



Sandford Hill Primary School Newsletter



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Happy New Year

I would like to wish all of our staff, pupils, families and friends a very **Happy New Year**. It has been wonderful to welcome the children back to school.



When we returned to school on Tuesday, it became apparent that our heating wasn't working correctly, affecting the classrooms in the main building. I can confirm that the heating is now working and would like to thank you for your understanding.

Included on the second page of this week's newsletter is a comprehensive list of diary dates throughout the Spring Term. We will of course provide more information closer to each date but we wanted to give you as much notice as possible of events that will be taking place this term.

Census Day Special!

On Thursday 19th January, our fantastic catering team will be offering a special Chinese menu for all pupils. The menu will include Sweet and Sour Chicken Balls, Chinese Chicken Curry, Rice, Chips, Peas, Sweetcorn, Prawn Crackers, Ice-Cream, Doughnuts and Fortune Cookies. The meals taken by pupils on census day help to determine the funding amount provided to schools within the budget. If your child would like a dinner on this day, they just need to inform their teacher in the morning.



Birthdays

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

- Elliot D
- Mollie M
- Remi S
- Henry R
- Lucas G
- Jaxson R
- Sophie M-P
- Matei D
- Maddison C
- Ivy-Jane F



Valentines Discos

We will be holding Valentines Discos this half term for our KS1 and KS2 pupils. Tickets are £1.50 each and will be available to purchase via ParentMail from 5:00pm tonight. Dates and times are as follows:

- Y1 & Y2—3:20—4:20 p.m. Thursday 9th February
- Y3 & Y4—3:20—4:20 p.m. Friday 10th February
- Y5 & Y6—5:00—6:00 p.m. Friday 10th February

There will be a tuck shop available at the discos.

We will also be inviting pupils to come to school on their disco days in 'Wear what you love' non-uniform. This could be the jumper they love, the trainers they love, a sports top they love and so on. EYFS and KS1 are invited to 'Wear what you love' on Thursday 9th February and KS2 on Friday 10th February.



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

N	George H
R1	Amber T
R2	Lyla T
Y1/G3	Quinn-Rose B
Y1/G4	Jack S-G
Y2/G1	Freddie M
Y2/G2	Theo T
Y3/F3	Chavindu B
Y3/F4	Aaron M
Y4/RBL	Jacob M
Y4/RBR	Parker F
Y5/1	Isla B
Y5/2	Isaac P
Y6/FBL	Harry B
Y6/FBR	Sereana V

Weekly Maths Challenge 1

When we arrived at school on Tuesday to our broken heating, the temperature was -11°C. The temperate then rose by 15°C, dropped again by 5°C and then increased by 17°C. What was the final temperature?

Weekly Maths Challenge 2

Our New Years party started this year 207 minutes before midnight and continued for 134 minutes after midnight. What was the start and finish time of the party?

Phonics in School

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

Year Group	Phonemes (Sounds)	Example words
Rec	j v	jam, van, vet, jet
Year 1	ay	clay, spray, tray
Year 2	le	table, bottle, apple

Parent Notices

- **Clubs**—School clubs will be starting from Monday (9th January). On Monday, those children who have requested to join one of our extra-curricular clubs will bring home a letter to inform them which clubs they have been allocated. Please ensure you look closely at the dates on your child's club letter to see when they are expected to attend. If your child no longer wishes to attend a club, please inform the office. We apologise for the delay in sending out club letters but due to technical issues, this was beyond our control.
- **Milk**—Milk orders have now finished for the Spring Term. Milk will resume for those who have placed an order on Monday 16th January 2023.

Headteacher's Star Award

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

N	Arthur H
R1	Vinnie B
R2	Macie W
Y1/G3	Lucas V
Y1/G4	Harrison F
Y2/G1	Tommy C
Y2/G2	Ethan B-S
Y3/F3	Eliza P
Y3/F4	Kylan M
Y4/RBL	Sonny L-P
Y4/RBR	Vinnie B
Y5/1	Noah B
Y5/2	Liam B
Y6/FBL	Daniel D
Y6/FBR	Michael S

Congratulations and Well Done

- Many congratulations to **Ellie T, Olivia W, Seraphina S** and **Sali S** who have successfully completed first aid training. Well done girls!



- Well done to **Serpahina S** who has achieved her Octopus 2 and Octopus 3 swimming awards too. A fantastic achievement Seraphina!



School Attendance Target is 96%
This weeks attendance is 95.1% which is **below** our school target.

N1	93.8%	Y3/F3	91.7%
N2	98.1%	Y3/F4	98.3%
N3	86.5%	Y4/RBL	95.6%
R1	97.5%	Y4/RBR	97.5%
R2	92.1%	Y5/F1	94.2%
Y1/G3	97.1%	Y5/F2	95.3%
Y1/G4	96.7%	Y6/FBL	92.9%
Y2/G1	92.5%	Y6/FBR	95.8%
Y2/G2	97.3%		

Everyday counts
Attend Today
Achieve Tomorrow

Dates for the Diary—Spring Term

Friday 20th January

Swimming starts for Y4 and Y5

Thursday 26th January

Interim Governors Meeting 5:00 p.m.

Friday 27th January

Choir to Young Voices

Monday 31st January

Y3/F4 to Gladstone Pottery Museum

Tuesday 1st February

Y3/F3 to Gladstone Pottery Museum

Thursday 9th February

KS1 non-uniform 'Wear what you love'

KS1 Valentines Disco 3:20 p.m. to 4:20 p.m.

Friday 10th February

KS2 non-uniform 'Wear what you love'

Y3/4 Valentines Disco 3:20 p.m. to 4:20 p.m.

Y5/6 Valentines Disco 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Mon 20th to Fri 24th February—Half Term

Thursday 2nd March

World Book Day

Friday 3rd March

Swimming starts for Y3 and Y6

Monday 6th March

Dance 2023 at The Victoria Hall

Tuesday 7th March

Y1/G4 to Brampton Museum

Wednesday 8th March

Y1/G3 to Brampton Museum

Wednesday 15th March

Y2/G1 to Hanley Museum

Thursday 16th March

Y2/G2 to Hanley Museum

Monday 20th March

Y3/4 Easter Bake Off

Open Evening 3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday 21st March

Y4/RBR Recorder Festival 12:30 p.m.

Wednesday 22nd March

Y4/RBL Recorder Festival 12:30 p.m.

Open Evening 3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday 29th March

Easter Bonnet and Egg Parade

Thursday 30th March

Governors Meeting 6:00 p.m.

Friday 31st March

Last day of Term

Dinner Menu—Week Commencing 9th January 2023

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, Mash Veg and Gravy	Bolognese with Garlic Bread or Pizza	Fish, Mash and Beans	Turkey Dinner or Cheese Lattice Fingers	Fish Fingers, Chips and Peas or Beans