



# Newsletter

2 March 2020

## Spring Term

Welcome back. We hope you all had an enjoyable half term holiday, despite the poor weather, and are feeling refreshed and ready for the remainder of the Spring term ahead.

This is the first of our half-termly newsletters. You will have noticed that the format of this newsletter has changed from previous editions as much of our class news, stars of the week, awards and successes are now shared on our social media and class blogs on our website. Please continue to visit our school website and social media to keep up to date with the latest news and action from class.

On the topic of class blogs and social media, in order to include your child in these photos we do require your consent. On 28 January we issued 8 updated consents via Arbor. Having reviewed the responses, it would appear that many are yet to complete these consents. Please may we ask you all to ensure that you have reviewed and updated the consents issued, particularly the 'Image usage' consents.

We would also ask you to ensure you log in to Arbor on a regular basis and check your email accounts for letters home, to ensure you do not miss any vital communications.

The children have all settled back into school really well following their return from half term. We've had a variety of topics and activities already this week which have included making pancakes, dance, learning about investments, and created some fantastic Springtime art work.



Our student Health & Safety representatives also attended a very informative workshop at Nansledan School in Newquay on Wednesday.

We would like to thank everyone who donated items for our Bag2School fundraising. We were thrilled to receive a cheque for £120 following our last collection on 13 February. We shall be arranging a further collection in the near future and will provide you with further details shortly.

As you will see from our forthcoming events calendar, we have much planned for the remaining four weeks of this term. Please continue to check our social media and school website for all of the latest news.

## Forthcoming Events

3 & 5 March - Extra curricular clubs start again

3 March - Nursery Healthy Movers (Further information in the nursery newsletter)

5 March - World Book Day and 'Read & Relax' Bake Sale 3-4pm ([Letter home](#))

5 March - St Piran's Day Themed Menu ([Letter home](#))

6 March - Reception class sharing writing books (2:30pm)

6th to 15th March - British Science Week

9th to 17th March - Visits to St Austell Library (More detail to follow)

13 March - Sport Relief

20 March - Reception class sponsored 'Stomp'

24 March - Songfest 2020

25 March - Nursery sponsored 'Bunny Hop'

27 March - Nursery & reception class sharing Learning Journeys 1:30pm

27 March - End of term (2pm finish)

14 April - Summer Term begins



We will be celebrating **World Book Day on Thursday 5 March**, by inviting the children to dress as their favourite character from a book or alternatively wear non-uniform. Costumes need not be purchased, using items from home that you already have can be just as creative and fun to make!

We are also welcoming parents and families to come into school from 3pm-4pm to share our love of reading. We are hosting a 'Read & Relax' bake sale, where we shall be selling various baked items and refreshments, holding a book swap and more importantly inviting you to spend some time reading together with your child.

If you are willing to donate any books for the book swap or baked items (home-made or shop bought) for the sale, we would be very grateful to receive your donations via the school office by noon on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2020. Thank you.



## Attendance

**Whole School : 95.5%**

**W/E 28th February 2020**

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

Mrs Evans - 95.8%

Miss Polmounter - 94.3%

Mrs Bawden - 95.5%

Ms Green - 93.7%

Miss Bussandri - 95.8%

Mrs Osborne - 94.1%

Miss O'Brien - 96.9%

Miss Heather - 95.8%

Miss Rogers - 96.5%

Mr Walker & Mr Lockett - 96.6%

## Menu

**Week beginning:**

**Monday 2 March 2020**

**Menu Choice - Week 2**

**Price £2.30\***

*\*For children not entitled to free school meals*



## Sandy Hill Academy

### We aim to be STARS

- Self motivated
- Thinkers
- Aspirational
- Resilient
- Supportive

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## Contacting School

The school office is staffed from 8am until 4pm during term time. During these hours please contact either Mrs Kendall or Mrs Williams, who will be more than happy to assist with any queries you may have. Outside of these hours or during holidays, please either phone and leave a message on the answerphone or alternatively email the office.

We will respond to any messages or emails as soon as possible **during normal office opening times**.

Teachers are always keen to see parents, however, we ask that ideally you wait until the **end of the day** once all pupils are dismissed. Of course, if you need to see your child's teacher urgently about something that affects that day; you can contact them through the office before school, coming in at the earlier time, between **8:00 – 8:15** should you wish. After 8:15 the teachers need to be ready to be with the children in class— something we undoubtedly all want.

We would also request that all emails are directed to the school office ([info@sandyhill.org.uk](mailto:info@sandyhill.org.uk)) and not to individual teachers or staff members. Again, all emails will be responded to during office hours. We will ensure your communications are forwarded promptly as appropriate.



Thank you for your co-operation.



## Other news

Mr. Williams has taken the difficult decision to conclude his employment at Sandy Hill Academy, and has agreed to move on with immediate effect to allow the school to plan ahead. We are grateful for his contribution and are confident, along with us, you wish him well.

Moving forwards, we are very pleased to inform you that Mrs. Bawden has agreed to undertake the role of KS1 Lead, teaching Year 1, with immediate effect through until the end of the summer term. In her role across Aspire, Mrs. Bawden has been working with many Key Stage 1 teaching teams across the Trust, including our own here at Sandy Hill, so we are confident of ensuring a smooth transition for the Year 1 children and the entire Key Stage 1 team.

## Social Media

Find us on:



[www.sandyhill.org.uk](http://www.sandyhill.org.uk)



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