



Sandford Hill Primary School Newsletter

Thoughtfulness,
Respect and
Hard Work

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Visit from Guide Dog Ecco (and Andrea his owner!)

In our KS1 and KS2 assemblies this week, it was a real pleasure to welcome Andrea and Ecco, her amazing guide dog. Having previously learned about Louis Braille, who helped those with sight loss to read, it was great to see how Andrea's guide dog makes such a difference to her life, enabling her to do so many things and be totally included even though she is blind. The children asked some very interesting questions to help them understand the challenges that daily life can bring to those who are visually impaired. They were reminded that if you see a guide dog walking on a harness, please don't disturb them as they are very busy working, to help keep their owner safe. The children even saw a special gadget, which they use to help match clothing outfits. Thank you so much to Andrea and Ecco for coming in.



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

N1	Eliza-Mae B
N2	Harrison W
R1	Darci M-N
R2	Neveah S
Y1/G3	Jessica R
Y1/G4	Benjamin Br
Y2/G1	Scarlett W
Y2/G2	Ingrid S
Y3/F4	Theo C
Y3/F3	Harper-Lee C
Y4/F2	Ravyn M
Y4/F1	Chloe S
Y5/RBL	Dominik S
Y5/RBR	Poppy J
Y6/FBR	Isabel S
Y6/FBL	Isla S

Dates for the Diary

Thurs 20th January

Y3 & Y6 swimming starts

Fri 21st January

Y4 & Y5 swimming starts

Tues 25th January

Reception Fieldwork with Mr Fox

Thurs 27th January

Interim Governor Meeting 5pm

Tues 8th February

Y1 Fieldwork with Mr Fox

Mon 21st - Fri 25th February

HALF TERM

Wed 18th May 2022 *NEW*

Young Voices Rearranged Date

Music

This week we have welcomed Mrs Sproston into our Y1 to Y3 classes and Mr Walker into our Y4 to Y6 classes. They are from the City Music School and are delivering exciting music lessons to our children for the remainder of the school year.

Y2 enjoyed learning how to play 'Rain, Rain Go Away' on the Glockenspiel in their music lesson and Year 6 were particularly excited, as they all had the opportunity to try out a woodwind instrument. The children were taught; how to independently put their instrument together; how to look after it when playing; and how to put it away again safely. Finally, the children had a go at making the correct sound from their mouths, which would in turn produce a sound from their instrument – a lot harder than it sounds!



Bagels - As our kitchen staff are short staffed due to Covid absence, there will be no bagels next week, so please ensure your child has a good breakfast in the this cold weather!

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

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main meal	Pizza, Wedges and Sweetcorn	Beef Burger/Vegi Burger, with Potato Balls and Peas	Cheese Pie, Herby Diced Potatoes and Beans	Chicken/Quorn Roast with Stuffing, Mash, Veg and Gravy	Cheese Oatcake, Chips and Peas
Alternative Option (Reception to Y6 only)	Jacket Potato with Cheese and Beans or a Filled Roll (Ham or Cheese)	Jacket Potato with Cheese and Beans or a Filled Roll (Ham or Cheese)	Jacket Potato with Cheese and Beans or a Filled Roll (Ham or Cheese)	Jacket Potato with Cheese and Beans or a Filled Roll (Ham or Cheese)	Jacket Potato with Cheese and Beans or a Filled Roll (Ham or Cheese)

Parent/Carer Notices

Applying for Early Years places at Sandford Hill Primary

Nursery - The online portal for nursery applications for September 2022 is currently open with a closing date of **Monday 31st January**. Please use [this link](#) to apply. Paper forms are available from the main school office if preferred. If you have any queries or questions, please call the office or e-mail parent@sandfordhill.org.uk.

Reception - The deadline for all Reception applications is **TOMORROW** Saturday 15th January. If your child currently attends our Nursery and you wish them to attend Reception, you **must** apply using [this link](#) or **they will not be allocated a place**.

Swimming

A reminder that swimming restarts for 10 weeks next Thursday and Friday 20th and 21st January. As per last term Years 3 and 6 are on Thursdays and Years 4 and 5 are on Fridays.

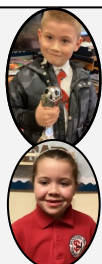
Further testing update - Temporary suspension of confirmatory PCR tests in education

When testing your child twice a week, or daily if someone at home is positive, if their lateral flow test comes back positive, they now no longer need to do a PCR test. Isolation would start immediately as per the guidance in last weeks newsletter.

Lateral flow tests are taken by people who do not have COVID-19 symptoms. Anyone who develops 1 of the 3 main COVID-19 symptoms should stay at home and self-isolate and take a PCR test. They must self-isolate if they get a positive test result, even if they have had a recent negative lateral flow test – these rules have not changed. Click [here](#) for further information.

Congratulations and Well Done

- Congratulations to **Keegan A** on receiving a football award for his hard work. Well done!
- Well done to **Nina B** who is our latest KS1 Accelerated Reader superstar with over 25,000 words read! Fantastic work!



School Attendance Target -96%
This week attendance is 93.0%
which is below our school target.

N1	96.5%	Y2/G2	92.6%
N2	83.8%	Y3/F4	91.5%
N3	92.7%	Y3/F3	88.4%
N4	81.8%	Y4/F2	97.7%
R1	95.9%	Y4/F1	98.6%
R2	88.9%	Y5/RBL	91.3%
Y1/G3	90.6%	Y5/RBR	99.3%
Y1/G4	95.8%	Y6/FBR	92.7%
Y2/G1	96.3%	Y6/FBL	87.4%

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

N1	Harlee D
N2	Amelia T
R1	Amelia T
R2	Akuila T
Y1/G3	Spencer Hu
Y1/G4	Lottie S
Y2/G1	Vinny W
Y2/G2	Miller C
Y3/F4	Parker F
Y3/F3	Seraphina S
Y4/F2	Ellie-Mae G
Y4/F1	Noah K
Y5/RBL	Rae B
Y5/RBR	Woodrow T
Y6/FBR	James W
Y6/FBL	Arman H

Stoke City Football Tickets - Thank you to all those that returned their request envelopes for the Stoke City v Fulham match. The envelopes have now been collected and requested tickets will be processed and sent directly from Stoke City to the pupils via their preferred method of ticket delivery. Please do not ask at the office as we have no further part in the ticket allocation process. For any queries please get in touch directly with the Ticket Office at the bet365 Stadium OR by calling 01782 592217. Thank you.

Birthdays

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

- Harry E
- Tristan D
- Lillia-Grace B
- Lettie-Rose B
- Keegan A
- Adena P
- Clara W
- Sian S
- Lottie S
- Lucy D



Does your child know your name?

Yesterday, influenza vaccinations were provided to those children whose parents had requested it. To ensure they were administered to the right child, they were asked some basic questions to help identify them. This process highlighted to us the number of children, some surprisingly old, who were not able to provide a number of basic pieces of information. Fortunately we had Miss Morton on hand, who knows all the children.

In case the unthinkable were to happen and your child got lost, it is recommended that, as young as possible, you teach your child to be able to say:

- Their surname
- Your first name and surname
- Their address
- Your mobile number

