



Sandy Hill Academy

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Half Termly Newsletter Summer 2021



**Sandy Hill
Academy**



Forthcoming events:

**21st July - Last day of term - School and Kids Club finishes at 2:00pm
(No After School Club on this date)**

22nd & 23rd July - INSET Days (School closed to pupils)

6th & 7th September - INSET Days (School closed to pupils)

8th September - Children return to school (Autumn term) 8:30-8:40am

22nd October - Year 1 Hearing Screening

25th - 29th October (inc) Autumn Half Term

1st November - INSET Day (School closed to pupils)

Notifying change of circumstances

Please tell us of any changes to you or your child's personal details (i.e name, address, telephone numbers, emergency contact details, medical details, email address or relationship change). Certain changes may be updated directly via the Arbor Parent Portal, however if you have any difficulty please email the school office at: hello@sandyhill.org.uk

Head of School Welcome



Welcome to our final newsletter of this academic year.

First of all, I'd like to pay tribute to our incredible pupils. In what has been another challenging academic year, our pupils have once again demonstrated how amazing they are. During a time of much change, they have shown courage, resilience and just how adaptable they are whilst still being mindful and supportive of their peers. They really are true Sandy Hill Stars, we are very proud of them and they are an absolute credit to you all.

We continue to endeavour to use the experiences of recent times to become opportunities for the future, and I thank our committed whole staff team who have also demonstrated the values of Sandy Hill STARS throughout this period, with a shared professional, resolute and caring focus at the forefront for all pupils at all times.

We have already started to plan for the next academic year and hope that you all will have seen our recent communications regarding staffing updates and school day timings for September 2021. If not, please take a moment to visit our school website to view the letters issued (Parents>Letters Home) and also periodically check our calendar to keep up to date with any forthcoming events.

We hope you all have a wonderful, safe and well-deserved Summer holiday. We look forward to welcoming you all back to school on Wednesday 8th September.

Finally, to our Year 6 leavers, we wish you all the very best in the future and are confident you will all go on to accomplish great things. We look forward to hearing from you with your future successes.

Mrs. Rundle
Head of School



Nursery - Acorn Class



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It has been a super busy Summer term in Acorn Class!

The children thoroughly enjoyed World Music Day during which we explored African music relating to our Safari topic of learning. The children practiced their physical skills and coordination to create movements to the music with scarfs.

We have had lots of fun in the sun too! The children did a fantastic job at preparing for their Sports Day, showing great resilience and team spirit. When Sports Day arrived at the end of the term, the children were very excited to participate in the special day!

For some of the children in Acorn Class it has been their last term with us before their exciting learning journey continues into Reception in September! We have been celebrating lots of learning during our final term and ensured that we have shared lots of smiles and laughter to form fond memories.

We wish you all the best as your learning journey continues, whether that be in Nursery or Reception! You have all demonstrated that you are Sandy Hill Stars and you should be very proud of everything you have achieved this year!

We hope you have an fantastic summer filled with fun and joy! Well done Amazing Acorn Class! Miss Polmouter, Mrs Williams and Miss Cocks

Reception - Apple Class



SPORTS DAY FUN



Reception - Apple Class



The children in Apple Class have enjoyed our Seaside Topic this half term. They have enjoyed both being creative and curious. The children have loved exploring rock pools, sea creatures and finding out about the big blue sea and who lives within it.

Both reception classes held their end of year Sports Day last week. The children enjoyed taking part in many of the traditional races which of course included our favourite - the egg and spoon race! The children all demonstrated they were true Sandy Stars, by being supportive and encouraging each other, showing fairness and trying their best. Following the event, the children were all treated to an ice lolly. Congratulations to all of you who took part, you really are sporting superheroes!

We are so proud of all of the children in Apple Class and feel privileged to have been able to share and witness this first chapter in your learning journey. Since joining Reception last year, you have all grown in ability and confidence. We will miss you all as you move on to Year One, but know you will go on to flourish and shine.

We all hope you have an amazing Summer holiday and wish you and your families all the very best.

Miss Penny, Miss Stanaway and Mrs Whetter

Reception - Cherry Class



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It has been a lovely half term in Cherry Class. The children have enjoyed our Seaside topic full of themed stories and activities. The children have been creative and inquisitive and have approached learning with a positive attitude. We loved exploring the story 'The Snail and the Whale' by Julia Donaldson and created artwork and writing inspired by the text.

Last week the children thoroughly enjoyed our end of year Sports Day celebration. They took part in many races such as; running, egg and spoon and relay. The children demonstrated great sportsmanship and enjoyed cheering for each other. After all the excitement it was lovely to cool off with a refreshing fruit pop. Well done to both Reception classes you were all fantastic!

The staff in Reception are extremely proud of each and every one of the children in Apple and Cherry Class. Since joining Reception your confidence and independence has blossomed. You are ready for your next chapter as your journey of learning continues into Year One. You are all Sandy Stars, keep shining!! ★ You will be missed!!

All of the adults who work with you hope you have a fantastic Summer with your families and friends and wish you the very best.

Stay safe and keep smiling Cherry Class. 😊

Mrs Evans, Mrs Facey, Mrs Oldham and Mrs Hughes

Year 1 - Chestnut Class



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Chestnut Class have had a brilliant end to their final term in Year One.

There has been a distinctive nautical feel in class as the children finished the year studying their 'All Aboard and Setting Sail' topic. Without a doubt the highlight was learning about pirates. The children thoroughly enjoyed their pirate themed celebration, complete with pirate hats and eye patches, with lots of team games, a treasure hunt and many more activities during the day. It was wonderful to see so many smiley faces during the day!

We were delighted to be able to hold our Year One Sports Day this term. The sun shone and we had a wonderful day, participating in team games and cheering our class mates along. It was wonderful to see the children supporting their peers and all children put in a fantastic effort. Following the event each child received a certificate for participating in Sport's Day to celebrate their effort and perseverance!

Finally, huge congratulations to Chestnut Class for winning KS1 Best Investigation in the recent Science Fair competition, you are all super scientists!

We are so proud of all the children in Chestnut Class. We have had a fantastic year filled with lots of amazing memories. You have shown yourselves to be true Sandy Stars★
All the adults in Chestnut Class would like to wish you all the best as you continue your learning journey into Year Two.



Miss Brandreth, Mrs Needham, Mrs Paull and Mrs Parsons

Year 1 - Holly Class



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Holly Class have had a fantastic final term in Year One. The children enjoyed their 'All Aboard and Setting Sail' topic. A class favourite of this topic was learning about pirates! The children acquired lots of new facts and were fascinated with life on board a pirate ship. It was therefore fitting that we ended the year with a celebratory pirate party. The children enjoyed a pirate themed day which included team games, a treasure hunt and party games. It was lovely to see so many smiling faces and children taking on their pirate roles.. argh! |  

We were blessed with the weather for our Year One Sport's Day. The children enjoyed participating in their team games, showing support for their peers and resilience. This year the children competed in the egg and spoon race, a beanbag relay, a baton relay and a beanbag throwing competition. All children received a certificate for participating in Sports Day.

Whole school 'bump-up' day was a time for the children to reflect on how far they have come from their first days in Year One. The class shared their favourite memories of their time in Year One and their personal achievements.

We are extremely proud of each and every one of the children in Holly Class. You have grown in confidence and resilience this year and shown yourselves to be true Sandy STARS! ★ All of the adults who work with you hope you have a fantastic Summer with your families and friends and wish you the very best for Year Two. Stay safe and keep smiling. 😊

Miss Bussandri, Mrs James, Mrs Langan and Mrs Whitelegge

Year 2 - Maple Class



SUPER SPORTY!



MEETING MARVELLOUS MAPLE!



CROWN BISCUITS IN THE SUNSHINE!



Year 2 - Maple Class



It has been a busy Summer term in Maple Class. The children have enjoyed immersing themselves in their castles topic, learning all about life in a castle and what each part of a castle is called. They have lost themselves in stories of princes and princesses and researched facts all about the British Monarchy through the ages from Richard III to Queen Elizabeth II. They even had a visit from a dragon who left a dragon egg to look after! This learning culminated in our end of year medieval banquet where each child became a king or queen for the day and enjoyed crown biscuits, medieval dancing and medieval sports. What a wonderful way to complete such an enjoyable topic!

Maple class had a super sporting event on the field, demonstrating all of the Sandy Hill STARS values. It was a pleasure to see the children enjoying being active and striving towards success. Everyone persevered and gave it their best throughout the day, cheering on their peers when supporting from the sidelines and encouraging each other to keep going.

What a wonderful year Marvellous Maple class have had! The adults are incredibly proud of how supportive, resilient and aspirational each and every member of the class is. Good luck in Year 3. We will really miss you!

Mrs Bawden, Mrs Raikes, Miss Derbyshire, Miss Philp and Mrs Freeman.

Year 2 - Willow Class



What an amazing final term we have enjoyed in Willow Class.

Our final topic has been 'Castles'. The children have really enjoyed learning all about life in a castle, studying the different components of castles and linked this to our local area by learning about the castles of Cornwall. We celebrated the end of term with a medieval banquet and the children fully immersed themselves in history to become a king or queen for the day. enjoying crown biscuits, medieval dancing, making knights, coats of arms and dragons. It was lovely to see the smiles across their faces as they wore their crowns.

Willow class had a fantastic time on the field taking part in lots of sporting events for sports day. It was lovely to see them encourage and support the other children in the events especially the running and the egg and spoon race! They all shone like Sandy Hill STARS and showed great self-motivation and resilience.

Willow class have had a wonderful year! All the adults are extremely proud of you all. Good luck in Year 3 and keep smiling.

Miss Rogers, Mrs Case and Mrs Kendall.

Year 3 - Ash Class



Ash class have had a busy but fantastic year, finishing the final term with our Stone Age topic. The children travelled back in time learning about life in the Stone Age and enjoyed being creative, making Stone Age jewellery.

We also enjoyed a fabulous day celebrating World Music Day, with the class proving they were pitch perfect! They managed to link this activity in to their topic, when they performed 'We Will Rock You' Stone-Age style.

The children have also proved what fantastic Sandy Hill scientists they are, participating in STEM Fest South West and a Science Fair this term. The children's curiosity and investigation skills were put to the test when they were asked to answer the Big Question "Do bigger plants have bigger leaves?". The children proved what wonderful Sandy Hill Stars they were by applying their knowledge, problem-solving and evaluation skills to produce some fantastic work. An amazing effort by everyone - well done!

You have all worked so hard over the past year and come on such a journey. All of the adults in Ash Class are so proud of each and every one of you and the resilience you have shown.

Wishing you all every success as you progress in to Year 4.

Mrs Osborne, Mrs Hooper and Mrs Coe

Year 3 - Elm Class



Elm class have enjoyed lots of fun and interesting learning this Summer Term. You have all worked incredibly hard!

Through our Stone Age topic, the children have enjoyed reading 'The Stone Age Boy' and 'How To Wash A Woolly Mammoth'. Lots of fun was had following instructions to make 'woolly mammoths'. They looked fantastic! Stone Age roundhouses have been created using natural materials found in the school grounds. In art, the children have made cave art paintings 'Stone Age style' by painting with mud! A little messy, but lots of fun! The children also created Stone Age necklaces using clay.

In Computing, we have made I Motion movies based on Stone Age stories that we have created. We had to draw our own set and character and then take lots of photos, moving the character, a little bit, each time. In Science, the children had lots of fun completing a mini science week. Elm class investigated whether taller plants have bigger leaves. We also created our own life size plant collage and learnt about photosynthesis and stomata.

Elm class you have been an extraordinary set of learners throughout the entire year and each and every one of you have been a pleasure to teach! On behalf of Mrs Stevens, Miss Winslade and myself, we would like to thank you for being such wonderful Sandy Hill **STARS!** We hope that you all have a fantastic summer and the sun shines as brightly as you all have this year!

Miss O'Brien, Mrs Stevens and Mrs Winslade

Year 4 - Beech Class



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We have had such a busy Summer Term in Year 4 and have enjoyed every minute of it! We were really lucky to welcome Mrs Polak, an Aspire trainee teacher into our class earlier on in the term, who has been a fantastic asset to our class, ensuring learning is always fun, engaging and challenging! Thank you Mrs Polak .

The children have learnt about Clothing Through the Ages where they created a visual timeline from the Stone Age through to now. Also, more recently, we have studied The Anglo-Saxons during English and topic lessons. In art and DT lessons they have created beautiful multi-media animal collages, designed and molded clay Anglo-Saxon inspired pots and have created swords and shields as props for hot seating drama activities.

After working tremendously hard during the schools Mini Science Week, our class won the Science Fair award for Lower Key Stage 2 which we were extremely proud to receive. It has been a whirlwind of a year and definitely one to remember. On behalf of the whole Year 4 teaching team, I would like to say a massive thank you to all of Year 4 (Beech Class) for making it so enjoyable and for being such Sandy **STARS!**

You've been a blast Year 4 - enjoy the summer holidays!

Miss Heather, Mrs Hoar, Mrs Chapman and Mrs Menear

Year 5 - Cedar Class



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Year 5 have enjoyed a busy Summer Term, which has been filled with fantastic learning across the curriculum.

During the term, we completed our Cedar Class Sports Day. The children worked together and supported each other brilliantly to achieve their personal best in a range of athletic challenges. Each participant was enthusiastic to achieve and should be proud of their results!

Though our Ancient Maya topic, we have created some vibrant Mayan themed celebration masks using collage techniques. We learnt all about how celebration masks were used in Mayan times, before designing our own. In DT, we also created a 3D model of a Mayan temple and learnt all about their significance to the Maya.

The children have loved learning all about Space during our Science lessons. We have created a range of models to help us explain the seasons, why we have day and night and also to describe the phases of the moon. We also loved creating a balloon model to help us demonstrate the Big Bang Theory.

All of Cedar Class should be very proud of their achievements and accomplishments this year. They have demonstrated that they are all Sandy Hill STARS!

Mr Lockett, Mrs Simpkins, Mrs Naish and Mrs Blunt

Year 6 - Oak Class



It has been a truly fantastic final term in Year 6 for Oak Class. Not just any term, but the children's final term as a Sandy Hill pupil. It is safe to say that the children have given every effort to their learning, achieving so much on the journey. Not only have the children learned, consolidated and developed their academic skills, they have grown as citizens: the epitome of empathy, co-operation and respect.

The class topic this term has been The Victorians and the children have learned lots about an innovative yet troubled time: getting to grips with inventions, transport, 'ragged' schools and Dr Barnardo. The children were also able to attend a week of intensive swimming where the children made remarkable progress. In addition, a group of children competed in the Lego League and achieved the inclusion award for their caring and supportive behaviour throughout. The children have continued to drive forward with their learning and have showed fantastic resilience and determination throughout. During the term's finale, Oak Class enjoyed a fantastic Sports Day, competing in their house teams in a variety of competitions: Blue Bears emerged victorious (just). Finally, the children had an amazing time at the leaver's disco where lots of memories were made.

It has been a pleasure to teach Oak Class this year and we wish the children well at secondary school and into the future.

Mr Walker, Mrs Simpson and Mrs Antonio

School Meals

Our kitchen and menus are managed by Aspens, with school lunches cooked on site by our fantastic catering team: June, Mark and Kerry.

Each day there is a nutritious, healthy menu which always includes a vegetarian option. Packed lunches and jacket potatoes are also available daily. Please see the sample menu below.

We will also endeavour to cater for any specific dietary need that your child may have. Please make us aware if your child has any dietary requirements or allergies.



11th Jan, 1st Feb, 22nd Feb, 15th March					
WEEK ONE					
	MONDAY Family Faves	TUESDAY Authentic Italian	WEDNESDAY Baking British	THURSDAY Food Festival	FRIDAY Fun Day
Main Event	Bangers & Mash Pork chipolata served with mash, green beans and gravy	Margherita Pizza Cheesy tomato topped pizza with seasonal salad and garlic slice	Roast Chicken Boneless chicken with crispy roasties fresh cauliflower and gravy	Chicken Curry Marinated chicken thigh pieces in a mild curry sauce with rice and fresh courgettes	Fish Fingers Golden breaded Pollock or Salmon fish fingers with chips and peas
Vegetarian Section	Quorn Bangers Quorn sausages with mash, green beans and gravy	Pasta Napollan Wholemeal Penne, tomato sauce seasonal salad and garlic slice	Cheese Pinwheels Toasty cheese spirals with crispy roasties and cauliflower	Sweet Potato Balli Lightly spiced sweet potato, chickpea and lentil curry with rice and fresh courgettes	Picnic Pilla Quorn dippers and minty cucumber salad with chips and pitta pocket
Packed Lunch	Pick and Mix Deli Freshly filled sandwich or roll, healthy snack, home bake and piece of fruit				
Jacket Potatoes					
	Crispy Skin Jacket Potato with Toppings				
The Finale	Tutti Frutti Sponge Dried fruit and cherry cake served with	Sticky Orange Cake Zingy orange cake served with custard	Cheesecake Biscuit base with soft cheese and fruit	Chocolate Brownie Served with	Cookie and Shake Oat Cookie & Chocolate Milkshake

Learning Together

"Tapestry keeps you in touch with your child's day wherever you are"



The image shows the login interface for the Tapestry Online Learning Journal. At the top left is a logo consisting of a grid of colored squares (green, yellow, orange, purple, blue) next to the word "TAPESTRY" in a large, grey, sans-serif font, with "ONLINE LEARNING JOURNAL" in a smaller font below it. Below the logo are two input fields: the first is labeled "Email address" and the second is labeled "Password". Both fields are empty. At the bottom of the form is a blue button with the text "Log in" in white.

Tapestry is an easy-to-use and secure online learning journal that helps staff and families across Aspire academies celebrate their children's learning and development in Nursery and Reception Class.

As parents, the first day of handing over your child to the care of another can be an emotional time. As your child adjusts to experiences without you at their childminder, nursery, or school, parents continue to want to share in these times.

Tapestry facilitates this by enabling a personal journal, or diary, to build over time. Photographs, videos and notes of special moments are not only recorded, but can be made available regularly and often immediately to you via your iPhone or Android App.



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Enhancing connections with
learners from school, from
home, or on the go.



Think of Google Classroom as your child's digital link to learning. Teachers use Google Classroom to share resources, links and assignments with pupils during lessons at school across the curriculum.

KS2 teachers will use Google Classroom to share homework with students and parents. It is a great tool for keeping up to date with your child's learning.



Safeguarding - County Lines

County Lines

What does county lines mean?

County Lines is where illegal drugs are transported from one area to another, often across police and local authority **boundaries** (although not exclusively), usually by children or vulnerable people who are coerced into it by gangs.



What to do if you are concerned:

- Speak to the local Police dialling 101 or in an emergency 999
- Contact Crime Stoppers on 0800 555 111
- Call Childline on 08001111
- Alternatively, speak to a children and young people's service like [Catch 22](#).



Wellbeing

We are delighted to have received a free Wellbeing Box recently, funded by Headstart Kernow, CAMHS and Tate St Ives. Worth almost £800, the Wellbeing Box is packed full of resources including puppets, musical instruments, therapeutic story books, games, cards, sensory items and more! We cannot wait to start using these items with children across the school.



Meet Maple!

Maple is Mrs Bawden's beautiful cocker spaniel who also happens to be registered as a Pets As Therapy dog. Maple popped into school recently to say hello to children from their classroom doors. We are looking forward to welcoming Maple back to Sandy Hill next school year in her Pets As Therapy role.

Pupil Premium



As part of our whole school ethos, inspiring the future, our Pupil Premium pupils, from Nursery to Year 6, have all engaged with workshops, virtual visitors, classroom chat and discussions connected to raising aspirations this term. The Primary Futures programme has been fantastic in starting to share with our pupils the range of career opportunities available – something we aim to build upon further next academic year also.



It has been wonderful to hear great advice around determination, resilience and self-motivation from successful businesses and people working in a range of workplaces, reinforcing the core values of our Sandy Hill STARS.

I ENJOYED THE TRAVEL CAREERS ROADSHOW (ALL ABOARD: TRANSPORT AND TRAVEL) - WE ALSO TALKED ABOUT THE OPPORTUNITIES LINKED TO TOURISM HERE IN ST. AUSTELL. (Y5 PUPIL)

"Be yourself, and don't be afraid to ask for help. Strong people ask for help." Sheilina, Primary Futures volunteer.

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Information & Support



TIME2MOVE
Holiday Programme
Goes Live!

Ages 5-16

Fun activities for everyone varying from circus skills to beach activities and every session includes a FREE meal for all children.

Activities are taking place across Cornwall throughout the summer holidays, find one in your area by visiting our website:
www.activecornwall.org/T2MHolidayProgramme

Find out more

- Activities available for children aged 5-16
- Free places for ALL children eligible for Free School Meals

For more information contact:
✉ lewis.sanders@cornwall.gov.uk
☎ 07527 470537

Have fun with friends this summer and attend a Time2Move Holiday Programme near you.

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BlackbirdPie
Cornwall's what's-on for families

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Local Resources

St Austell Foodbank - 01726 65313

Crisis Care Award (Cornwall County Council)
- 0300 1234 121

Housing (Cornwall County Council) - 0300 1234 161

First Light (Domestic Violence Support) -
0300 777 4777



Free School Meals* voucher 

The one-off summer payment Free School Meals voucher has now been issued via Wonde for all children eligible for *benefits-related Free School Meals. For IT support, please visit

<https://www.wonde.com/contact-us>





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