0%	Y5/RBL	91.9%
Y1/G3	85.7%	Y5/RBR	96.7%
Y1/G4	93.9%	Y6/FBR	88.2%
Y2/G1	89.5%	Y6/FBL	93.2%

Birthdays

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

- Roman A
- Jessica R
- Benjamin B
- Lola W
- Dominik S
- Harrison C
- Amber T
- Edie C
- Kaytee L
- Ralphie S



Final Christmas Class Assemblies

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.

The dates for the remaining assemblies are listed below:

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| – 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) |



Some reminders please:

- The doors for the Christmas assemblies will open at **9:00am** and the assemblies will start around 9:15am
- Please remember to bring your ticket with you.
- Each assembly will last approximately 15 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.

School Council Ties Finally

Our School Council would like to show off their new school council ties which have FINALLY arrived. Thank you for your patience children - you will look really smart wearing them.



Events you might be interested in....

Sunday 12th December – Wild Families - Christmas Themed Outdoor Activities 12:00 – 14:00pm

Staffordshire Wildlife Trust - will be delivering a Free Wild Families Drop in session. There will be a range of crafts and activities that children and their adult friends can take part in. They will be based near the children's playground at the top of the Park.

Sunday 19 December – Christmas in the Park 11:00 – 14:00pm

Come and take part in this festive event in the lead up to Christmas. The Mystery Singers choir will be singing festive songs around the bandstand, Main Pavilion and Community Hub from 11:30- 1:30pm .

Children can make Christingle Candles, pick up details of our special trail and scavenger hunt from our Community Hub. There is also the opportunity to pick up a free book to take you on a mystery trip around the park.

Note:- all those over 11 years old must wear a mask whilst in the building.