



Sandford Hill Primary School Newsletter



Issue 7 – Friday 20th October 2023

The Bethel Church

We would like to pass on our best wishes to The Bethel Church who are hosting a 25 hour 'Drumathon' this weekend, to raise money so that they can continue helping people in need. Here at Sandford Hill we work closely with The Bethel Church and we know that some of our families have been supported by them with food parcels and other services that they offer. Mrs Brennan has kindly offered to organise a buffet for the 'Drumathon' and staff at school have generously donated food items for the event. As stated on last week's newsletter, we are extremely proud of the relationships we have at Sandford Hill and will continue to help our local community wherever possible. If you would like to make a donation towards this event, please visit <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/craig-flackett>

Delightful Dinners!

When bringing the catering service in house at school, our main reasons for doing so was to ensure that the lunch menu was created with the children in mind and to reduce our food waste. Since September, it is lovely to see that the food waste has more than halved, as pupils are enjoying their lunch much more than they were before. Of course, this is all thanks our fabulous catering team!

Don't forget about our **Bonfire Special** on **Tuesday 7th November** where pupils will be able to choose from Rocket Racer Hotdogs, Space Invader Fishcakes, Cosmic Chicken Masala, Banger Baked Beans, Catherine Wheel Hoops, Firework Fries and Toffee Apple Muffins!

Notices

- **Clubs**– A reminder that there are no clubs next week. Clubs will continue the first week back after half term.
- **Photographs**– Your child should have brought home proofs of their photographs from Wednesday. [All orders must be placed online](#). If you are experiencing difficulty, please see the office who will be happy to help.
- **Parking – With open evenings next week and lots of events happening in school over the next few months, can we please remind parents to be considerate of our neighbours when parking. Please park away from school and walk the last few minutes. From 3:30pm during open evenings, we will open our car park gates for parents/carers to use. Thank you.**
- **Uniform** –During our open evenings, we will have a number of uniform items and books available for parents/carers to come along and take if they can be used. This will be displayed in the school hall.

ParentMail

We're busy in school planning all things Christmas! Next Friday, you will receive a series of ParentMail messages regarding Christmas events in school. It is important that you reply to the forms as soon as possible. If you do not have access to your ParentMail account or are having issues receiving messages, please contact the office as soon as possible.

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	Chicago Town Pizza
Tuesday	Chicken Burgers
Wednesday	All day breakfast
Thursday	Sausage with Yorkie Puds
Friday	Fish Fingers

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 learnt the song 'I can sing a rainbow'	
Reception	I and ll	bell, doll, log, lip
Year 1	ay	play, crayon, tray
Year 2	j phoneme	jam, giraffe, bridge, fringe

Diary Dates

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

Tuesday 7th 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.

Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th December

EYFS Christmas Assembly—9:00 a.m. (Parents invited)

Thursday 7th December

Y1 Christmas Assembly—9:00 a.m. (Parents invited)

Tuesday 12th December

Y2 Christmas Assembly—9:00 a.m. (Parents invited)

Wednesday 13th December

Y4 Christmas Assembly—9:00 a.m. (Parents invited)

Thursday 14th December

Y3 Christmas Assembly—9:00 a.m. (Parents invited)

Friday 15th December

EYFS & KS1 Christmas Dinner Day

Friday 15th December

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

Monday 18th December

KS2 Christmas Dinner Day

Tuesday 19th December

Y5 Christmas Assembly—9:00 a.m. (Parents invited)

Wednesday 20th December

Y6 Christmas Assembly—9:00 a.m. (Parents invited)

Friday 22nd December

Staff Inset Day—No pupils

Monday 8th January

Start of Spring Term

Thursday 18th January

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

Thursday 25th January

Mrs Smith's Class Assembly—9:00 a.m.

Thursday 1st February

Mr Alcock's Class Assembly—9:00 a.m.

Monday 12th to Friday 16th February

Half Term

Thursday 29th February

Mrs Carney/Miss Gerrard's Class Assembly—9:00 a.m.

Thursday 21st March

Mr Frost's Class Assembly—9:00 a.m.

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

Christmas Chat 'n' Wrap

It's that time of year again where we need your help! We will be having our Christmas Chat 'n' Wrap sessions again in school to help prepare for all of the Christmas events we have taking place. We need help with our Christmas wrapping, tombola ticketing, pricing for our Christmas Markets and much more too! Tea, coffee and biscuits are of course mandatory and will be provided by school. Please let Miss Arnott know if you are able to help out. Chat 'n' Wrap sessions will take place each Thursday from 9th November to 14th December.



Weekly Attendance and Awards



Attendance League



Nursery

Class	Attendance	Points This Week	Running Total
F1/1	96.9%	2	14
F1/2	87.7%	1	7
F1/3	99.2%	3	12

Reception—Year 6

Class	Attendance	Points This Week	Running Total
F2/1	95.9%	9	32
F2/2	97.1%	10	33
Y1/G3	93.8%	1	45
Y1/G4	95.0%	5	38
Y2/G1	97.3%	11	55
Y2/G2	94.3%	3	34
Y3/F3	95.7%	8	45
Y3/F4	95.7%	8	27
Y4/RBL	97.7%	12	48
Y4/RBR	95.0%	6	24
Y5/F1	98.3%	14	26
Y5/F2	94.0%	2	24
Y6/FBL	98.0%	13	53
Y6/FBR	94.3%	4	42

Congratulations and Well Done!

- Congratulations to **Michelle W** for being awarded a certificate for the progress she is making at her Chinese language class. 
- A huge well done to our boys football team: **Coby D, Harrison D, Harry E, Max B, Reggie L, Stanley R and Vinnie B**, who took part in their first competition of the year, playing against 4 other schools. They played exceptionally well and displayed fantastic team spirit. We are immensely proud of them.
- Congratulations **Joseph C** who was awarded the Thoughtfulness Award last week. You are a superstar Joseph—well done! 

Birthdays

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

- Bentley D
- Lexi W
- Henry D
- Ethan D
- Freddie B-W
- Casey M
- Jaxon H
- Jack S-G
- Noah K
- Callum C



Class	Thoughtfulness Award	Star Award (Postcard Home)	Reading Champion	Maths Champion	Curriculum Champion
N	Leia W	Finley H	Ella-Grace W	Oakley W	Lennie-Michael O
F2/1	Lily M	Daisy-Beau M-N	Maya S	Dontae P-M	Matei B-A
F2/2	Isatou J	Lyla-Rose B	Evalyn S-G	Arthur H	Sophie B
Y1/G3	Logan P	Storm H-M	Henry D	Amber T	Sunny M
Y1/G4	Harper G	Noor A	Eliza-Mae B	Chloe G	Tobiasz L
Y2/G1	Robert B	Jacob C	Kyiah I	Amelia H	Lola W
Y2/G2	Edie C	Oluwateniayo K	Harrison F	Lettie-Rose B	Sabari M-R
Y3/F3	Alice G	Maddison C	Elliott L	Freya H	Benjamin Br
Y3/F4	Reggie J	Travis M	Austin P	Gracie-Mae D	Jessica R
Y4/RBL	Mia M	Ava-Grace A	Ava P	Lewis T	Alisha S
Y4/RBR	Bellamy M	Niamh J	Darci-Jade C	Sofia P	Aliza A
Y5/F1	Kayden C	Hollie-Anne D	Sienna D	Theo C	Imogen W
Y5/F2	Harper-Lee C	Mia K	Thomas H	Martha-Rose L-C	Leo B
Y6/FBL	Ravyn M	Sophie L	Harry E	Amelia A	Florence B
Y6/FBR	Deni R	Grace H	Molly B	Leighton B	Harrison C