



Sandford Hill Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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MacMillan Coffee Morning

A huge thank you to everyone who came along this morning to our coffee morning in support of MacMillan Cancer Support. It was a fantastic turnout and we have raised an incredible £291.93! Your support is, as always, greatly appreciated.



PE Kit and Jewellery

From Monday, pupils can no longer wear plasters for PE lessons. Earrings **MUST** be removed for PE otherwise your child will not be able to take part.

A reminder also that pupils must wear the school PE kit (black jacket/red polo/black joggers/shorts). No large logos, stripes or other colours are acceptable.

Those who are wearing the incorrect PE kit will be asked to change into spares from Monday if the incorrect clothing is worn. Thank you.

Phonics in School

Phonics is a method of teaching children to read and write, by making them understand the relationship between sounds and letters.

This week, we invited the parents of our Reception children into school to discuss with them the importance of phonics and how to support children at home with early reading. We are now inviting our Year 1 parents into school on Tuesday 8th October at 9:05 a.m for a similar meeting. A ParentMail form has been sent. Please see the Phonics table on the newsletter each week to see which phonemes your child has been learning.

Birthdays

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

- Cassandra E
- Reggie J
- Samuel T
- Mya G
- Luna H
- Gabriela P
- Isatou J
- Harlee D
- Emmon R
- Layla M
- Lyla T
- Harrison P
- Kyren L



Our Weekly Phonics

Year	Phonemes (Sounds)	Example words
N	Learning the nursery rhyme 'Baa Baa Black Sheep'	
R	Learning to recognise the 'p', 'j' 'n' and 'm' phonemes	
Y1	CCVC words (consonant, consonant, vowel, consonant)	brain, trip, sleet
Y2	Learning to read and spell 'y' words making an 'igh' sound	try, reply, pylon

Notices

- **Health and Safety**—For health and safety purposes, pupils should **NOT** be running up and down the grass verges near the office at the beginning and end of the day. Pupils should remain with parents/carers at all times. Bikes and scooters **MUST NOT** be used on the school premises. There are scooter pods and bike shelters available at both gates. Equipment on the EYFS playground should not be used before and after school as the activities have been set up ready to be used during the school day. Thank you.
- **Harvest**— This year, we will be collecting food for harvest and donating it to the Stoke-on-Trent Foodbank. The need for foodbank services across the city is greater than ever due to the cost of living crisis and every item you donate will go to a family in need. Some of our own families have relied upon foodbanks in the past. A shopping list of suggested food items for the warehouse has been included but we can accept any dry good items that you are able to donate. Please send donations into school with your child or hand them in to the office by Friday 11th October. A reminder that our foodbank collection basket is located in the main office foyer for donations all year round.

Items for the warehouse:

Tinned Soup
Tinned Dessert
Tinned Vegetables
Tinned Tomatoes
Tinned Fish
UHT Milk
Pasta Sauces
Mash
Coffee
Fruit Juice
Tea Bags
Biscuits
Sweet Extra, chocs, sweets,
Pasta/Rice





Weekly Attendance and Awards

Congratulations and Well done

Congratulations to **Theo C** who was awarded a medal and trophy at swimming recently. Fantastic Theo!



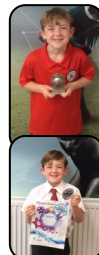
Well done to **Stanley W-L** who has achieved his orange belt at karate. What a fantastic achievement Stanley!



Well done to **Vinnie B** who was awarded a trophy for being the players man of the match and another for being the coaches man of the match. Amazing!



Well done to **Vinnie B** who has achieved his Stanley 6 swimming award and a man of the match trophy at football. Congratulations Vinnie!



Fantastic swimming from **Lennon J** who has achieved his Stanley 3 swimming award. Congratulations Lennon!



Well done to **Arthur R** who was awarded a trophy and medal at football recently for being AFC Werrington's man of the match!



We love to hear all about your successes outside of school so don't forget to bring in any certificates or awards for us to share!

Attendance League

Class	Attendance	Points This Week	Running Total
F1/1	96.8%	6	22
F1/2	87.7%	2	8
F1/3	96.9%	7	17
F2/1	94.6%	1	14
F2/2	97.3%	8	12
Y1/G3	90.0%	3	7
Y1/G4	99.3%	9	22
Y2/G1	95.6%	5	17
Y2/G2	94.6%	4	16
Y3/F3	98.6%	7	21
Y3/F4	96.2%	3	16
Y4/RBL	97.0%	5	18
Y4/RBR	99.3%	8	15
Y5/F1	98.3%	6	9
Y5/F2	95.5%	2	14
Y6/FBL	88.7%	1	8
Y6/FBR	96.5%	4	9

Our school attendance target is 96.0%.

Class	Thoughtfulness Award	Star Award (Postcard)	Reading Champion	Maths Champion	Curriculum Champion
N	Matilda T	Elayah A-M	Elijah C	Billy M	Daisy M
F2/1	Leia H	Ethan N	Isla B	Sudev V	Leia W
F2/2	Reuben G	Mohammed A	Ayden K-W	Sienna C	Arthur S
Y1/G3	Isatou J	Freddie B-W	Mylo B	Sophie B	Arabella S-J
Y1/G4	Riley K	Mya P	Scarlett C	Ollie S	Maya S
Y2/G1	Chloe G	Kacy-Kristen B	Macie W	Ollie S	Lyla T
Y2/G2	Storm H-M	George W	Vinnie B	Eva J	Logan P
Y3/F3	Akuila T	Briar B	Edie C	Lyla F	Hana A
Y3/F4	Skylar M-W	Eeligh R	Joseph C	Kruthik V	Amelia T
Y4/RBL	Frankie C	Benjamin Br	Adrian D-K	Theo T	Kakra B
Y4/RBR	Caleb M	Roxanna W	Isabella K	Spencer Hu	Lacie-Mai H
Y5/F1	Henry R	Leo P	Chavindu B	Harvey P	Jack H
Y5/F2	Vinny E	Sophie G	Flynn H	Poppy T	Lewis T
Y6/FBL	Tansey M	Ayda T	Grace B	Evie W	Vinnie B
Y6/FBR	Ellie T	Sophie-Rae M	Sonny L-P	Samuel T	Amelia J

Diary Dates

Thursday 3rd October

Mr Alcock's class assembly 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday 9th October

Mrs Frost's class assembly 10:00 a.m. (at St Mary and Chad's Church)

Thursday 10th October

Mrs Smith's class assembly 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday 16th October

Individual and Family Photos

Thursday 17th October

Miss Gregory's class assembly 9:00 a.m.

Monday 21st and Wednesday 23rd October

Open evening 3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Monday 28th—Friday 1st November

October Half Term

Monday 11th—Friday 15th November

Y6 Residential to Stanley Head

Thursday 28th November

Y6 assembly 9:00 a.m.

Friday 20th December

Staff Inset Day

Monday 23rd December—Friday 3rd January

Christmas Holiday

Thursday 23rd January

Mrs Hassall's class assembly 9:00 a.m.

Thursday 30th January

Mr Frost's class assembly 9:00 a.m.

Thursday 6th February

Mrs Carney/Miss Gerrard's class assembly 9:00 a.m.

Thursday 13th February

Mr Farr's class assembly 9:00 a.m.

Monday 17th —Friday 21st February

February Half Term

Friday 28th February

Choir to attend Young Voices Concert

Thursday 13th March

Miss Humphries' class assembly 9:00 a.m.

Thursday 20th March

Mrs Johnson's class assembly 9:00 a.m.

Monday 31st March and Wednesday 2nd April

Open evening 3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Friday 11th April

Staff Inset Day

Monday 14th—Friday 25th April

Easter Holiday

Monday 5th May

May Day Bank Holiday—School closed to pupils

Monday 12th—Thursday 15th May

Y6 SATs week

Monday 26th—Friday 30th May

May Half Term

All meals are served
with a dessert and drink.

Menu

Jacket Potatoes and Filled
Sandwiches available daily.

Day	Nursery	Reception—Year 6
Monday	Sausage with Yorkie Puds	Sausage with Yorkie Puds
Tuesday	Chicken/Quorn Burger	Chicken/Quorn Burger or Tomato & Basil Pasta
Wednesday	All Day Breakfast	All Day Breakfast
Thursday	Special Menu—Takeaway Box with Pizza, Chicken Nuggets, French Fries and Icepops!	
Friday	Fish Fingers	Fish Fingers

We will endeavour to offer all pupils their first choice but if they do not like the options or an item runs out, jacket potatoes and sandwiches will be offered as an alternative.

Absence during term time

Following our communication in the Summer Term regarding absence during term time, please be reminded that any pupil who has 10 unauthorised sessions (5 school days) within a 10 week period, will be referred to the education welfare service for a penalty notice (fine). Unauthorised sessions can include holidays, lates after 9:20 a.m and unauthorised absences where a reason has not been given for absence or if your child's attendance is below 90%. We have reattached the letter sent by the local authority below.



School Penalty Notices for Attendance are Changing from August 2024

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into effect for all those issued after 19th August 2024.

Per Parent, Per Child

Penalty Notice are issued to each parent, for each absent child.

For Example: 2 siblings absent for leave during term time would result in each parent receiving 2 separate Penalty Notices.

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Irregular Attendance or leave in Term Time the amount will be £160 per parent, per child when paid within 28 days.

This is reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days.

Second Offence

(Within 3 Years)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Irregular Attendance or leave in Term Time the amount will be **£160 per parent, per child when paid within 28 days.**

Third Offence

(Within 3 years)

The third time a Penalty Notice is issued for leave in Term Time or irregular attendance, the case will be presented to the Magistrates Court, where fines of up to £2500 per parent, per child can be imposed.

Note: Cases found guilty in Magistrates Court can show on Parents future DBS certificates as a 'Failure to safeguard a child's education'.

10 sessions of Unauthorised absence in a 10-week period

Penalty Notices will be considered when there have been 10 sessions of Unauthorised absence in a 10-school week period.

These Absences can be late after register closes, Unauthorised Absences and Unauthorised Term Time leave absences. They can also be a combination of any of the above.

Penalty Notices are issued by the Local Authority on the instruction from the School/Academy, in line with the Department for Education legislation. Once issued these cannot be withdrawn.