



Sandford Hill Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Issue 14—Friday 13th December 2024

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Reminder
Gates open at
8:45 a.m.

'Elfridges!

This week saw the return of 'Elfridges, our secret shop. Pupils across school have had the opportunity to visit our secret shop to buy pre-wrapped gifts for loved ones. It was lovely to see how excited the children were when they visited 'Elfridges. A huge thank you to our fantastic Chat 'n' Wrappers who helped to make this possible: Sue, Beryl, Lucy, Diane and Dawn. Thanks also to our Y6 pupils who helped the children when choosing gifts!



Non-Uniform

Next week, our EYFS and KS1 pupils are invited to come to school in non-uniform on Tuesday 17th December for their Christmas party. KS2 are invited to come in non-uniform on **Monday 16th December** for their Christmas dinner day and on **Wednesday 18th December** for their Christmas party. Pupils will have a few snacks/treats during their parties. All dietary requirements have been catered for.

Alice Charity

Thank you to everyone who has donated gifts for our Alice Charity collection this year. Tina from the Alice Charity collected the items today and they will go to families in need. Thank you, we appreciate your generosity.



Light up a Life

Last Sunday, our school choir took part in the Dougie Mac Light up a Life Service at the Victoria Hall. The children took part in the lighting ceremony and then joined other choirs on the stage to sing Christmas songs and carols. Well done to everyone who took part!



Birthdays

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

- Parker P
- Edie C
- Aurora C-B
- Amber T
- Margo S-J
- Rosie-Mae C
- Kai-Hudson C
- Ralphie S
- Isabella H



Our Weekly Phonics

Year	Phonemes (Sounds)	Example words
N	Learning the Christmas rhyme 'Jingle Bells' and learning to listen to and repeat voice sounds.	
R	f, ff, l, ll	mess, huff, fan, lick, bell
Y1	split digraphs u_e and e_e	flute, cube, theme, extreme
Y2	'el' saying 'l'	towel, tinsel, chisel

Book Corner!

Martha's interview with Mrs Hopkinson

Enid Blyton's Famous Five books were loved by Mrs Hopkinson. She loved all the adventures and wanted to be in them! She was around 9 or 10 when she read them.



Notices

Clubs - Club forms will be sent home next week. New clubs will be allocated on the first week back and clubs will resume **W/C 13th January 2025**.

Important Dates - A reminder that school is closed on **Friday 20th December**. School will reopen on **Monday 6th January**.

Milk - Orders for milk will go live on Wednesday next week. Milk thirds are available for pupils from Y1—Y6 to purchase. There will be no milk thirds on the first week back.

Tempest—Absentee photo orders are due to be delivered to school in the new year.

Diary Dates

Monday 16th December

KS2 Christmas Dinner Day

Christmassy non-uniform for Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6

Tuesday 17th December

EYFS & KS1 Christmas Party

Christmassy non-uniform for Nursery, Reception, Y1 and Y2

Wednesday 18th December

KS2 Christmas Party

Christmassy non-uniform for Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6

Friday 20th December

Staff Inset Day—School closed to pupils

Monday 23rd December—Friday 3rd January

Christmas Holiday

Monday 6th January

Pupils return to school

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—school closed to pupils

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 17th December

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

Wednesday 18th December

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

Please park respectfully away from school and DO NOT block our neighbours drives. You must not take any photographs during the assembly for safeguarding reasons.

All meals are served with a dessert and drink.

Menu

Jacket Potatoes and Filled Sandwiches available daily.

Day	Nursery	Reception—Year 6
Monday	KS2 Christmas Dinner Day (Sandwiches for EYFS and KS1)	
Tuesday	Pizza	
Wednesday	Beef Burgers	
Thursday	Chicken Nuggets	

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

Congratulations to **Roxanna W**, who has received a trophy and certificate for her participation in a Christmas dance showcase. Well done!



Congratulations to **Hugo C** for achieving his Rainbow Distance award at swimming. Well done Hugo!



Congratulations to **Quinn B** who has been awarded a certificate for her achievements in gymnastics. Well done Quinn!



Congratulations to **Eliza-Mae B**, who has been awarded a medal for her troupe dancing. Well done Eliza-Mae!



Well done to **Bella H-T** who has achieved her Octopus 1 award at swimming. Congratulations Bella!



Attendance

Class	Attendance	Points This Week	Running Total
F1/1	99.1%	9	17
F1/2	85.6%	1	11
F1/3	88.0%	2	14
F2/1	91.9%	3	21
F2/2	98.7%	8	26
Y1/G3	93.3%	4	14
Y1/G4	96.6%	5	26
Y2/G1	97.0%	7	25
Y2/G2	96.9%	6	20
Y3/F3	91.1%	1	20
Y3/F4	96.8%	6	19
Y4/RBL	98.5%	8	24
Y4/RBR	95.9%	4	19
Y5/F1	94.1%	3	19
Y5/F2	92.7%	2	15
Y6/FBL	97.8%	7	15
Y6/FBR	96.7%	5	9

Our school attendance target is 96.0% and our school attendance is currently 95.4%.

Class	Thoughtfulness Award	Star Award (Postcard)	Reading Champion	Maths Champion	Curriculum Champion
N	Ashton T	Elijah Cooke	Braela P	Thomas L	Elrayah A M
F2/1	Gracieleigh D	Stanley B	Leighton P	Keira A	Ethan N
F2/2	Taylor N	Kara-Mae L	Mohammed A	Willow O	Oakley T
Y1/G3	Ava-Mae B-J	Isla B	Arabella S-J	Lyla-Rose B	Chester P
Y1/G4	Arya L	Hollie H	Elena-Grace M	Matei B-A	Scarlett C
Y2/G1	Matei D	Elsie S	Charlie D	Blayke D	Thomas C-M
Y2/G2	Lennon J	Jaxson R	Betsy H	Kingsley D	Calla-Jane F
Y3/F3	Toni K	Ayo K	Akuila T	Pyper J	Nevaeh S
Y3/F4	Olivia C	Bonnie M-P	Alex R	Luna H	Ethan D
Y4/RBL	William L	Lottie S	Sammy C	Keegan A	Ethan B-S
Y4/RBR	Tommy C	Freddie M	Roxanna W	Faith A	Ava P
Y5/F1	Nina B	Millie H	Jaxon H	Aliza A	Chavindu B
Y5/F2	Ava P	Lewis T	Elliot H-T	Ava-Grace A	Madison J
Y6/FBL	Isabella W	Bradley B	Vinnie B	Daniel C	Grace B
Y6/FBR	Thomas H	Isla J	Kaiden F	Harry C	Harper C