

Sandy Hill Academy News

20th March 2017

Important Dates for your diary_

24th March—Red Nose Day

29th March—Year 4 Camp Meeting 3pm

30th March—Year 5 Camp Meeting 3pm

31st March—Last Day of Term 2pm Finish

18th April—Summer Term Begins

1st May—Bank Holiday

4th May—Polling Day—School & Nursery Closed (Kids Club is open)

8th May—12th May Year 6 SAT Week



OUTSTANDING!

CONGRATULATIONS to the Sandy Hill community – staff, children and parents.

We are absolutely delighted to tell you that we have been graded **Outstanding** by Ofsted. The report is available to view on our website.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

BUILDING PROJECT:

As you know we were granted planning permission for an extension to the school which would allow us to take more children. We have a meeting next week to make some decisions on the design and the timeline of this project. As soon as this meeting has taken place we will update the website with all information.

During this time we will also start to engage with you and our neighbours to devise a travel plan which minimises the impact of this development on everyone involved.

Please keep your eyes on the School Development tab on the website for all news.

Stars of the Week

YR -	Lillie Osborne
YR/1 -	Lily Underwood
Y1/2 -	Evelyn-May Spencer
Y2 -	Toby Stockley
Y3 -	Tia Belcher
Y4 -	Elysia Lydon
Y5 -	The Whole Class
Y6 -	Ellie Gobbitt



Lunch Time Stars



Year 2



Phonics word of the week



This weeks word of the week is "useful" and the pseudo word is "shule".

Please be aware that dogs (including puppies and small dogs being held or in a handbag) are not permitted onto the school grounds at anytime.
Thank you.

Could you spare half an hour in the mornings? Reception class are looking for someone to help with listening to the children read.
If you would like to help out please collect a form from the office. Thank you.

Reading Rewards



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

Rocket Reader Certificate



Olivia O'Hara Boa Jack Elphick Lewys Elliott

Ellie Balsdon

Star Reader Certificate

Theo Davies Zenna Mansbridge



Ruben Williams Harris Best Amelia Sanders

Cosmic Reader Certificate

Liam Costa

Reading



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

Bronze— Isabella Wright

Silver—

School Dinners

Week beginning
Monday 20th March

School Dinners are
£2.20 a day. Please
make sure payment is
brought in daily in a
named 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

Please Note:

Monday's dessert will be Fruity Flapjack

And Thursday's dessert will be Steamed Chocolate Sponge .

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 17/03/2017 -97.04%

Government satisfactory attendance for a pupil is 96%.

YR - 96.31%

Y3 - 98.07%

YR/1 - 95.97%

Y4 - 97.43%

Y1/2 - 96.83%

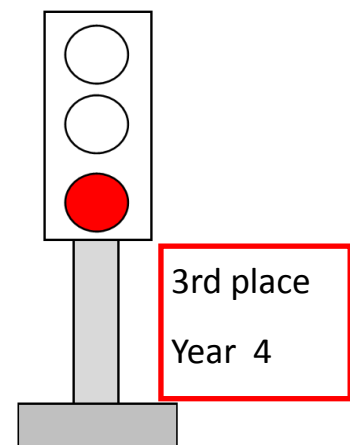
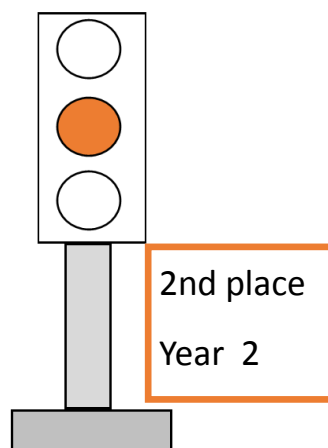
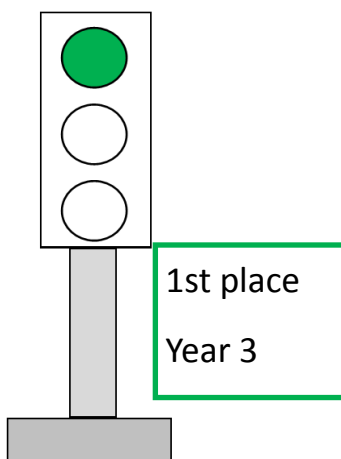
Y5 - 96.83%

Y2 - 97.75%

Y6 - 97.15%

Well Done to Year 3 with 98.07% 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.



School Matters!



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

Description	Attendance	Equals absent Number of days	Learning hours lost
Excellent	100%	0	0
	99%	2	10
Good	98%	4	20
	97%	6	30
	96%	7.5	37.5
Satisfactory	95%	9.5	47.5
Cause for Concern	90%	19	95
	89%	21	105
	88%	23	115
	87%	25	125
Unsatisfactory	86%	27	135
Serious cause for concern	85%	28.5	142
	84%	30.5	152
	83%	32	160
	82%	34	170
	81%	36	180



What Is Autism Awareness Week?

27th March – 2nd April is World Autism Awareness Week.



Autism affects more than 1 in 100 people in the UK. This is more than 700 000 people.

This also means that 2.8 million people have a relative affected by autism.

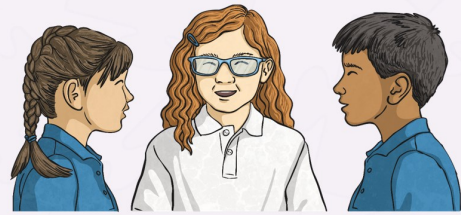


1 in 80 children in primary schools have an Autism Spectrum diagnosis.

What Is Autism Awareness Week?

Autism Awareness Week is a time to come together and share understanding, knowledge and experiences of what autism is and how it affects people every day.

It is a time when we should celebrate our differences, talents and skills.



What Is Autism?

Has anybody heard the word 'autism' before?

Does anyone know anything about autism?

Autism is a lifelong, developmental difficulty that affects how a person communicates with others and how they can relate to other people.



It affects how they experience the world around them and how they perceive others.



People with autism can have sensory needs – they sometimes cannot tolerate certain noises, smells and textures.

How Do Our Brains Work Every Day?

- Our brain collects information about the world around us all of the time.
- It gets that information from our senses – what we can see, hear, touch, taste and smell.
- When our brain has received this information, it works out what it all means and decides how we react to it.
- Of course, the messages are constantly changing around us.

What might change as we move around, or might change around us?



What Is Autism?

- People with autism still see the world around them, but they can take in too much information, which can be distressing.
- However, they can be so interested in looking at one thing that they may not notice what else is going on around them.

Autism can be thought of as a hidden disability as we cannot always see it, but still affects a person's everyday life.



How Can I Help?

People with autism can be misunderstood.

You can use these ideas to support people:

- Be caring if someone is having difficulty understanding.
- Stick to promises and plans.
- Explain quietly and calmly to others if they aren't understanding.
- Don't make jokes or tease people – someone with autism may not understand a joke and it can upset them.
- Be aware of any sensory sensitivities someone might have,
- Include children in games and explain all the rules clearly so that they know how to play and join in,
- Always ask a teacher or another adult if someone becomes distressed or upset.