



Newsletter

14th September 2018

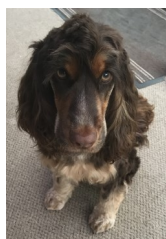
New beginnings

Welcome! We hope you have all had a fantastic summer, are well rested and as excited as we are about the year ahead.

We'd like to welcome all of our new nursery and reception children, plus their families, to Sandy Hill Academy. We are also pleased to welcome back our existing pupils and their families. We look forward to working together with you all to help your children achieve their potential.

Our welcome is not only extended to our new children and families, but also our new teachers, teaching assistants, Sendco, and sports coach. We also welcome Maple,

Mrs Bawden's Pets As Therapy registered dog, who will be joining us each week in school.



You will hopefully have already taken the opportunity to meet your child's teacher, and will no doubt get to know our new teaching assistants and support staff during the forthcoming year.

Over the holidays major works have taken place at school. Our existing building has improved enormously with the school

kitchen being relocated beside the hall, new toilets being installed, the main school hall being expanded, re-designed offices and parent meeting room plus a new staff room. We really hope the children enjoy their new look environment as much as we are!

Communications

As it is the start of a new academic year, we wanted to share our communications channels with you. We also wanted to let you know that after October half term, we will be issuing our letters home electronically via eSchools. Not only is this better for the environment, it will also reduce the likelihood of letters being left in the bottom of a book bag. The money saved in printing costs will be utilised for other resources for the children.

Website:

The school [website](#) provides an opportunity to share essential information about the school, our policies, class blogs and calendar of events. You will also find copies of recent letters sent home (**Home page >Parents >Letters Home**)

eSchools:

We use [eSchools](#) to send text messages home (e.g. event reminders, cancellation of clubs), to issue the weekly newsletter and

schedule parent evenings.

The [login](#) button can be found at the top right of our home page. The eSchools app is free to download from either the [App Store](#) or [Google Play](#).

ParentPay:

[ParentPay](#) is used to make your child's menu selection for lunch each day, booking school clubs and trips. As we are aiming to be a 'cash free' school, we ask that payment for items such as school meals, Kids Club and trips are paid via ParentPay.

Forthcoming Events

17th September (3pm) - Year 5 Whole Class Parent Meeting

18th September - Year 2-6 (incl) Challenge Day

19th September - Year 6 Poltair Taster Day

20th September (3pm) - Year 4 Whole Class Parent Meeting

24th September (3:30pm) Prospective Parents Tour - [Please contact the office to book a place](#)

25th September - Dr Bike sessions

26th September - European Languages Day (Wear Spanish colours)

26th September (3:15pm) Prospective Parents Tour - [Please contact the office to book a place](#)

27th September - Year 6 Penrice Taster Day & also parent open evening (5-7pm) for Years 4, 5 & 6

Stars of the Week

Olivia	Nursery
The Whole Class	Reception
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Arthur	Yr 1
Harry	Yr 1/2
Lewis	Yr 2
Bella	Yr 3
Theo	Yr 4
Sam	Yr 5
Kieran	Yr 6

Please contact the school office to make sure we hold your latest email address and mobile phone number.

Time flies

Time has certainly flown over the past week, with lots happening in school.

Nursery have hosted their 'Come and play' sessions, with the children settling in really well. The children have been learning about the colour 'red' and the shape 'circle'.



Reception classes have held their transition sessions, with families joining them for lunch on Wednesday. The children have enjoyed exploring in their classroom and the outside area.



Years 1 & 1/2 have been getting to know one another, sharing their holiday experiences, working on

their counting and sorting skills as well as learning how to use an iPad.

Year 3 have been busy learning about their new topic Ancient Egypt. They have created some fantastic pyramid landscapes in art.

During maths they have been identifying numbers using 100's, 10's and 1s, whilst in English they have been dictionary detectives to find the correct spelling and meaning of some tricky topic related words.



acting out scenes from the story and questioning characters in the hot seat.

Whilst Year 6 have been exploring science learning about lung capacity, and also studying the topic of WW2.



It has been really pleasing to see how well the children have been settling in to school in this first week back. Keep up the great work!

Sandy Hill Clubs

Our schedule of clubs has now been arranged for the Autumn term. The clubs will commence from the week beginning Monday 24th September and will run on Tuesdays and Thursdays this term.

I'm sure you'll agree that there is a fantastic selection for the children to choose from.

Our reception children will have the opportunity to join clubs in the spring and summer terms, after they have settled into full time school life.

Bookings for these clubs should be made using ParentPay. The

bookings system will go live on Monday 17th September at 6pm. When you sign in to your ParentPay account, the clubs appropriate to your child will be visible. When booking your child's place, you will also need to complete the online consent shown.

We will issue text messages to you next Friday, to confirm your child's place at the club. This message will also confirm the location that your child should be collected from when the club ends..

Please contact the school office if you have any queries.

Sandy Hill Clubs - Autumn Term 2018

Tuesday				Thursday			
Club Name	Adult(s) Responsible	Year Group	Max. no. of Pupils	Club Name	Adult(s) Responsible	Year Group	Max. no. of Pupils
Drama, Dance and Stage	Miss Heather Mrs Stevens	5-6	20	Board games	Mrs. Raikes Mrs. Case	1	12
Poetry (Option to enter St. Austell Festival of Music and Speech at St. Johns)	Mrs. O'Brien Mrs. Rundle	2-6	25	Choir	Mrs. Bawden Mrs. Man	2-6	40
Netball Club – Girls and Boys	Mrs. Osborne Mrs. Simpkins	5-6	20	Swimming Club (Invite only)	Mr. Lockett Mrs. Simpson	4-6	20
Origami	Mrs. Kendall Mrs. Philp	3-4	10	Book Club	Mrs. Bevan	3-4	15
Bike Club (Bring your own bike)	Mrs. Simpson	5-6	10	Gardening Club (Please bring change of clothes, wellies and outdoor coat)	Mrs. Coe Mrs. Facey	3-6	15
Football Club – Girls and Boys	Mr. Walker Mr. Allen Mrs. Williams	4-6	40	Loom Bands	Mrs. Hooper	2-3	15
ICT	Mrs. Matthews	1-2	12	Yoga	Miss Seeley	3-4	15
Sewing	Mrs. Prior	2	8	Cookery	Mrs. Burton Mrs. Antonio	1	10
Playtime Games	Miss. Tregunna Mrs. Chapman	1	16	Football – Plymouth Argyle	Mr. Walker Mr. Allen	1-3	20
Eco Club	Mrs. Enright Mrs. Case	3-4	20	Dance Fitness	Mrs. Evans	5-6	15
				Lego Club	Mrs. Cushen	1	15

Awards

Well Done to the following children who have received awards this week.

Star Reader:

Taylor - Year 2

Silver Merit:

Ethan - Year 2

Kai - Year 2

Paige - Year 2

Casey - Year 2

Times Table Stars:

Fyfe - Year 3

Chloe - Year 4

Tegen - Year 5

Milly - Year 6

Attendance

Whole School : 98.64%

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Government satisfactory attendance for a pupil is **96%**.

Miss Seeley – 98.46%

Mrs Evans – 99.18%

Mrs Matthews – 97.14%

Mrs Prior – 99.73%

Mrs Osborne – 99.05%

Mrs O'Brien – 98.02%

Mr Lockett – 98.98%

Miss Heather – 99.21%

Mrs Rundle – 97.96%

**Sandy Hill
Academy**

**We aim to be
STARS**

- Self motivated
- Thinkers
- Aspirational
- Resilient
- Supportive

Contact us:

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Accelerated reading

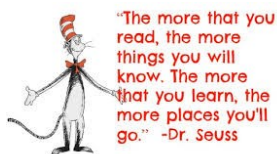
If you have a child in Year 4,5 or 6, you may have been wondering why they haven't had reading books this week.

We are pleased to share with you that from next week, we will start to use Accelerated Reader.

Accelerated Reader aims to engage and motivate pupils to improve their reading skills. Your child will read a book and subsequently take an online quiz to check

their understanding of the book they have read. They will then receive immediate feedback, which will be reviewed by their teacher, and reading suggestions will be provided based on how your child has scored.

This is a very exciting development for us, and hope the children will enjoy and engage in this new fun method of learning too.



Menu

Week beginning Monday

17th September 2018



Menu Choice - Week 3

Price £2.30*

**For children not entitled to free school meals*

Please make your menu selection on ParentPay

Parking in the Sandy Hill neighbourhood

Please could we ask all parents to be considerate when parking in the area surrounding school. We have received complaints this week that parents are parking and causing obstruction to residents driveways and properties. Where possible we would ask you to consider walking, cycling or scooting to school, not only does this help ease congestion but has a positive benefit to your health and the environment. Thank you.

Social Media

Find us on:



www.sandyhill.org.uk



Sandy Hill Academy



@sandyacademy

Don't forget to visit the class blogs via our own website for latest news and pictures from each class.

School Policies

Behaviour:

At Sandy Hill Academy we believe children, staff and parents are entitled to a safe and protective environment in which to learn and work.

Behaviour that will cause harassment, alarm or distress to users of the premises is contrary to the aims of the school.

We expect all members of the school community treat each other with respect and that no members of staff, parents or children are the victims of abusive behaviour or open to threats from other persons on the school premises .

Uniform:

Our school uniform colours are yellow and black, with children wearing yellow school sweatshirts, black trousers/skirts and white school or white plain polo shirts.



We would also like to remind parents that children should not wear nail varnish or tattoos in school, and only a small hair accessory should be worn. Thank you.

Parent Support Advisor

Hi, my name is Sarah Chown, and I am the Parent Support Adviser for Sandy Hill Academy.

Parenting is not an easy job and at times things can get tough. As a Parent Support Adviser (PSA), I am here to help you deal with any worries or concerns, or just be a friendly face when you need one.

I can offer advice, or signpost to the relevant agencies for issues such as:

- Housing
- Debt
- Bereavement
- Separation and divorce
- Transport issues to school
- Behaviour concerns
- Sleep issues
- Dietary and wellbeing concerns



I am happy to meet with parents in school, or in the comfort of your own home. You can reach me on my mobile 07512267449, or sarah.chown@aspireacademytrust.org

I will usually be in the school every Thursday & Friday.

Tea and biscuits will always be available!