



# Sandford Hill Primary School Newsletter

Thoughtfulness,  
Respect and  
Hard Work

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## We wish you a Merry Christmas

We have had a wonderful range of Christmas celebrations over the last couple of weeks and we do hope the children have enjoyed the festivities. We also hope that all our parents/carers have enjoyed the children's Christmas class assemblies, whether that be in person or on the videos sent out. A big thank you and well done to all the children and staff for all their hard work creating them.

2021 has been another very strange and sometimes difficult year for us all, but we are incredibly grateful for your ongoing support, as we all try to provide as much normality for the children as we can. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff for their relentless hard work, with special mention to all the support staff and those behind the scenes who ensure the school runs smoothly. With over 60 staff members we are so fortunate to have such a committed, caring group of people working at Sandford Hill.

**May we wish you all an enjoyable, safe Christmas and New Year.**



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

N1	Beatrix S
N2	Delilah M-J
R1	Oluwatoni K
R2	Amelia H
Y1/G3	Malachi M
Y1/G4	Myla H
Y2/G1	Ieuan P
Y2/G2	Lewis T
Y3/F4	Katie B
Y3/F3	Martha-Rose L
Y4/F2	Florence B
Y4/F1	Jessica O
Y5/RBL	Daniel I
Y5/RBR	Lexi-Jean B
Y6/FBR	Lily-Mae G
Y6/FBL	Hayat H

## Christmas Dinner Stars

On Friday and Monday our wonderful catering staff prepared and served approximately 480 Christmas dinners. An absolutely amazing feat of organisation. Thank you so much to all the team: Miss Cotton, cook-in-charge, Mrs Bowker, Mrs Birks and Miss Matthews for providing such a wonderful meal and another special experience for the children.



## School Council's Art Competition Winners

It was such a hard job for the School Councillors to choose just one winner in each of the four groups! They split into teams and looked carefully at every entry, thinking about how creative the picture was, the colours chosen and materials used. They were thrilled to present prizes to the following winners:

- EYFS: Jacob and Joseph C
- Years 1 and 2: Oakley J
- Years 3 and 4: Lyla-Rai D
- Years 5 and 6: Noah F-J

Well done to all the children that entered and many congratulations to the winners. The school council loved seeing what amazing artists we have at Sandford Hill and together we raised a fantastic £163.72 which will be donated to the Alice Charity. Thank you to all that took part.



## Dates for the Diary

**Tues 4<sup>th</sup> January**

TERM STARTS

**Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> January**

Y3 & Y6 swimming starts

**Fri 21<sup>st</sup> January**

Y4 & Y5 swimming starts

**Wed 26<sup>th</sup> January**

Choir to Young Voices - Postponed

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

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main meal	School Closed Bank Holiday	Pizza, Garlicky Diced Potatoes & Sweetcorn	Breaded Chicken Grill, Mashed Potato & Baked Beans	Roast Turkey and stuffing, Roasties, Veg and Gravy	Battered Fish Fillet, Chips, Garden or Mushy Peas and Curry Sauce
Alternative Option		Filled Jacket Potato Or Sandwich	Filled Jacket Potato Or Sandwich	Filled Jacket Potato Or Sandwich	Filled Jacket Potato Or Sandwich

# Autumn Half Term 2021

## \*Headteacher Star Awards\* and Merit Certificates

Many congratulations to all our medal and certificate winners this half term. We are very proud of you all.

### Nursery - Oranges & Apples

#### **\*Ellena P\***

Tobiasz L George W  
Jaxson R Olivia M  
Neave K Ellena P



### Nursery - Strawberries and Pears

#### **\*Blayne D\***

Rayaan A Harlee D  
Vinnie B Logan P  
Lennon J Skyla Grace T



### Reception - Miss Hodgson

#### **\*Darci M-N\***

Nathan P  
Luna H Pyper J  
Charlie H Eeligh R



### Reception - Miss Humphries

#### **\*Joshua T\***

Briar B  
Empress D Shey T  
Rosie E Emily-Rose F



### Year 1 - Mrs Smith/Miss Gerrard

#### **\*Lacie-Mai H\***

Caleb M  
Bella B Malachi M  
Gabriela P Travis M



### Year 1 - Miss Ridgway

#### **\*Alexis L\***

Charlotte W  
Maddison Cathieu R  
Lottie S Benjamin B



### Year 2 - Miss Gregory

#### **\*Bellamy M\***

Jack H  
Millie H Harvey P  
Mollie M Chavindu B



### Year 2 - Miss Harrison

#### **\*Freya L\***

Mia G  
Ava-Rae M Cooper W  
Kylan M Woody E



### Year 3 - Mr Frost

#### **\*Anna T\***

Ellie T  
Isla J  
Sonny L P  
Seraphina S  
Harry C



### Year 3 - Mrs Frost

#### **\*Grace B\***

Rowan Jay J  
Tansey M  
Lily G S  
Michelle W  
Lennon B



### Year 4 - Mr Alcock

#### **\*Caden H\***

Noah K  
Chloe S  
Lilly M N  
Teddy L  
Leighton B



### Year 4 - Mrs Hassall

#### **\*Liam B\***

Isla B  
Leah B  
Peter K  
Adrian P  
Callum C



### Year 5 - Mrs Carney /Mrs Drakeford

#### **\*Isabella L\***

Georgia B  
Lola F  
Jayden B  
Rae B  
Oliver D



### Year 5 - Miss Jones

#### **\*Daniel D\***

Dominik W  
Harry B  
Leyton H  
Leila H  
Khadjat S



### Year 6 - Mrs Bullock

#### **\*Blake W\***

Sian S  
Kelsie W  
Maisy L B  
Jamie K  
Aston M



### Year 6 - Mr Jones

#### **\*Jasper B\***

Caleb J  
Declan B  
Kindra C  
Hayat H  
Oliver H N





## Parent/Carer Notices

**Clubs** - Due to the uncertainty of arrangements in January for a normal return, we will not now be sending out the clubs booking form until the new year.

**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.

**Continued Covid Testing** - Like the government, we do not know what the next few months hold in terms of a normal return to school in January. However, assuming we do restart in January, we politely ask that ALL children are tested with a lateral flow test before returning to school in January, even if they are presenting no symptoms.

### Congratulations and Well Done

- Congratulations to **Reggie L** who has completed his Shark 2 swimming certificate. Great effort Reggie!
- Well done to **Ellena P** who shared her football trophy that she was awarded for being the 'star' player. Fantastic Ellena!
- A big well done to **Leah and Jaxon B** who, last weekend, took part in the reindeer run. We are all very proud of their hard work.
- Many congratulations to **Niamh J** who has passed her Octopus 1 swimming certificate.
- Well done also to **William B** on passing his Jellyfish swimming award.



### Farewell and Good Luck

Today we say a further farewell to: Miss Cope, teaching assistant, Mrs Twynham, French teacher and Mrs Heath, office clerical assistant, who all leave to take on new positions. We would like to take this opportunity to thank them all for their hard work and support during their time at Sandford Hill and send them our very best wishes for the future.

### Year 2 Readers on BBC Radio Stoke Book Club

Six keen readers took part in the Radio Stoke Book Club on Tuesday after school. During the book club, children read an extract of a story live on the radio and gave 2 clues to help listeners guess the story. It was very exciting and the children did an excellent job at reading the story and the clues. Our clues were: 1) there is a curious tea party; 2) there is a white rabbit who is late for a very important date. Can you guess the story? Well done **Bellamy M, Henry R, Harvey P, William B, Layla M** and **Mollie M**.



### Events you might be interested in....

#### 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.**

The Community Hub is located just south of the canal. Walk from the car park, down to the bandstand and cross the step bridge over the canal. Then the building will be to your right.

### Birthdays

Wishing all these children a very **Happy Birthday** over the Christmas period and first week back:

- Leighton B
- Tamzin P
- Caleb B
- Kian D
- Salem S
- Skyla-Grace T
- Frankie C
- Olivia W
- Henry F
- Jensen F
- Mia M
- Benjamin B
- Henry R
- Gracie W
- Aliza A
- Lennon B
- Isaac P
- Elliot D
- Rogan H
- Mollie M



### Headteacher's Star Award

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

N1	Rayaan A
N2	Amber T
R1	Luna H
R2	Isaac P
Y1/G3	Isabella K
Y1/G4	Alexis L
Y2/G1	Scarlett W
Y2/G2	Ava P
Y3/F4	Lennon B
Y3/F3	Lowry B
Y4/F2	Lily-Rose A
Y4/F1	Thomas E
Y5/RBL	Mariam A
Y5/RBR	Tilly H
Y6/FBR	Atunaisa S
Y6/FBL	Jayden W

### School Attendance Target - 96%

This week is 87.2% - below our school target.

N1	92.1%	Y2/G2	87.9%
N2	79.3%	Y3/F4	86.9%
N3	85.4%	Y3/F3	82.0%
N4	71.2%	Y4/F2	76.5%
R1	91.6%	Y4/F1	90.9%
R2	86.9%	Y5/RBL	87.0%
Y1/G3	89.3%	Y5/RBR	98.3%
Y1/G4	90.9%	Y6/FBR	77.5%
Y2/G1	90.7%	Y6/FBL	91.8%