



Sandford Hill Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

Issue 8—Friday 25th October 2024

Tel: 01782 235781 Email: parent@sandfordhill.org.uk

Operation Sparkler

We have reached the end of our first Autumn Term and we are incredibly proud of how well the children have settled over the last few weeks. We hope that everyone has a wonderful, relaxing half term break. With Halloween and Bonfire Night just around the corner, we would like to remind everyone to keep safe if you are enjoying the seasonal activities and we look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 4th November. Please see the advice below from Staffordshire Police and Stoke-on-Trent City Council.

Phonics

Following our early reading and phonic meetings for parents of Reception and Year 1 pupils, we would like to promote the Phonics page on our school website. The webpage outlines our phonic progression and shares links to the Twinkl videos which show the actions for each phoneme (sound) taught. The actions are taught when new sounds are introduced and help the children to remember the sound by creating a physical memory of the sound. The children therefore learn the sound and letter visually, orally and physically.

<https://sandfordhill.org.uk/our-school/phonics/>

Birthdays

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

- | | | |
|------------|------------|-----------------|
| • Jaxon H | • Hugo C | • Mya P |
| • Casey M | • Antoni K | • Isabella W |
| • Ebony B | • Jayden G | • Martha-Rose L |
| • Jack S-G | • Alicja P | -C |



Notices

- **Individual and Sibling Photos**—All photo orders will be delivered to school after half term. Please visit <https://tempest-orders.co.uk/> to order. The deadline for free delivery to school is Sunday 27th October 2024.
- **Usborne Book Orders**—If you missed our book fair during open evening, you can still place an order by visiting <https://usborne.com/gb/> by 3:00p.m. on Sunday 27th October. Orders will be delivered after half term.
- **Nursery Open Evening**—This year, our Nursery Open Evening for prospective parents will take place on Tuesday 12th November from 3:30pm—5:00pm. Will your child turn 3 on or before 31st August 2025? If so, we would love to see you at our Nursery drop in session where there will be a range of activities for your child to play with and staff who will be on hand to answer any questions you have. Even if you have a child already in our school, it would be lovely to see you! Please email parent@sandfordhill.org.uk to let us know if you will be attending.
- **Clubs**—Clubs will continue the first week back after half term. Please check your child's club record for the dates they are expected to attend. Clubs are on for 3 weeks next half term and will end W/C 18th November 2024. New club forms will be sent out in December for Spring Term clubs.
- **Data Collection**—Thank you to everyone who has completed a data collection form for their child. If you have not done so already, please click on the link sent to you via ParentMail.

HOW WE ARE TACKLING ASB THIS AUTUMN

Halloween and Bonfire Night are cause for celebration with many community events being hosted throughout the area. Unfortunately, however this can also be seen by some as an opportunity for anti-social behaviour, which is unacceptable.

Staffordshire Police have a dedicated operation aimed at tackling the issues that arise this time of year. Local Policing Teams will be working alongside our partners throughout this period to ensure that people can feel safe out in public and in their homes and that Halloween and Bonfire Night are enjoyable and peaceful occasions for all. Officers will be out and highly visible across the area engaging with people and providing reassurance to local communities. We want to reinforce the message that there is no excuse for nuisance and anti-social behaviour. Anyone intending to cause trouble for the decent majority will be pursued.

A dedicated phone line has been set up with Stoke-on-Trent City Council so that the local community can report any concerns regarding ASB related to Halloween and fireworks.

01782 233400
operationsparkler@stoke.gov.uk

You can also report crime as follows:

Call 101
Visit www.staffordshire.police.uk and use the Live Chat function or the reporting form
DIAL 999 IN AN EMERGENCY OR IF A CRIME IS IN PROGRESS

STAFFORDSHIRE POLICE
Stoke-on-Trent

SAFETY ADVICE FOR PARENTS

Here is some guidance for you and your children to celebrate Halloween and Bonfire Night safely.

- Make sure they are accompanied by a responsible adult if they go out trick or treating and that they don't go alone
- Consider bright costumes or reflective strips so they can be seen by drivers when they cross the road
- Make them aware of staying to well-lit areas and only going to houses of people that they know and who are happy for them to visit
- They must not knock on houses that have a sign saying 'No trick or treat here'
- Advise them against scaring elderly or vulnerable people and throwing eggs and flour - anti-social behaviour will not be tolerated
- Make sure you know where your children are if they are going out
- Educate them on the dangers of fireworks. It is against the law to carry fireworks in public if under 18 years of age and they could get an on the spot fine of £50

It is important to respect others, stay safe and look out for each other at this time of year.

STAFFORDSHIRE POLICE
Stoke-on-Trent

Our Weekly Phonics

Year	Phonemes (Sounds)	Example words
N	Learning the nursery rhyme 'Hickory, Dickory, Dock'	
R	f, ff, l, ll, ss	lick, bell, huff, fog, kiss
Y1	ay	pray, clay, crayon
Y2	'kn' making the 'n' phoneme	knight, knapsack, knot

Morning Changes

A reminder that we will not be opening our school gates until 8:45 a.m. We have seen a huge increase in the number of children arriving early to school, many of which are not accompanied by parents/carers. The safety of our pupils is our highest priority. The doors will still open at 8:50 a.m. and close at 9:00 a.m. Please do not arrive at school before 8:45 a.m. We also request that you park considerably near school and please respect our neighbours. Do not block drives and do not block access. Thank you.

Mad Hatter's Tea Party

Today, our Y2 pupils had a Mad Hatter's tea party as they end their topic learning all about Alice in Wonderland. The children were invited to come into school wearing party clothes or fancy dress and enjoyed juice, biscuits and sweets!



Diary Dates

Monday 28th—Friday 1st November

October Half Term

Thursday 7th November

Y5 trip to Jodrell Bank

Monday 11th—Friday 15th November

Y6 Residential to Stanley Head

Thursday 28th November

Y6 assembly 9:00 a.m.

Absentee Photo Day

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

All meals are served
with a dessert and drink.

Menu

Jacket Potatoes and Filled
Sandwiches available daily.

Day	Nursery	Reception—Year 6
Monday	Cheesy Oatcake	Cheesy Oatcake
Tuesday	Bonfire Special—Cheesy Catherine Wheel, Bonfire BBQ Wraps and Firework Fries	
Wednesday	Beef Burgers	Beef Burgers
Thursday	Chicken Dinner	Chicken Dinner / Cheese Whirl
Friday	Battered Fish	Battered Fish or Quorn Korma

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.



Weekly Attendance and Awards

Congratulations and Well done

Well done to **Sophie B** who has been awarded a medal and certificate in acrobatics.



Congratulations to **Shea T** who has achieved his yellow belt at kick boxing.



Congratulations to **Zara W** who was the Coach's player of the match on the weekend.



Well done to **Lennon J** who was awarded 'Player of the match' trophy at the weekend.



Well done to **Isla B** who has received a certificate and a teddy bear for taking part in the Rhythm of the Night dance show.



Congratulations to **Spencer H** who was awarded a certificate for swimming 1000 metres.



Well done to the children in Mrs Johnson and Mr Frost's class who were the attendance winners this half term. The children enjoyed a reward disco this afternoon. We look forward to our next reward disco next term.



Attendance League

<u>Class</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Running Total</u>
F1/1	92.0%	36
F1/2	88.3%	12
F1/3	92.3%	22
F2/1	90.6%	25
F2/2	96.8%	33
Y1/G3	90.7%	20
Y1/G4	98.6%	49
Y2/G1	96.2%	39
Y2/G2	97.1%	34
Y3/F3	96.7%	45
Y3/F4	98.7%	37
Y4/RBL	100%	35
Y4/RBR	94.7%	30
Y5/F1	96.7%	17
Y5/F2	93.5%	26
Y6/FBL	95.3%	14
Y6/FBR	92.3%	20

Well done to Mrs Johnson's class and Mr Frost's class who are our attendance winners this term!

Welcome to Book Corner!

Miss Humphries' interview with Thomas H

Miss Humphries' favourite children's book is *Room on the Broom* by Julia Donaldson. She thinks the book is really fun and happy to read. Her favourite part of the book is when the witch helps the animals in different parts of the story and when they worked together. She also loves how determined the little girl is.



Usborne Book Fair

A huge thank you to Hayley for coming along to our open evenings this week to host our Usborne Book Fair.

The monies raised from the commission of the sale of books will be spent to purchase Usborne books for our school library. As always, we couldn't do it without you and are grateful for your support.

Our literacy co-ordinators have been putting their order together and we are delighted to share that we will be purchasing over £800 worth of books for our school library using the commission earned this week.

All orders of books will be delivered to school on the first week back after half term.



Walking in a Winter Wonderland...



Christmas Cards

This year we will once again be selling personalised Christmas Cards. All designs will then be scanned and sent home for you to see next week. If you would like to order a pack of personalised Christmas Cards, these will be available to purchase from Friday 15th November 2024.

Each pack will contain 12 cards and envelopes and will cost £4.50 per pack. Discounts will apply for multiple orders of the same design.

Cards will be sent home no later than Friday 3rd December 2024.

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. 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. You will **NOT** receive a ticket for your entry this year however we will have a list on hand on the days of the assemblies.

Tuesday 3rd December

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

Wednesday 4th December

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

Thursday 5th December

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

Tuesday 10th December

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

Wednesday 11th December

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

Thursday 12th December

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

Tuesday 17th December

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

Wednesday 18th December

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



Christmas Dinners

Our Christmas dinner days will take place on Friday 13th December for EYFS & KS1 and on Monday 16th 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 **Wednesday from 13th November to 11th December.**

Headteacher Termly Awards— Autumn 1 2024

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

Elijah C & Louisa F

Savannah S-J, Daisy M, Teddy H
Emrae A, Thomas D, Sienna-Rae P
Mabel B, Billy M, Kenny P



Reception - Miss Hodgson

Reception - Miss Ridgway

Leighton B-H

Leighton P, Leia H,
Gracieleigh D, Ethan N
Lennie-Michael O



Mohammed A

Darcie-Leigh H, Amelia K
Albie T, Leighton C,
Margo S-J



Year 1 - Mrs Johnson

Year 1 - Miss Humphries

Mya P

Carter J, Ralph P,
Riley K, Dottie C
Amelia-Rose S



Nancy C

Chester P, Sophie B
Arabella S-J, Aurora C-B
Freddie B-W



Year 2 - Miss Gregory

Year 2 - Mrs Smith

Mya W

Ariana W, Harley C
Elsie S, Thomas C-M
Harrison W



Sunny M

Lily M, Vinnie B
Storm H-M, George W
Jaxson R



Year 3 - Mr Frost

Year 3 - Mrs Hassall

Hana A

Darci M-N, Nevaeh S
Akuila T, Emily-Rose F
Elliot D



Rosie E

Emily L, Jacob C
Joseph C, Kruthik V
Grace M



Year 4 - Mr Farr

Year 4 - Mrs Carney/Miss Gerrard

Keira M

Bella B, Faith A
Tommy C, Gabriela P
Adam R



Simi K

Gracjan P, Samuel C
Adrian D-K, Layla C
Theo T



Year 5 - Mr Alcock

Year 5 - Mrs Frost

Henry R

Lexi L, Niamh J
Amber S, Jack H
Scarlett W



Elliot H-T

Freya L, Ingrid S
Kaiden A, Amelia G
Suleiman J



Year 6 - Mrs Bullock

Year 6 - Mrs Pritchard

Amelia J

Leo B, Caleb T
Thomas H, Anna T
Isla J



Ayda T

Evie W, Hunter H
Eva R, Rowanjay J
Michelle W

