



Sandford Hill Primary School Newsletter

Thoughtfulness

Respect

Hard Work

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Attendance Matters

At Sandford Hill, we encourage all of our pupils to attend school as much as possible. We understand that there are occasions when your child may be unwell but are you aware of what happens when your child is off for any reason?

As a school, we closely track children's attendance for both morning and afternoon sessions. Should your child not be in school, we are then required to allocate a code to account for their absence. If your child needs to attend a medical appointment during the school day, please only keep them out of school for their appointment time.

Even when you provide a reason for your child's absence, their attendance may still be affected. As soon as a child's attendance falls below 90%, they are defined, by the government, as a persistent absentee. This equates to your child having 1 day off per fortnight.

If a child has 90% absence across by the end of the academic year, it equates to almost 4 weeks of school or 120 guided learning hours - that is an awful lot of learning missed and an almost impossible gap to make up. To enable your child to reach their full potential, they need to be in school as much as possible.

Thank you for supporting school in ensuring that your child has the highest attendance possible .

Everyday counts

Attend Today

Achieve Tomorrow

Best Wishes

Today, we say a short 'farewell' to Miss Ridgway from our Nursery, who is starting her maternity leave. Miss Ridgway will not be back this academic year. We send our very best wishes to her and her partner Aaron and look forward to meeting their new arrival soon.



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

N	Amelia-Rose S
R1	Tilly H
R2	Ally-Rae H
Y1/G3	Ethan D
Y1/G4	Lyla F
Y2/G1	Faith A
Y2/G2	Maddison C
Y3/F3	Bellamy M
Y3/F4	Lily-Grace DSD
Y4/RBL	Zara W
Y4/RBR	Grace B
Y5/1	Chloe T-W
Y5/2	Reggie L
Y6/FBL	Billy D
Y6/FBR	Evelyn L

Birthdays

Wishing all these children a very

Happy Birthday:

- Mya P
- Isabella W
- Levi K
- Daisy M
- Noah B
- Archie D
- Olivia-Mae D



Children In Need

On Friday 18th November, pupils are invited to come to school in non-uniform to raise money for Children in Need. We are not asking for a specific amount but any donation you are able to offer would be greatly appreciated.

We will also be holding discos after school for KS2 pupils on Friday 18th November. Tickets are £1 each and will be available to purchase via ParentMail from 5:00pm tonight. Times are as follows:

- Y3 & Y4—3:20—4:20 p.m.
- Y5 & Y6—5:00-6:00 p.m.



There will be a tuck shop available at the discos.

Weekly Maths Challenge 1

Mr Simcox is building shelving. He needs 8 pieces of wood at 3.2m and 13 pieces of wood measuring 4.1m. Each piece of wood he buys is 10m long. How many pieces of wood will Mr Simcox need to buy?

Weekly Maths Challenge 2

Mrs Johnson's class had 120 pencils at the start of the year. 12 children have used 5 pencils each and 11 children have used 4 pencils each. How many pencils are left at the end of the year?

Phonics in School

Below are the phonemes (sounds) the children have been learning about this week.

Year Group	Phonemes (Sounds)	Example words
Rec	ck e	sock, kick, sack peg, ten, den
Year 1	air ure er	chair, pair, hair pure, sure, cure term, kerb, herd
Year 2	igh y ie i-e	night, flight fly, shy pie, tie slide, shine

Parent Notices

- **Clubs**— Clubs are now once again being held. Please note that the last week of clubs for this term will be **14th November 2023**. This is with the exception of KS2 Choir and KS2 Dance who are rehearsing for performances.
- **Absentee Photos**—The school photographer will be coming into school on Tuesday 8th November at 1:30 p.m. to take photos of all pupils who were absent on 19th October 2022. The deadline for free delivery for photograph orders is Sunday 6th November. [All orders must be placed online](#). If you are experiencing difficulty, please see the office.
- **Christmas Card**—Your child will bring their design home after school on Wednesday. Personalised Christmas Cards will be available to buy from the ParentMail shop next week.
- **PE Kit**—The school PE kit is plain black joggers/shorts, a black hoody and a red polo. No large logos, stripes or patterns. You will be contacted if your child is in the incorrect kit.
- **Earrings**—There has been a query over earrings being worn for swimming. We have spoken to Fenton Manor this morning and they have confirmed that pupils cannot swim if they are wearing earrings. Please ensure that your child removes their earrings for PE and swimming sessions.

Congratulations and Well Done

- Congratulations to **Ellie-Mae G** who has achieved her Bronze award at swimming! Well done!
- Many congratulations to **Lennon J** who has received a certificate and medal from the Junior Football Programme. Well done Lennon!
- Congratulations to **Evie-Leigh E** who has been awarded her Stanley 1 swimming award. Fantastic Evie-Leigh!
- Well done to **Adam R** who has been awarded his Stanley 5 swimming award. Amazing Adam!
- Congratulations to **Spencer H** who was awarded a certificate for swimming 50 metres. Well done!
- Well done to **Salem S** who received a certificate for completing 'First to Aid you'. A wonderful skill to have!
- Many congratulations to **Erin L** who has been awarded her Silver Swimming Challenge Certificate. Amazing Erin!
- Well done to **Ellise P** who has achieved her Octopus 1 swimming award. Fantastic Ellise!
- Congratulations **Faith** and **Lilly-Rose A** who were awarded trophies and medals for their troupe dancing at the weekend.



Headteacher's Star Award

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

N	Dontae P-M
R1	Rayaan A
R2	Chloe G
Y1/G3	Shea T
Y1/G4	Oluwatoni K
Y2/G1	Ivy-Jane F
Y2/G2	Adrian D-K
Y3/F3	Henry R
Y3/F4	Jake M
Y4/RBL	Maisie C
Y4/RBR	Olivia-M D
Y5/1	Lilly-Rose A
Y5/2	Elizabeth R
Y6/FBL	Lucas C
Y6/FBR	Oliver D

Dates for the Diary

Tues 8th November

Y5 trip to Jodrell Bank

Absentee Photos—1:30 p.m.

Mon 14th November

Deadline for Parent Governor nominations 4:00 p.m.

Fri 18th November

Children in Need (non-uniform)

Tues 22nd November

Y6 trip to Imperial War Museum

See Page 3 for Christmas Dates

School Attendance Target is 96%

This weeks attendance is 96.3% which is above our school target.

N1	94.3%	Y3/F3	99.6%
N2	99.2%	Y3/F4	99.2%
N3	99.1%	Y4/RBL	92.8%
R1	98.0%	Y4/RBR	97.0%
R2	90.7%	Y5/F1	98.0%
Y1/G3	97.3%	Y5/F2	95.2%
Y1/G4	95.0%	Y6/FBL	97.0%
Y2/G1	94.4%	Y6/FBR	97.3%
Y2/G2	95.2%		

★ Be an attendance **HERO** ★
Here, Everyday,
Ready, On time

Dinner Menu—Week commencing 31st October 2022

All meals are served with a dessert and drink (vegetarian options available). An alternative option of jacket potatoes and sandwiches are available.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pizza, Wedges with Beans or Hot Beef Baps with Gravy	Sticky Chicken or All Day Breakfast	Beef Burgers with Herby Potatoes and Sweetcorn or Beans	Chicken Dinner with Mash, Veg and Gravy or Cheese Slices	Jumbo Fish, Chips with Peas or Beans

Sandford Hill Handwriting Policy

Handwriting remains a focus across the school and many of you will have seen at open evening the progress made with your child's handwriting in the first six weeks back at school. For your information, here is the letter formation we follow.

Early Years and Year 1

The **red** letters touch the top line.

Aa Bb Cc Dd Ee Ff Gg Hh Ii Jj Kk Ll Mm Nn Oo Pp Qq Rr Ss Tt Uu Vv Ww Xx Yy Zz

The **orange** letters stay within the middle lines.

Aa Bb Cc Dd Ee Ff Gg Hh Ii Jj Kk Ll Mm Nn Oo Pp Qq Rr Ss Tt Uu Vv Ww Xx Yy Zz

The **green** letters touch the bottom line.

Aa Bb Cc Dd Ee Ff Gg Hh Ii Jj Kk Ll Mm Nn Oo Pp Qq Rr Ss Tt Uu Vv Ww Xx Yy Zz

Joining Letters

Year 2 and Key Stage 2

In Year 2, children are taught to form letters using the lead-in and exit strokes needed for joining. The target for children in Key Stage 2 is to produce a fluent, consistently formed style of fully cursive handwriting with equal spacing between the letters and words.

Aa Bb Cc Dd

Ee Ff Gg Hh Ii

Jj Kk Ll Mm

Nn Oo Pp Qq

Rr Ss Tt Uu Vv

Ww Xx Yy Zz

Christmas Diary Dates

Christmas Assemblies

This year, we will again be holding class Christmas-themed assemblies for our parents/carers. The doors for the Christmas assemblies will open at **9:00 a.m.** and the assemblies will start around 9:15 a.m. once pupils are registered. Each assembly will last for around 15 – 20 minutes and will take place in the school hall. Due to capacity in the hall, we are limiting the number of adults to **2 per family for each performance. There will be no exception to the number of adults allowed.**

<u>Class</u>	<u>Date</u>
Mrs Morton's class	Monday 5 th December
Mrs Salt's & Mrs Schifano's class	Tuesday 6 th December
Miss Hodgson's class	Monday 5 th December
Mrs Davenport's class	Tuesday 6 th December
Mrs Johnson's class	Wednesday 7 th December
Miss Humphries' class	Thursday 8 th December
Miss Gregory's class	Tuesday 13 th December
Mrs Smith/Mrs Drakeford's class	Monday 12 th December
Mrs Frost's class	Wednesday 14 th December
Miss Jones's class	Friday 2 nd December
Mrs Carney/Miss Gerrard's class	Wednesday 30 th November
Mr Alcock's class	Thursday 1 st December
Mr Frost's class	Tuesday 29 th November
Mrs Hassall's class	Monday 28 th November
Mr Jones's class	Thursday 15 th December
Mrs Bullock's class	Friday 16 th December

Christmas Dinner Dates

This year, we will be having Christmas dinner split over 2 days. Pupils are invited to wear Christmassy non-uniform on their Christmas Dinner Day.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Date</u>
EYFS & KS1	Friday 9 th December
KS2	Monday 12 th December

Christmas Party Dates

We will be holding Christmas parties for all pupils on the last week of the Autumn Term. On this day, children will have a mini disco followed by a small selection of party snacks. Pupils are welcome to wear non uniform/Christmas jumper/party clothes on their party day.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Date</u>
EYFS & KS1	Wednesday 14 th December
KS2	Thursday 15 th December

