



Sandford Hill Primary School Newsletter

Thoughtfulness

Respect

Hard Work

Issue 3– Friday 22nd September

Transition Morning

Thank you to all parents/carers who were able to join us on Thursday for our transition. It was so lovely to welcome so many of you into school and we are thrilled that everyone has settled into their new classes so well.

Assembly

In our assemblies this week, we spoke to the children about the importance of our school values, thoughtfulness and respect and the importance of looking after ourselves and others. Following the England vs Scotland game last week, we also spoke to the children about Dementia awareness. During the football match, the team wore commemorative shirts from 125 years ago that are now being raffled off with all monies raised going to a fantastic cause, the Alzheimer's Society. We kept the same theme with our younger pupils and shared the story 'The Memory Book'.

Birthdays

Wishing all these children a very *Happy Birthday* for next week, we hope that you all have a lovely day:

- Charlie A
- Briley S
- Betsy H
- Kaiden R
- William L
- Caleb M
- Leia W
- Cassandra E
- Emmon R
- Mya G
- Isatou J



Notices

- **School Photographs**—The photographer will be in school on Wednesday 19th October to take pupil individual and family photos of siblings in school. **All pupils must wear their school uniform on this day—no PE kit required.**
- **Home Time Health and Safety**— We appreciate that some of the younger children have a short wait for older siblings but pupils must not run up the grass banks at the end of the day and must stay on the tarmac with parents/carers at all times. A reminder that the KS1 play equipment must not be used at the beginning or end of the school day.
- **Open Evening**— Appointments will go live on Monday 25th September at 6:00pm for open evening on Monday 23rd and Wednesday 25th October. If you experience any difficulty making an appointment, please contact the office who will be happy to help. A creche will run in the hall and doors will open at 3:25pm once all pupils have been dismissed. We ask that parents wait patiently on the drive. Thank you.
- **Harvest**— As in previous years, we are resuming the distribution of harvest boxes to those in our local community. We would be grateful for any donations of non-perishable food items, e.g. tins of beans, pasta, cereal, by Tuesday 4th October. We are having a Harvest Coffee Morning on Tuesday 4th October at 9:00 a.m. for those who are able to come into school to help parcel the harvest items. Please inform the office if you are able to come along and help.

Phonics in School

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

Year Group	Phonemes (Sounds)	Example words
Nursery	Nursery have been learning the nursery rhyme 'Baa Baa Black Sheep'	
Reception	i, n, m and d	Recognising the letters and sounds in words
Year 1	CCVC words (consonant, consonant, vowel, consonant)	frog, plum and club
Year 2	adding suffixes -s, -es, -er and -est to words	frogs, bushes, brighter, darkest

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/Meatballs
Tuesday	Oatcakes
Wednesday	Chicken Nuggets
Thursday	Hotdogs
Friday	Fishcakes/BBQ chicken wrap

Diary Dates

Monday 25th—Friday 29th September

Y6 visit to Stanley Head

Friday 29th September

Swimming starts for Y4 & Y5

Thursday 5th October

Special Menu—Pizza Day!

Mrs Hassall's Harvest Class Assembly

Friday 6th October

Miss Gregory's Harvest Class Assembly—9:00 a.m.

Wednesday 11th October

Interim Governors Meeting 5:00 p.m.

Thursday 12th October

Y6 Class Assembly (All Y6 parents) 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday 17th October

Prospective Nursery Parents Drop In 3:30 p.m. -5:00 p.m.

Wednesday 18th October

Individual and Family Photos

Thursday 19th October

Y6 Heights and Weights

Monday 23rd and Wednesday 25th October

Open Evening

Wednesday 25th October

Mrs Carney/Miss Gerrard's class trip to the River Dane

Thursday 26th October

Mr Alcock's class trip to the River Dane

Monday 30th October to Friday 3rd November

Half Term

Monday 6th November

Special Menu—Bonfire Bonanza!

Friday 17th November 2023

Children in Need—Special Menu & Non-Uniform

Wednesday 29th November

Full Governors Meeting 6:00 p.m.

Friday 15th December

Sandford Hill Christmas Market 3:30—5:30 p.m.

Friday 22nd December

Staff Inset Day—No pupils

Monday 8th January

Start of Spring Term

Thursday 18th January

Mrs Pritchard's Harvest Class Assembly—9:00 a.m.

Thursday 25th January

Mrs Smith's Harvest Class Assembly—9:00 a.m.

Thursday 1st February

Mr Alcock's Harvest Class Assembly—9:00 a.m.

Monday 9th to 13th February

Half Term

Monday 25th March—Friday 5th April

Easter Holidays

Monday 8th April

Start of Summer Term

Thursday 2nd May

Voting Day—School closed to children

Friday 3rd May

Staff Training Day—School closed to children

Monday 27th to Friday 31st May

Half Term

Friday 19th July

Last Day of Summer Term for pupils

Monday 22nd July

Staff Training Day



Weekly Attendance and Awards



Attendance League

Nursery

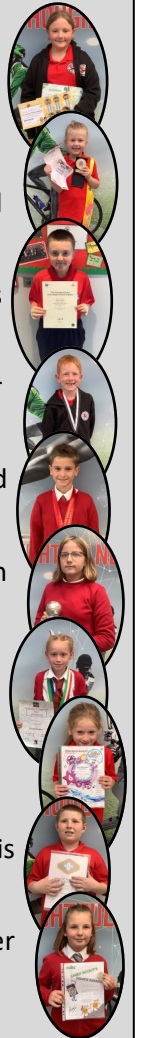
Class	Attendance	Points This Week	Running Total
F1/1	93.4%	3	6
F1/2	73.8%	1	4
F1/3	91.9%	2	5

Reception—Year 6

Class	Attendance	Points This Week	Running Total
F2/1	94.7%	5	6
F2/2	95.8%	7	10
Y1/G3	96.9%	9	20
Y1/G4	91.3%	1	13
Y2/G1	98.7%	12	26
Y2/G2	96.3%	8	12
Y3/F3	97.0%	10	15
Y3/F4	94.7%	4	10
Y4/RBL	98.7%	11	19
Y4/RBR	93.3%	3	13
Y5/F1	92.3%	2	4
Y5/F2	94.8%	6	13
Y6/FBL	99.7%	13	26
Y6/FBR	100%	14	23

Congratulations!

- Congratulations to **Evelyn T** who has recently been awarded her Brownies Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards.
- Well done to **Isla P** who has been awarded certificates and rosettes in dancing.
- Congratulations to **Briley S** who has passed his Bronze music exam on the guitar.
- Well done to **Joshua T** who has received a medal for being a mascot at Portvale football club.
- Congratulations to **Theo C** who has been awarded medals for his swimming achievement.
- Well done to **Zara W** who won player of the match for the City of Stoke Lionesses football team.
- Congratulations to **Katie B** whose dance troupe won their competition last weekend.
- Well done to **Eva J** who has achieved her Stanley 6 Swimming award.
- Congratulations to **Callum C** who has achieved his Silver Chief Scout's award.
- Well done to **Lyla-Rai D** who has achieved her Silver Chief Scouts Award.



Class	Thoughtfulness Award	Star Award	Reading Champion	Maths Champion	Curriculum Champion
N	Snow H	Joshua M	Poppy-Rose B	Alicja L	Leighton P
F2/1	Remi S	Arya L	Matei B-A	Reggie B	Narla W
F2/2	Pippa L	Aurora C-B	Theo K	Thomas B	Beatrix S
Y1/G3	Harlee D	Rayaan A	Evie-Leigh E	George W	Harrison W
Y1/G4	Blayke D	Lyla T	Ellena P	Charlie D	Skylar M-W
Y2/G1	Rosie E	Jensen B	Olivia C	Jaxon B	Ava R
Y2/G2	Haiza N	Darci M-N	Christopher P	Sabari M-R	Benjamin Bu
Y3/F3	Ethan B-S	Keegan A	Kakra B	Jessica G	Bella B
Y3/F4	Ava P	Lacie-Mae H	Gabriela P	Megan W	Henry H
Y4/RBL	Sophie G	Kylan M	Suleiman J	Ava-Rae M	Henry R
Y4/RBR	Aliza A	Scarlett W	Eliza P	Jack H	Lennon B
Y5/F1	Evie W	Elizabeth DSD	Grace B	Hunter H	Poppy J
Y5/F2	Martha-Rose LC	Ollie W	Olivia W	Thomas H	Noah B
Y6/FBL	Lilly-Rose A	Martha J	Caden H	Lyla-Rai D	Max B
Y6/FBR	Naomi DSD	Emma B	Jessica O	Noah K	

Something new for you!

Dear Friends,

We hope that you have already settled into the new school year and are looking forward to the learning experiences being lined up by the teaching staff. We're looking forward to being present at some assemblies in school and welcoming you to our church for special celebrations.

We are excited to tell you that your Parish Church is planning to offer a new activity and it's our special joy to invite families of Sandford Hill Primary to come and enjoy it.

On the second Sunday of each month, starting on 8 October, at 4.00pm, we will be holding a Christian activity in the church hall aimed specifically at primary school aged youngsters and their families.

The activity, lasting 50 minutes, will be fun, light and accessible, having singing, Christian teaching and a craft-based element. We are hoping that this will be a good opportunity for families to discover, or rediscover, the value of learning about the Christian faith in a relaxed and fun way together.

We're calling it...



We do hope that you will choose to 'connect' with us through this new venture and we look forward to seeing you very soon. In the meantime, you can see more of what's going on at St Mary and St Chad by visiting the 'A CHURCH NEAR YOU' website. Just google the website and search for us by entering 'Longton' or better still, our Post Code... ST3 5DY; you can always give us a call about CONNECT@4 or any other matter with which we may be able to help... 07522 581859.

With all good wishes!

Fr Terry *Fr Simon*