



Sandford Hill Primary School Newsletter

Thoughtfulness

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Hard Work

Issue 8– Friday 27th October 2023

Time for Tea!

Today in support of their 'Alice in Wonderland' topic, the Y2 children were invited to come into school in their own clothes or dressed as their favourite character for our Alice in Wonderland Tea Party! The children have had a wonderful day and the cakes went down a treat!



Change4Life

Well done to **Abdullah S, Ava-Rae M, Lillie-Jo R, Mia M, Niamh J** and **Suleiman J** who on Monday took part in the Change 4 Life Festival at Trentham High School. The children had the best time and behaved impeccably. Well done everyone!



Year 4 Visit to The River Dane

On Wednesday and Thursday, the Year 4 classes travelled to the Peak District to learn about the features of a river. The children began their day at Axe Edge Moor, near Buxton. Here, they saw the source of the River Dane. The children then progressed downstream towards Three Shire Head. Here the children studied the rocks and the landscape. After a lunch break at Tittesworth Reservoir, the children ended their day in Gradbach. Whilst here they measured the depth and speed of the water. The children learned lots of new vocabulary that will now help them with their Water Cycle geography topic next half term.



It's cool to BE KIND

As you may already know, WhatsApp is one of the most popular instant messaging apps. We are aware that it is used by pupils in school and that it has an age rating of 16+. In recent days, it has been brought to our attention that, there may be some unkind messages being sent through WhatsApp groups. These are being sent outside of school hours. Please could we ask you to talk to your child about only sending kind and polite messages. Perhaps you could also ask your child to show you the messages which they send and receive. The link from The NSPCC, points out some of the safety features as well as some of potential risks of using WhatsApp. [WhatsApp Potential Risks](#)

Notices

- **Clubs**– A reminder that clubs will start the first week back after half term. Please check your child's club record to confirm which dates they are expected to attend.

A fond farewell...

Today, we say goodbye to Mrs Cooper who is onto pastures new, leaving Sandford Hill to work within the NHS. Mrs Cooper has been with us for 10 years and has supported children in the classroom and as a 1:1. She will be greatly missed by everyone at Sandford Hill and we wish her every success for the future.



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	Cheesy Oatcakes
Tuesday	Bonfire Special
wednesday	Beef Burgers
Thursday	Chicken Dinner
Friday	Battered Fish

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 rhyme 'Hickory dickory dock'	
Reception	ss	boss, mess, kiss
Year 1	oy	boy, toy, enjoy
Year 2	plural words swapping the y for suffix ies	teddies, babies, spies

Diary Dates

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.

Wednesday 31st January

Interim Governors Meeting 5:00 p.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.

Wednesday 30th March

Full Governors Meeting 6:00 p.m.

Thursday 21st March

Mrs Frost's Class Assembly—9:00 a.m.

Monday 25th March—Friday 5th April

Easter Holidays

Monday 8th April

Start of Summer Term

Thursday 18th April

Mr Frost's Class Assembly—9:00 a.m.

Thursday 25th April

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

Thursday 2nd May

Voting Day—School closed to children

Friday 3rd May

Staff Training Day—School closed to children

Thursday 9th May

Miss Humphries' Class Assembly—9:00 a.m.

Wednesday 22nd May

Interim Governors Meeting 5:00 p.m.

Monday 27th to Friday 31st May

Half Term

Friday 14th June

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

Thursday 20th June

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

Wednesday 10th July

Full Governors Meeting 6:00 p.m.

Friday 19th July

Last Day of Summer Term for pupils

Monday 22nd July

Staff Training Day



It's the most wonderful time of the year...



Christmas Cards

This year we will once again be selling personalised Christmas Cards. Children will be designing the cards in school on the first week back. All designs will then be scanned and sent home for you to see. If you would like to order a pack of personalised Christmas Cards, these will be available to purchase from Friday 10th November 2023.

Each pack will contain 12 cards and envelopes and will cost £4 per pack. Discounts will apply for multiple orders of the same design.

Cards will be sent home no later than 1st December 2023.

Christmas Assembly Dates

The doors for the Christmas assemblies will open at **9:00am** and the assemblies will start around **9:15am** once pupils are registered. Each assembly will last for approximately 15 – 20 minutes and will take place in the school hall. We are limiting the number of adults to **2 per family** for each performance. This year the assemblies will include the whole year group and therefore **there will be no exception to the number of adults allowed** due to fire regulations and capacity in the school hall. For pupils who have families in more than 1 household, priority will be given to parents who have parental responsibility. Upon arrival, **you will be asked to hand over your ticket**. Anyone without an allocated ticket will not be able to attend the assembly.

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)

Tuesday 19th December

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

Wednesday 20th December

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



Christmas Dinners

Our Christmas dinner days will take place on Friday 15th December for EYFS & KS1 and on Monday 18th December for KS2. You should have received a form via Parent-Mail to indicate whether or not your child requires a school Christmas dinner this year.

Our school Christmas dinner includes, turkey, sausage, stuffing, mashed potato, roast potatoes, a selection of vegetables, gravy and a Christmas ice cream and biscuit.

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	90.0%	1	15
F1/2	98.5%	3	10
F1/3	95.4%	2	14

Reception—Year 6

Class	Attendance	Points This Week	Running Total
F2/1	92.4%	4	36
F2/2	96.0%	8	41
Y1/G3	92.1%	2	47
Y1/G4	90.7%	1	39
Y2/G1	96.0%	9	64
Y2/G2	95.7%	7	41
Y3/F3	99.3%	14	59
Y3/F4	97.0%	13	40
Y4/RBL	94.3%	5	53
Y4/RBR	96.7%	12	36
Y5/F1	96.3%	11	37
Y5/F2	92.3%	3	27
Y6/FBL	95.0%	6	59
Y6/FBR	96.0%	10	52

Congratulations and Well Done!

- Well done to **Gabriela P** who has been awarded a Certificate of Outstanding Performance for her wonderful piano playing!
- Congratulations to **Elliot L** who has achieved his Little Stars Level 5 swimming award.
- Well done to **Coby D** who was awarded a medal for 'Man of the Match' at football last weekend. Amazing Coby well done!
- Congratulations to **Jess** who was awarded a certificate and trophy for 'Exceeding with Reading'. A fantastic achievement well done Jess!



Birthdays

Wishing all these children a very **Happy Birthday** for the next 2 weeks, we hope that you all have a lovely day:

- **Martha-Rose L-C**
- **Jayden G**
- **Antoni K**
- **Hugo C**
- **Alicja L**
- **Mya P**
- **Isabella W**
- **Daisy-Beau M-N**



Class	Thoughtfulness Award	Star Award (Postcard Home)	Reading Champion	Maths Champion	Curriculum Champion
N	Poppy-Rose B	Alicja L	Mohammed A	Zack S	Sienna C
F2/1	Jaxson F	Riley K	Hollie H	Elena-Grace M	Amelia S
F2/2	Nova G	Isatou	Macia D	Elizabeth P	Pippa L
Y1/G3	Jaxson R	Beatrix S	Betsy H	Arthur R	Nevaeh R
Y1/G4	Lyla T	Neave K	Amelia T	Elsie S	Freddie B
Y2/G1	Grace M	Ethan D	Henry R	Alexander R	Lucas V
Y2/G2	Nevaeh S	Ava R	Empress D	Elijah F	Darci M-N
Y3/F3	Charlotte W	Casey M	Oakley-James J	Frankie C	Archie P
Y3/F4	Charlie A	Millie P	Freddie M	Tommy C	Keira M
Y4/RBL	Mya P	Aaron M	Miller C	Jake M	Freya L
Y4/RBR	Amber S	Lillie-Jo R	Thea C	Jaxon H	Harvey P
Y5/F1	Lacey-Mae C	Grace B	Tansey M	Vinnie B	Charmian H
Y5/F2	Sophie-Rae M	Maisie C	Jenson W	Harry C	Olivia W
Y6/FBL	Isla B	Abby-Jaye T	Callum C	Adrian P	Lexi W
Y6/FBR	Evelyn T	Oliver H	Luke H	Bentley D	Isaac P

Headteacher Termly Awards— Autumn 1 2023

Nursery—Mrs Morton, Mrs Salt, Mrs Mitchell and Mrs Gater

Darci-Leigh H* *Mohammed A
 Leia W Joshua M Krishitha V
 Khalessi-Mae C Jasper D Finley H
 Skylar M Jayden G Phoenix J



Reception - Miss Hodgson

Harrison B
 Freya M Jaxon M
 Elena-Grace M-P Mya P
 Dontae P-M Maya S



Reception - Miss Ridgway

Ava E
 Isatou J Jackson G
 Rosie-Mae C Sophie B
 Tommy B



Year 1 - Mrs Johnson

Harper G
 Hugo C Lyla T
 Ollie S Ellena P
 Kacy-Kristen B



Year 1 - Miss Humphries

Lily M
 Izzabella P Arthur R
 Logan P Rayaan A
 Bella H-T



Year 2 - Miss Gregory

Amelia T
 Leah H Charlie H
 Skylar M-W Eeligh R
 Bonnie M-P



Year 2 - Mrs Smith

Hana A
 Akuila T Joshua T
 Nevaeh S Xander H
 Lewis C



Year 3 - Mr Frost

Elliott L
 Sammy C William L
 Myla H Frankie C
 Casey M



Year 3 - Mrs Frost

Megan W
 Keira M Faith A
 Tommy C Bella B
 Mason H



Year 4 - Mr Alcock

Nina B
 Lillie-Jo R Layla M
 Alfie H Viny W
 Eliza P



Year 4 - Mrs Carney/Miss Gerrard

Flynn H
 Sophie G Ingrid S
 Keaton Mc Ava-Rae M
 Henry H



Year 5 - Mrs Pritchard

Michelle W
 Evie W Theo C
 Lennon B Ayda T
 Lacey-Mae C



Year 5 - Mrs Hassall

Thomas H
 Sophie-Rae M Sam T
 Poppy J Leo B
 Ollie W



Year 6 - Mrs Bullock

Naomi D-S-D
 Liam B Max B
 Noah K Elizabeth R
 Evelyn T



Year 6 - Mr Jones

Martha J
 Lucy B Florence B
 Alecia O Briley S
 Lilly-Rose A

