



Sandford Hill Primary School Newsletter



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Christmas Begins!

The festive period is upon us and we have thoroughly enjoyed welcoming our parents/carers back into school for the start of our Christmas assemblies. A huge well done to Mrs Hassall's class, Mr Frost's class, Mrs Carney/Miss Gerrard's class, Mr Alcock's class and Miss Jones' class—you were absolutely fantastic and we are extremely proud of you all. A polite reminder to please be respectful and considerate of our neighbours when parking near school. We ask that all parents/carers please park away from school and walk the last few minutes. Thank you for your continued co-operation.



You may have seen that Eric the Elf has made his return! He has been causing mischief around school all week and we're wondering what he'll do next! Make sure you keep an eye on our [blog](#) to see what mischief Eric has been getting up too!



Drama club visit the Regent Theatre

The drama club had a fantastic afternoon when they visited the Regent Theatre on Tuesday. They were given a backstage tour of the theatre and also took part in a workshop creating freeze frames from scenes of this years pantomime 'Peter Pan'. The children had a wonderful time and behaved impeccably.

What a fantastic opportunity for our drama club!



Birthdays

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

- Ella B
- Sinmiloluwa K
- Evie W
- Kaiden F
- Mason N
- Emelia B-S
- Olivia-G M
- Harrison D
- Jack H

Alice Charity Christmas Appeal

The School Council would like to pass on their sincere thanks to those who have already brought in items for the Alice Charity. If you are able to donate any items for children from babies through to teens, it would be greatly appreciated. **All items must be brand new.** Donated items must be taken to the school office (preferably in a gift bag) and we ask that all items are brought into school by Friday 9th December.



Swimming Success!

A huge well done to all of the children below for their swimming achievements this term:

Beginners—Daniel C, Elizabeth DSD

Length—George C, Poppy J, Grace B

Elementary—Olivia W



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

N	Lucas G
R1	Evie-Leigh E
R2	Ellena P
Y1/G3	Olivia C
Y1/G4	Elijah F
Y2/G1	Spencer He
Y2/G2	Samuel C
Y3/F3	Darci-J C
Y3/F4	Henry H
Y4/RBL	Olivia W
Y4/RBR	Hollie-Anne D
Y5/1	Coby D
Y5/2	Harrison C
Y6/FBL	Khadijat S
Y6/FBR	Jessica W

Weekly Maths Challenge 1

When decorating the Christmas tree, the children used 5 blue baubles, 18 red baubles, 23 silver baubles and 17 gold baubles. How many baubles are on the

Weekly Maths Challenge 2

We have 3 Christmas trees in school: 1 big and 2 small. The large tree needs 10 meters of lights and the 2 small trees need 6 meters of lights each. How many centimetres of lights are needed?

Phonics in School

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

Year Group	Phonemes (Sounds)	Example words
Rec	ss	kiss, miss, less, mess, boss
Year 1	Reading words with adjacent consonants	tent, camp, brain, sleep
Year 2	kn	knock, knee, knew

Parent Notices

- **Swimming** - Today was the last session for swimming. Swimming will resume after Christmas for Y4 and Y5 on Friday 20th January.
- **Christmas Dinner Orders** —Please ensure you have responded to the form indicating whether or not your child would like a Christmas dinner this year.
- **Fluenc Vaccines** —The immunization team are coming into school on Monday 5th December and are delivering the fluenc nasal vaccination.
- **Personalised Christmas Cards**—All orders for personalised Christmas cards will be sent home on Monday 5th December. We have been asked for lists for Christmas cards. We will send these out via ParentMail to all parents/carers on Monday 5th December.
- **Non-uniform**—A reminder that EYFS & KS1 are invited to wear Christmassy non-uniform on Friday 9th and Wednesday 14th December. KS2 are invited to wear non-uniform on Monday 12th and Thursday 15th December.

Light up a Life

Well done to all the member of our Key Stage 2 school choir who sang on the video which was shown last night at the Dougie Mac's Light up a Life service. You were all fantastic! Hopefully, we will be able to share the video on our website next week!



Congratulations and Well Done

- Congratulations to **Myla H** who has been presented with another certificate for piano playing. This one was for playing with two hands. Great job Myla!
- Congratulations to **Ellie-Mae G** in Year 5 who has read over one million words since September. A fantastic achievement Ellie-Mae!
- Well done to **Spencer H** who was very pleased to share his latest swimming certificate for Learn to Swim 1. Fantastic Spencer!
- Congratulations to **Daniel I** and **Oscar S** who have both achieved their Chief Scout's Silver Award. A fantastic achievement for you both!



Headteacher's Star Award

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

N	Carter J
R1	Lennon J
R2	Clayton L
Y1/G3	Isaac P
Y1/G4	Lillia-Grace B
Y2/G1	Jessica R
Y2/G2	Benjamin Br
Y3/F3	Jaxon H
Y3/F4	Miller C
Y4/RBL	Mia K
Y4/RBR	Grace B
Y5/1	Leah B
Y5/2	Deni R
Y6/FBL	Emelia B-S
Y6/FBR	Skyla-Beau R

Dates for the Diary

Mon 5th December

EYFS Christmas Assembly 9:00 a.m.
Fluenc Vaccinations (for absentees)

Tuesday 6th December

EYFS Christmas Assembly 9:00 a.m.
Y6/FBL Hospital Singing a.m.
Chat 'n' Wrap 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday 7th December

Y1/G4 Christmas Assembly 9:00 a.m.

Thursday 8th December

Y1/G3 Christmas Assembly 9:00 a.m.

Fri 9th December

EYFS/KS1 Christmas Dinner

Monday 12th December

Y2/G2 Christmas Assembly 9:00 a.m.
KS2 Christmas Dinner

Tuesday 13th December

Y2/G1 Christmas Assembly 9:00 a.m.
Y6/FBR Care Home Singing p.m.

Fri 16th December

Last Day of Term

Tuesday 3rd January

Spring Term begins

School Attendance Target is 96%

This weeks attendance is 94.0% which is below our school target.

N1	83.6%	Y3/F3	96.3%
N2	90.8%	Y3/F4	93.3%
N3	95.2%	Y4/RBL	98.1%
R1	89.7%	Y4/RBR	98.0%
R2	88.0%	Y5/F1	93.9%
Y1/G3	95.7%	Y5/F2	94.1%
Y1/G4	94.3%	Y6/FBL	97.7%
Y2/G1	94.3%	Y6/FBR	93.7%
Y2/G2	94.3%		

Everyday counts

Attend Today

Achieve Tomorrow

Dinner Menu—Week commencing 5th December 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
Sausage and Mash or Cheesy Bean Baguette	Beef Bolognese or Margherita Pizza	Fishcake, Wedges and Vegetables	Cheese Oatcakes and Chips	EYFS & KS1 Christmas Dinner KS2 Sandwiches

Christmas Cards and Assembly 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
Miss Hodgson's class	Monday 5 th December
Mrs Davenport's class	Tuesday 6 th December
Mrs Salt's & Mrs Schifano's class	Tuesday 6 th December
Mrs Johnson's class	Wednesday 7 th December
Miss Humphries' class	Thursday 8 th December
Mrs Smith/Mrs Drakeford's class	Monday 12 th December
Miss Gregory's class	Tuesday 13 th December
Mrs Frost's class	Wednesday 14 th December
Mr Jones's class	Thursday 15 th December
Mrs Bullock's class	Friday 16 th December

