



Sandford Hill Primary School Newsletter

Thoughtfulness

Respect

Hard Work

Issue 9 – Friday 10th November 2023

'When you go home, tell them of us and say, for their tomorrow, we gave our today.'

It's 105 years since World War One ended. We come together to celebrate Armistice Day and remember those who lost their lives. In Nursery, the children have been extremely creative and have made their own poppies. Throughout school, each child has designed a poppy picture that is currently on display at Longton Market. This afternoon, our School Councillors went down to help out with the display ready for tomorrow's remembrance service. Our School Council have also been visiting classes this week selling poppies and other poppy items. Thanks go to everyone who has supported our poppy appeal. Your support means so much and all monies raised are used to support the Armed Forces and their families.



Notices

- **Children in Need** – Next Friday, 17th November, is Children in Need day. Everyone is invited to come to school wearing non-uniform, in return for a small donation to Children in Need. Donations should be handed into the class teacher.
- **Discos**– Our KS2 Children in Need discos are taking place next Friday evening. Tickets are available to purchase via ParentMail and will be sent home next Thursday. The Y3/4 disco is straight after school until 4:30 p.m. and the Y5/6 disco is from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. A tuck shop will be available but please send pupils with change if possible. Arrangements for the discos are as follows:
 - ⇒Y3 pupils—collected from the hall
 - ⇒Y4/RBL—collected from the first upstairs classroom
 - ⇒Y4/RBR—collected from the first downstairs classroom
 - ⇒Y5 pupils—collected from the hall
 - ⇒Y6/FBL—collected from the first upstairs classroom
 - ⇒Y6/FBR—collected from the first downstairs classroom

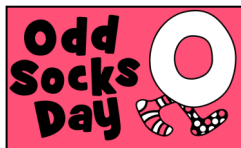
Goodbye and Good Luck

Today we say goodbye to Mrs Austin, our fantastic Reception lunchtime supervisor, who is leaving us to spend more hours in her other post. Mrs Austin has been a valued member of our Sandford Hill family and will be greatly missed by everyone.



Odd Socks Day

As part of anti-bullying week, pupils are invited to come to school next Monday, 13th November, wearing odd socks. The meaning behind wearing odd socks is to celebrate everyone's differences and what makes us all unique.



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 'Humpty Dumpty'	
Reception	g, o, c, k	dog, cog, cap, kick
Year 1	ie	pie, tie, fries
Year 2	gn	gnome, sign

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 or Meatballs
- Tuesday: Cheese Oatcakes
- Wednesday: Fish Stars or BBQ Wraps
- Thursday: Hotdogs
- Friday: Children In Need Menu

Diary Dates

Friday 17th November 2023

Children in Need—Special Menu & Non-Uniform

***NEW* Monday 20th November**

Mrs Bullock's class to visit the Imperial War Museum

***NEW* Tuesday 21st November**

Mr Jones' class to visit the Imperial War Museum

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

***NEW* 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



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



Christmas Cards

This year we will once again be selling personalised Christmas Cards. Children have been busy this week designing their cards. All designs are now being scanned and will be sent home early next week for you to see. If you would like to order a pack of personalised Christmas Cards, these will be available to purchase from tonight and the deadline for orders is Friday 24th November. 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

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Christmas Dinners

Our Christmas dinner days will be served on Friday 15th December for EYFS & KS1 and on Monday 18th December for KS2. You should have received a form via ParentMail 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 to 14th December.



Weekly Attendance and Awards



Attendance League

Nursery

Class	Attendance	Points This Week	Running Total
F1/1	86.9%	2	17
F1/2	92.3%	3	13
F1/3	86.9%	2	16

Reception—Year 6

Class	Attendance	Points This Week	Running Total
F2/1	98.8%	14	50
F2/2	96.3%	6	47
Y1/G3	93.1%	2	49
Y1/G4	98.6%	10	49
Y2/G1	98.7%	12	78
Y2/G2	98.7%	12	53
Y3/F3	96.0%	5	64
Y3/F4	96.7%	7	47
Y4/RBL	92.3%	1	54
Y4/RBR	98.0%	8	44
Y5/F1	95.3%	4	41
Y5/F2	98.3%	9	36
Y6/FBL	98.7%	12	71
Y6/FBR	95.0%	3	55

Congratulations and Well Done!

- Congratulations to **Joshua T** who has been awarded a trophy for his hard work playing football.
- Well done to **Harry E** for winning man of the match at his football match last weekend.
- Congratulations to **Jaxon B** who has achieved his Mini Stars Level 3 award at swimming.
- Well done to **Parker F** who has been awarded player of the match trophy by his football team.
- Congratulations to **Ingrid S** who has been awarded shields and certificates from Miss Lou's dance class.
- Well done to **Elliott L** who has been awarded a Musician Achievement Award for the piano.



Birthdays

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

- Eric P
- Archie D
- Panyin B
- Kakra B
- Noah B
- Lily M
- Vinny E
- Grace B
- Freya H
- Tobiasz L
- Leighton P
- Ralph P
- Ariana W
- Krishitha V
- Zachariah A



Class	Thoughtfulness Award	Star Award (Postcard Home)	Reading Champion	Maths Champion	Curriculum Champion
N	Jayden G	Marium S	Zack S	Kyren L	Oliver W
F2/1	Jaxon M	Eric P	Narla W	Logan O	Luca L
F2/2	Chester P	Eva-Lilly C	Arabella S-J	Theo K	Aurora C-B
Y1/G3	Matthias DSD	Amber T	Adam R	Evie-Leigh E	Harlee D
Y1/G4	Hugo C	Harrison W	Blake M	Harley C	Blayke D
Y2/G1	Alex R	Skylar M-W	Bonnie M-P	Jensen B	Isaac P
Y2/G2	Hana A	Haiza N	Harry R	Joshua T	Christopher P
Y3/F3	Panyin B	Freya H	Cassandra E	Keegan A	Lottie S
Y3/F4	Jessica R	Austin P	Bella B	Millie P	Caleb M
Y4/RBL	Mia G	Ava-Rae M	Lewis T	Alisha S	Vinny E
Y4/RBR	Mollie M	Darci-Jade C	Amber S	Grayson I-C	William B
Y5/F1	Michelle W	Aleena V	Isabella W	Lennon B	Roman A
Y5/F2	Isla J	Scarlett G	Ellie T	Jacob M	Bobbi M
Y6/FBL	Briley S	Summer W	Noah B	Leah B	Lyla-Rai D
Y6/FBR	Zeen A	Isaac P	Poppy T	Naomi DSD	Reggie L