

# Sandy Hill Academy News

2<sup>nd</sup> December 2016

## Important Dates for your diary\_

7th & 8th December—KS2 Nativity 6pm(St Johns Church)

8th December—Prospective Reception Parents Tour—Bookings only

13th December—KSI Nativity 3.15pm (Hall)

14th December—Nursery Sing along 10.45am & 2.30pm

14th December—KSI Nativity 9.30am (Hall)

16th December—Christmas Jumper Day (50p Save the Children)

16th December—Last Day of Term 2pm Finish

3rd January—Start of Spring Term 8.30am

15th January—Deadline for Reception Admission (Cornwall Council)



## Christmas Card Competition



The Mayor of St Austell invited us to take part in her Christmas card competition. Years 1, 3 & 5 each designed a card with a Christmas theme, the Mayor came into school to judge the designs, awarding a 1st, 2nd & 3rd place to each class.

The Mayor went on to judge other schools before announcing her overall winner.

Congratulations to Kerra in Year 5 who was announced as the winner, her design will now be printed into cards.

Well done to everyone.

# Christmas Card Competition




The Mayor had a very difficult task selecting winners from each class as all the designs were fantastic.

Well done to—

Harry, Molly, Isabella, Jack, Amy, Katelin, Jessica R, Teagan, Kerra.

Isabella (Year 1) and Jessica R (Year 5) designs won and are being held by Miss James and Miss O'Brien.



# Stars of the Week

YR -	Jack Elphick
YR/I -	Kelsey Turner
YI/2 -	Fyfe Ledger
Y2 -	Morgan Toms
Y3 -	Millie Offin
Y4 -	Riley Allen
Y5 -	Isabelle Payne
Y6 -	Charlie Best



## Lunch Time Stars



# Year 5



phonics word of the week

This



weeks word of  
the week is

“rainbow” and

the pseudo word is

“quemp”.

Phonics website links can be found in the parents section of our website—  
[www.sandyhill.org.uk](http://www.sandyhill.org.uk)

The direct links can be found below—

<http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/Phase5Menu.htm>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/zcqqtftr>

[http://www.familylearning.org.uk/phonics\\_games.html](http://www.familylearning.org.uk/phonics_games.html)



**We will be enjoying a Christmas lunch on the day, please make sure you have sent in your money and order in by Friday 2nd December.**



FRIDAY 16TH DECEMBER

Or

*Or*



Chartwells

# Reading Rewards



Well done to the following children who have received their reading certificates this week —

## Rocket Reader Certificate



**Travis Barbery Ben Locks Teagan Richards**

**Harris Best Coen Hunt**

## Star Reader Certificate



## Cosmic Reader Certificate

**Isabella Mullen**

Reading



Well done to the following children who have earned their Merit Awards this week—

**Bronze— Sam Trinkle**

**Silver— Izzy Payne Tyler Eden**

# School Dinners

Week beginning

Monday 5th December

LOVE  
SCHOOL  
Meals  
WE'RE  
ALL EARS



HAVE YOUR SAY

31st October - 13th November 2016

COMPLETE OUR SURVEY  
for your chance to win a share of a  
**£2,500 PRIZE FUND**

GO TO [WWW.LOVESCHOOLMEALS.CO.UK/NSMW](http://WWW.LOVESCHOOLMEALS.CO.UK/NSMW)

School Dinners are  
£2.20 a day. Please  
make sure payment is  
brought in daily in a  
named purse/envelope  
If you would like to pay  
weekly please bring in  
the money in a named  
envelope stating how  
many days payment is  
included.

Thank you



If you don't fancy dessert, you can *always* enjoy fresh fruit or yoghurt

## Week one

14/11, 5/12, 9/1, 30/1, 27/2, 20/3

Monday

**Sizzling Beef Pizza**  
Cajun Spiced Organic Beef Pizza with Potato Wedges, Appleslaw and Peas  
**Vegetable Korma (V)**  
Vegetables in a Creamy Coconut Curry Sauce with Wholegrain Rice and Peas

**Steamed Chocolate Sponge with Chocolate Sauce**

Tuesday

**Sadie's Chinese Chicken Noodles**  
Farm Assured Chicken in a Honey Roast Sauce with Egg Noodles, Sweetcorn and Herby Baked Courgettes

**Super Hero Mac 'N' Cheese (V)**  
Macaroni in a Cheddar Cheese Sauce with Herby Baked Courgettes and Sweetcorn

**Banana Bread and Butter Pudding with Custard**

Wednesday

**Roast Gammon with Bud's Crispy Spuds**  
Free Range Gammon with Carrots, Broccoli and Gravy

**Cauli Corn Bake with Bud's Crispy Spuds (V)**  
Cauliflower and Sweetcorn in a Cheesy Sauce, Carrots and Broccoli

**Giant Oaty Cookie with Fresh Fruit Slices**

Thursday

**Pasta Pack's Beef Bolognese**  
Organic Beef in an Italian Tomato Sauce with Wholegrain Pasta, Carrots and Peas

**Super Hero Quorn Burger (V)**  
Quorn Burger in a Bun with Tomato Relish, Potato Wedges, Carrots and Peas

**Fruity Flapjack**

Friday

**MSC Fish Fingers**  
Golden Pollock Fillet Fish Fingers with Chips, Baked Beans and Salad

**Penne Pasta Bake (V)**  
Penne Pasta and Vegetables in a Cheese Sauce with Baked Beans and Salad

**Cheese and Biscuits**

Available everyday:

- Fresh salad bar
- Fresh baked bread
- Fresh fruit and Yoghurt
- Jacket Potatoes with a choice of fillings

Our menus are Gold FFL accredited and include:

- Fresh Organic Beef
- Fresh Free Range Pork
- Fresh Red Tractor Chicken
- Farm Assured Sausages and Burgers
- Free Range Eggs
- MSC Fish – Sustainably Sourced Fish

## Attendance

Whole School : Week ending 5/12/2016 -97.35%

Government satisfactory Attendance for a pupil is 95%.

YR - 96.71%

Y3 - 98.11%

YR/I - 96.76%

Y4 - 97.76%

Y1/2 - 96.48%

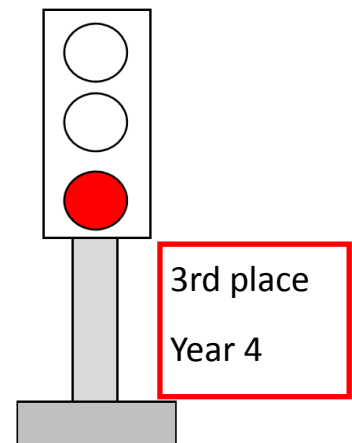
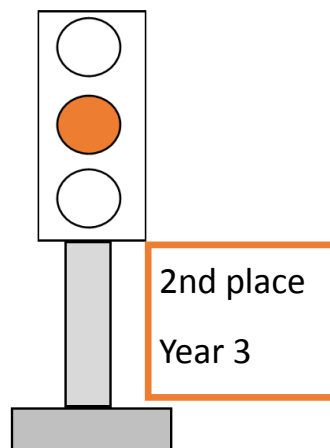
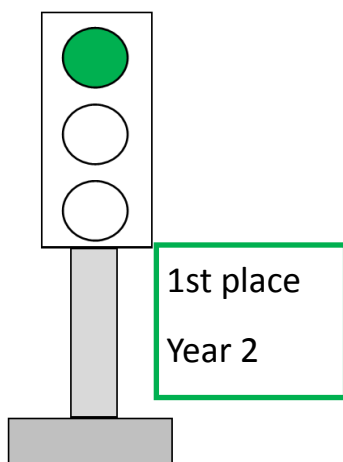
Y5 - 97.50%

Y2 - 98.38%

Y6 - 97.17%

Well Done to Year 2 with 98.38% attendance.

Thank you for your support in helping to reach our attendance target. Attendance is very important to every child's learning and we look forward to continuing to improve our attendance figures.





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## Welcome to Four New Academies



This autumn term we have welcomed four more primary academies into the Aspire family. Biscovey Nursery and Infants Academy, Bugle School, Probus Primary School and St Uny Church of England Primary School expand our Trust to now 19 academies. As we hurtle towards the Christmas break, all four schools have settled in well and we very much look forward to seeing them in our Aspire events in 2017. Spring Term 2017 will herald the arrival of another newly-minted academy, St Mawes Primary School on the Roseland Peninsula, who officially joins the Trust on 1st January. Next year is all set to be a very busy and exciting time for us. We can't wait!

## Aspire Academy Trust Praised in HMI October Report

Earlier this year Sir Michael Wilshaw commissioned a senior Her Majesty's Inspector (HMI) to visit Aspire Academy Trust as part of a review of high performing Multi Academy Trusts. Seven of the stronger performing MATs were examined to discover what set of common characteristics set them apart from their weaker counterparts, from their ability to recruit and retain powerful and authoritative executive leaders and their well-planned, broad and balanced curriculums; to clear frameworks of governance and accountability and a cautious and considered approach to expansion. Aspire was commended in the report, most notably for its collegiate and collaborative approach by means of its Hub structure. Please log onto <http://www.aspireacademytrust.org/225/news/post/43/aspire-praised-in-hmci-october-report> to read a full copy of the report in which Aspire has been commended.



**Sandy Hill Academy**

South West Regional Schools Commissioner heaps praise on St Austell Academy

Sandy Hill Academy in St Austell are feeling rightly chuffed with themselves after receiving a personal letter of thanks from Rebecca Clark, Regional Schools Commissioner for the South West, confirming Sandy Hill as one of our region's highest performing schools. Ms Clark goes on to say, "In a year when standards expected have been higher than ever, it is impressive to reflect upon the results that you have been able to achieve". Many congratulations to the children, staff and parents of Sandy Hill from all your Aspire family!



## Aspire Core Services Team

Squirreled behind the scenes of each busy academy is an equally busy central Aspire team, with expertise across buildings, finance, compliance, personnel, IT, Communications and health and safety. Removing the bureaucratic and 'paperwork' duties away from our school staff frees them to focus on what they're really, really good at, namely teaching and improving opportunities for our children. So a little shout out to the Core Services Team is in order! Please say hello to the Business Team: Tim Hooper and Claire Virgo; the Finance team: Kirstie Worth and Will Hulston; the IT team: Peter Bradburn, Steve White, Dan Smith and Brandon Keast; the Premises team: Julie Brooks, Alastair Sneedon and Elaine Brown; Company Secretary Lorna Rabey; Health & Wellbeing Officer Lucy Wright; Communications Officer Tania Williams and Admin Support Justine Pender. For more information on the Aspire Academy Trust team and organisational structure log onto our website at [www.aspireacademytrust.org](http://www.aspireacademytrust.org).

## Health & Wellbeing Champions

Health and Wellbeing is core to a first class, motivated and dynamic academy workforce and Aspire is proud to announce twelve more Health & Wellbeing Champions have completed their training this term. Well done!



## Tag Rugby Festival 2016

The main Aspire event of the autumn term was the Tag Rugby Festival at St Austell Rugby Club on Thursday 10th November. Despite the rather soggy conditions, our Aspire academies rose to the challenge and congratulations to Mount Hawke Academy who were the final victors in the hotly-contested final. Pitted against Biscovey Primary the match proved a real nail biter with both teams refusing to concede a blade of grass until a golden try in extra time gave Mount Hawke a 7-6 victory. Well done to all our schools and thank you to the supporters - great team spirit!



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Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year one and all!





## Christmas Concerts 2016

Hender Productions has been providing parents with memorable DVDs of Christmas and summer performances for many years. This year we will be recording the Infant Nativity as usual as well as the junior performance taking place at St John's. Please choose either Infant, Junior or both performances on the form below. Please **pay for your DVD up front**, sending in **the complete amount with your order form in a clearly labelled envelope**. Once the DVDs are produced they will be labelled individually and delivered to your child's classroom and placed in his/her school bag for you.

Anybody wanting to purchase a copy should complete the slip below and return it to the school office with **the full amount** as soon as possible. We will do our utmost, as always, to have all the DVDs ready before the end of term. Any problems, please contact us on 01726 75855.

*A Happy Christmas from Hender Productions.*

### DVD of the Christmas Concerts 2016

**Please return to the office. Please make cheques payable to Mrs E Hender.**

I would like ..... copies of the INFANT Christmas DVD, price £6.00 each OR

I would like ..... copies of the JUNIOR Christmas DVD, price £6.00 each OR

I would like ..... copies of the INFANT & JUNIOR Christmas DVDs, price £10.00.

Please find enclosed **THE FULL AMOUNT** of £.....|

Signed..... (Parent/Carer)

Of.....Year.....

**Please ensure your order form and the correct money / cheque are in a sealed envelope with your child's name on.**

**Envelopes can be posted in a box that will be located at the office.**