



Sandford Hill Primary School Newsletter

Thoughtfulness

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Issue 11 – Friday 24th November 2023

Year 6 Visit to The Imperial War Museum

Year 6 had a fantastic day on Monday and Tuesday when they travelled to Manchester to visit the Imperial War Museum. They became film makers and created their very own mini-docs about World War 2, showcasing their fabulous videography skills. We can't wait to watch them back. The children behaved impeccably and thoroughly enjoyed their visit.



Sports Hall Athletics

Well done to all of the Year 5/6 children who competed at Sports Hall Athletics. The children performed and behaved impeccably and ended the competition in 6th place out of 18 schools. An excellent result!



Alice Charity

On Tuesday, we welcomed Heather and Sarah in to school to talk to the children about the amazing work that The Alice Charity do. We want to help the charity create a magical Christmas for families across Stoke-on-Trent and Newcastle and so once again this year, we will be supporting The Alice Charity by providing gifts for families who are struggling. If anyone is able to help with a gift, please send brand new items into school by Friday 8th December. Some suggestions Alice have asked for are: 0-13 years - brand new games, baby toys, action figures, dolls etc. Teenagers - gift bags, chocolates, toiletries, make up, stationery etc. Anything you can help with will be most appreciated. Thank you.



Notices

- **Tombola Donations**—As you may know, our bottle and chocolate tombolas are extremely popular and we rely heavily upon donations. We are asking for as many donations of bottles and chocolate as possible, big or small to make these our biggest tombolas to date! In return, pupils will receive a game token to use at the fayre for **each item they donate**, 10 chocolates = 10 tickets! Please send donations into school via the class or directly to the office by Monday 12th December.
- **Clubs**—A reminder that there are now no more clubs this term (with the exception of Choir). New club forms will be sent at the end of term ready for a January start. Thank you to all children who have shown fantastic commitment to their clubs this term.
- **Milk**—Orders for milk will go live at the end of term. If your child would like to receive a milk carton daily (1/3 pint) then please visit the ParentMail shop and order by Wednesday 10th January.

Magical Music

Our Music Teacher, Mr Walker, would like to share details of a Christmas concert that his brass band are leading. Everyone is welcome to attend at Longton Elim Church on Saturday 2nd December, 6:00pm. Free entry too with any donations going to charity.



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 Oatcake
Tuesday	Hotdog
Wednesday	Beef Burgers
Thursday	Roast Chicken/Cheese Whirls
Friday	Battered Fish

Phonics in School

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

Year	Phonemes (Sounds)	Example words
Nursery	Nursery have been learning to listen to different sounds and make sounds with their bodies. They are also practising the rhyme 'Jack and Jill'.	
Reception	h, b, f, l	hat, huff, bell, big, fun
Year 1	a-e	cake, slate, made
Year 2	adding ed/ing to words ending in y	annoyed, annoying copied, copying



Step into Christmas...



Christmas Cards

The deadline for Christmas Card orders has now passed. All orders for Christmas cards will be sent home on Friday 1st December 2023.

Christmas Assembly Dates

The doors for the Christmas assemblies will open at **9:00 a.m.** and the assemblies will start at **9:15 a.m.** 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. Priority will be given to parents who have parental responsibility.

Tickets will be sent home for the assemblies on Friday 1st December 2023.

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 Chat 'n' Wrap

Our Christmas Chat 'n' Wrap sessions are well under way. We still need help with our Christmas wrapping, tombola ticketing and pricing for our Christmas Markets! Tea, coffee and biscuits are of course mandatory and will be provided by school. Chat 'n' Wrap sessions will take place each Thursday to 14th December—we hope to see you there!



Christmas Market Information

On Friday 15th December, we will be hosting our first Sandford Hill Christmas Market. Below are some things you may need to know:

- The markets will open at 3:30 p.m. once all children have been safely dismissed;
- The markets will be both inside and outside (so wrap up warm!);
- There will be food and drinks available on the evening;
- All children should be accompanied by an adult;
- Timed appointments to visit Santa are limited and must be purchased in advance via ParentMail (timed appointment apply);
- The Salvation Army will be leading our Carol Singing starting at 5:15 p.m. and there will be music from our brass band;
- Our raffle will be drawn once the carol singing is over at around 6:00 p.m.;
- The markets will end at 6:30 p.m. prompt.

On the evening, if you have any issues, please see a member of staff who will be more than happy to help.

Diary Dates

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

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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 11th January

Y5 trip to Jodrell Bank

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



Weekly Attendance and Awards



Attendance League

Nursery

Class	Attendance	Points This Week	Running Total
F1/1	87.7%	2	19
F1/2	86.2%	1	14
F1/3	93.9%	3	19

Reception—Year 6

Class	Attendance	Points This Week	Running Total
F2/1	93.7%	3	53
F2/2	93.2%	2	49
Y1/G3	95.5%	7	56
Y1/G4	96.8%	1	50
Y2/G1	95.7%	9	87
Y2/G2	92.7%	1	54
Y3/F3	94.7%	4	68
Y3/F4	95.7%	9	56
Y4/RBL	95.3%	6	60
Y4/RBR	97.3%	13	57
Y5/F1	97.3%	13	54
Y5/F2	99.0%	14	50
Y6/FBL	95.0%	5	76
Y6/FBR	97.2%	11	66

Congratulations and Well Done!

- Congratulations to **Samuel T** who was awarded 'Player of the Match' last weekend.
- Well done to **Olivia W** who was presented with a certificate and medal in recognition of her swimming a kilometre. Congratulations!
- Congratulations to **Thomas H** who has been awarded 'Player of the Match' trophy for his outstanding performance for Longton Rugby Club.
- Well done to **Hugo C** who has passed his level 2 award at swimming. Amazing Hugo!
- Congratulations to **Caleb M**, who was awarded a trophy for his skills in the boxing ring. Great job!



Birthdays

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

- Lillie-Jo R
- Hollie H
- Elena-Grace M
- Elsie S
- Vinnie B
- Blayke D
- Leah H
- Mollie-Mae E
- Oliver H



Class	Thoughtfulness Award	Star Award (Postcard Home)	Reading Champion	Maths Champion	Curriculum Champion
N	Roman S-H	Phoenix J	Finley H	Emmon R	Liam-Junior B-J
F2/1	Hollie H	George H	Scarett C	Ralph P	Jaxson F
F2/2	Jackson G	Charlie C	Dominic J	Evalyn S-G	Nova G
Y1/G3	Adam R	Sunny M	Amber T	Harper H	Vinnie B
Y1/G4	Matei D	Ollie S	Charlie D	Noor A	Eliza-Mae B
Y2/G1	Ethan D	Archie D	Amelia H	Kyiah I	Maisie S
Y2/G2	Briar B	Lyla F	Toni K	Lewis C	Michaela L
Y3/F3	Mason N	Charlotte W	Simi K	Myla H	Elliot L
Y3/F4	Isabella K	Keira M	Travis M	Mason H	Roxanna W
Y4/RBL	Poppy T	Lila L	Henry H	Ingrid S	Keaton M
Y4/RBR	Leo P	Harvey P	William B	Bellamy M	Layla M
Y5/F1	Stanley R	Bradley B	Parker F	Katie B	Harper B
Y5/F2	Anna T	Olivia W	Mia King	Genevieve G	Samuel T
Y6/FBL	Caden H	Maab H	Briley S	Atipa T	Coby D
Y6/FBR	Elizabeth R	Deni R	Madison M	Frankie M	Lilly M-N