



# Sandford Hill Primary School Newsletter

Thoughtfulness,  
Respect and  
Hard Work

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## Welcome Back and a Happy New Year

At the end of our first week back to school, with much colder weather than enjoyed over the Christmas break, we have loved welcoming the children back for what we know will be a busy Spring Term. Whilst restrictions, absence and testing is still high on everyone's agenda, we aim to minimise the disruption on the children's learning and school activities as much as possible. Please see below and over various information relating to the impact that Covid is causing for us in school.

### Clubs

We have made the difficult decision to suspend clubs for the immediate future due to the ongoing issue with staff absence. So far this week we have 8 members of staff absent and we feel that the uncertainty of staffing would cause too many complications for all, if clubs had to be constantly changed. We will be closely monitoring the situation and will notify you as soon as we feel that we are able to resume our clubs programme.

### Attendance and Testing

Our priority, along with the government, is to continue to provide face-to-face teaching for all children. It is important for us all to be clear therefore about the guidance on your child attending school with regards to Covid.

- Your child should be in school, unless they themselves have Covid.
- If your child is presenting any symptoms, then you are advised for them to have a PCR test and not return until the result is known and/or isolation period has ended. If your child does not have symptoms but tests positive on a lateral flow, then they no longer need a confirmatory PCR test and should immediately start their isolation.
- The isolation period includes the day the symptoms started (or the day the test was taken if there are no symptoms) and the next 10 full days.
- Your child may be able to end their self-isolation period before the end of the 10 full days. They can take a lateral flow test on Days 6 and 7 of their isolation (24 hrs apart) and if both these test results are negative, and they do not have a high temperature, they may return to school on Day 8. See diagram on the next page.
- As the lateral flow tests can help to identify children that have no symptoms, but are carrying the virus, we would appreciate your child being tested with a lateral flow twice a week.

### Home Learning

If your child is absent from school self-isolating, but is well enough to do some school work, then we have provided resources that can be accessed at home from the school website. Follow this [link](#) and then choose the appropriate year group for your child.

### Dates for the Diary

**Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> January**  
Rec - Y6 Fluenz nasal vaccinations  
**Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> January**  
Y3 & Y6 swimming starts  
**Fri 21<sup>st</sup> January**  
Y4 & Y5 swimming starts  
**Tues 25<sup>th</sup> January**  
Reception Fieldwork with Mr Fox  
**Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> January**  
Interim Governor Meeting 5pm  
**Tues 8<sup>th</sup> February**  
Y1 Fieldwork with Mr Fox  
**Mon 21<sup>st</sup> - Fri 25<sup>th</sup> February**  
HALF TERM

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

N1	Izzabella P
N2	Lily M
R1	Bonnie M-P
R2	Lucas V
Y1/G3	Josiah D
Y1/G4	Archie P
Y2/G1	Oliver B
Y2/G2	Lola C
Y3/F4	Daniel C
Y3/F3	Harry C
Y4/F2	Leah B
Y4/F1	Liam B
Y5/RBL	Neve B
Y5/RBR	Lucas C
Y6/FBR	Tristan D
Y6/FBL	Arman H

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

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Main meal</b>	Sausage/Vegi Sausage, Roast Potatoes, Veg and Gravy	Cheese Oatcake, Hash Brown/Wedges and Beans	Cheese Whirl, Roast Potatoes and Seasonal Veg	Roast Chicken/Quorn Roast, Roast Potatoes, Veg and Gravy	Fish Fingers, Chips and Garden Peas
<b>Alternative Option</b> (Reception to Y6 only)	Jacket Potato or a Filled Bap/Roll	Jacket Potato or a Filled Bap/Roll	Jacket Potato or a Filled Bap/Roll	Jacket Potato or a Filled Bap/Roll	Jacket Potato or a Filled Bap/Roll

## Parent/Carer Notices

**Flu vaccine** - A reminder that the new date for the children's flu nasal vaccine is 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.

**Signing Your Child In and Out During School Hours** - To meet our safeguarding responsibilities, it is vital that we have on record all children that are present in school at any time. From next Monday, you will therefore be asked to use the iPad outside the front office to:

- Sign your child IN if they are late and the registers have been completed;
- Sign your child IN if they are arriving following an appointment;
- Sign your child OUT if you are taking your child out of school early for any reason.

**For this reason it is essential that all children are brought to the office by an adult, as children are not permitted to complete the sign in themselves.**

Headteacher's Star Award	
Congratulations to these children who received this week's Head Teacher's Star Award for Hard Work.	
N1	Stephen S
N2	Blayke D
R1	Alexander R
R2	Michaela L
Y1/G3	Ellise P
Y1/G4	Gracjan P
Y2/G1	Abdullah Y
Y2/G2	Henry H
Y3/F4	Michelle W
Y3/F3	Sophie-Rae M
Y4/F2	Harrison D
Y4/F1	Max B
Y5/RBL	Henri D
Y5/RBR	Dominik W
Y6/FBR	Marley C
Y6/FBL	Owen W

## Congratulations and Well Done

- Congratulations to **Ellie Y** on achieving her Silver swimming award. Well done Ellie.
- Well done to **William B** who has now reached a brilliant 30,000 words on Accelerated Reader!
- Congratulations to **Woodrow T** who now has a 2<sup>nd</sup> yellow tab on his red Judo belt.
- Another well deserved congratulations to **James M** on a further 5 swimming medals. Great work James!
- A huge well done to **Brooke M** who has read an amazing 2,033,706 words since September. Her grand total is now an incredible 9,858,499 words. Very well done indeed, Brooke.



## School Attendance Target - 96%

This week is 91.9% - below our school target.

N1	81.6%	Y2/G2	90.0%
N2	72.5%	Y3/F4	92.3%
N3	92.1%	Y3/F3	92.6%
N4	80.0%	Y4/F2	93.1%
R1	93.3%	Y4/F1	96.8%
R2	91.7%	Y5/RBL	90.6%
Y1/G3	96.9%	Y5/RBR	93.3%
Y1/G4	93.2%	Y6/FBR	94.8%
Y2/G1	92.0%	Y6/FBL	92.5%

**Welcome Back to the Sandford Hill Family** - This week we have welcomed Miss Arnott into the school office as our new Clerical Assistant. There is a huge amount for her to learn, so on her behalf we appreciate your patience and understanding as she learns the ropes!

**Stoke City Football Tickets** - A reminder that red and white envelopes requesting tickets for the Stoke v Fulham match on Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> January must be returned to the school office no later than Wed 12<sup>th</sup> January. Thank you.

## Birthdays

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

- Henry R
- Jaxson R
- Sophie M
- Matei D
- Maddison C
- Ivy-Jane F
- Hunter H
- Max B
- Brooke M

