



Sandford Hill Primary School Newsletter

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Welcome Back to All

A sunny return to another year at Sandford Hill! It has been so lovely for us to welcome all the children and parents/carers back to school this week. Everyone seems to have settled in really quickly. A special welcome to our Sandford Hill family to any new children, particularly our new Reception children, who are quickly finding their feet and enjoying playing with new friends.

The transition into a new year takes time for not only pupils but staff and parents alike. After the summer holiday, it can take time to adapt to new routines again. Indeed one of the main changes we are transitioning into is the new Co-Headteacher role that we share.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents/carers for their support during the start of our school term.

Mr Wardle and Mrs Martin

PE Days and PE Kit

Below are a list of PE days for children in Reception to Year 6. Pupils in Nursery are not expected to wear a PE kit. We are still awaiting some stock and will send this out as soon as we receive our delivery.

Reception— Monday

Year 1— Wednesday and Friday

Year 2— Wednesday and Friday

Year 3— Thursday and Friday

Year 4— Monday and Friday

Year 5— Thursday and Friday

Year 6— Thursday and Wednesday



Delicious Dinners!

This week has seen the takeover of our school kitchen! Our catering is now being run 'in-house' instead of brought in externally and we are delighted that the same team of fabulous cooks have stayed with us! Today's favourite was the BBQ chicken wrap, which is a new addition to our menu. We would not be able to deliver our fantastic meals without the support from our catering team, Miss Cotton, Mrs Birks and Mrs Matthews. A huge thank you to you all!

Attendance

We would like to say a huge thank you for your support with attendance at the start of this year. We appreciate that pupils do sometimes fall ill but despite this, our attendance at the end of the year was 94.8%!

Keep an eye out on next weeks newsletter when we will start our new attendance league for this year.

Phonics at Sandford Hill

- Our younger children are taught phonics every day at school.
- Phonics breaks words down into individual sounds and this helps children to learn to read, write and spell.
- Information regarding which sounds have been taught are shared each week on our newsletter.
- Each sound that the children are taught is accompanied by an action which helps the children to remember the sound. Videos showing the actions can be found on our school website: <https://sandfordhill.org.uk/our-school/phonics/>
- When the children can read the first 12 sounds, they are given a reading book.
- Reading books in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, match the children's phonic ability. The children read their books at school with the adults in the classroom.
- Re-reading the same book several times, at school and at home, will help your child to become a much better reader!

Weekly Menu

All meals are served with a dessert and drink (vegetarian options available). We will always endeavour to offer all pupils one of the main meals below but if they do not like it or an item on the menu runs out, an alternative option of jacket potatoes and sandwiches are available.

Monday

Pizza

Tuesday

All Day Breakfast

Wednesday

Beef Burgers

Thursday

Toad in the Hole

Friday

Fish Fingers