

Half Termly Newsletter

18 December 2020

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News

It is hard to believe that we have reached the end of term already, with Christmas just one week away.

The term began with much trepidation, as the children and staff returned to school having to adapt to new routines, but has certainly ended on a high!



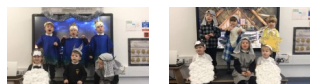
We have had an amazing Autumn term, with highlights including the delivery of new library books for all year groups, anti-bullying workshops, BBC Music workshops, presentations from the Cats Protection League and the RAF, dance battles and virtual sports league events to name but a few.



All the children have enjoyed a fantastic final week of term with plenty of festive activities, a delicious Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day.



Whilst we haven't been able to invite you in to school as we usually would to watch your child(ren)'s Christmas performance, we were thrilled to still be able to put on a performance for you and share these with you this week via Tapestry and Google Classroom.



We are sure that your children were very excited to share this with you.



When the children return in the new year, we hope to restart music

lessons in the week commencing 11th January. Further detail regarding music lessons will be provided in the first week of January when we return to school.

We hope you all have a safe and restful Christmas and New Year.

We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Wednesday 6 January.



Forthcoming Events

21st December to 1st January - Christmas holiday

4th & 5th January - INSET Days (School closed to pupils)

6th January - Children return to school

w/c 11th January - Music lessons to resume (Rocksteady, violin)

COVID-19 REPORTING OVER CHRISTMAS

Important guidance for parents/carers relating to reporting positive cases over the Christmas holidays:

For the first 6 days after the end of school, if a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms **within** 48 hours of being in school, please use the Aspire reporting form at www.aspireacademytrust.org/coronavirus as the school is asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school.

Where a pupil (or staff member) tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms **more than** 48 hours since being in school, the school should **NOT** be contacted (until the first day of the new term). Parents and carers should instead follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

School staff are NOT asked to remain on-call or conduct any contact tracing more than 6 days after the final day of teaching.

Stay safe and well and have a wonderful Christmas!

Homework & Remote Learning

Thank you to all of you who have uploaded your child(ren)'s homework to either Tapestry or Google Classroom.

Each class is encouraging the engagement of children who have uploaded their homework online; this is a fantastic means of support and communication for home learning.

If you are having any difficulties in uploading your child(ren)'s work, please either phone or email the school office who will be happy to help.



Aspens Catering

Aspire Academy Trust have appointed a new school caterer. When we return to school in the new year, our chosen provider for school meals will be Aspens.

Aspens will continue to provide a 3-week rotational menu. The menu contains a main option (meat, fish or vegetarian) as well as offering an alternative vegetarian dish, jacket potato with filling or sandwich option.

The new menus will be uploaded to ParentPay shortly and a text message issued to confirm bookings may be made.

If your child has any food allergies or specific dietary need, please ensure you complete and return the Aspens' [allergens form](#) to the school office on their return to school on 6th January.



Attendance

Whole School : 96.9%

W/E 18 December 2020

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

Miss Penny – 98.1%

Mrs. Evans – 98.5%

Miss Bussandri - 97.6%

Miss Brandreth - 96.9%

Mrs. Bawden - 97.6%

Miss Rogers - 96.6%

Miss O'Brien - 95.1%

Mrs. Osborne - 97.3%

Miss Heather - 96.4%

Mr. Lockett - 96.5%

Mr. Walker - 95.7%

Menu

Week beginning :

Monday 4 January 2021
Menu Choice - Week 3
£2.35 per day

January 2021				
FOOD FESTIVAL				
MONDAY Family Faves	TUESDAY Authentic Italian	WEDNESDAY Sizzling British	THURSDAY Food Festival	FRIDAY Fun Day
Main Event Pasta Whirl Chicken pasta with tomato, mushrooms and wedges	Lasagne Beef and mushrooms layered with pasta topped with white sauce, garlic, cheese and mozzarella	Roast Chicken Roasted chicken with mash, fresh carrots and gravy	Chinese Chicken Chicken with vegetables and sauce	Fishcakes Fish cakes with chips and sauce
Vegetarian Section Mediterranean Pasta with a crunchy topping and wedges	Vegetarian Lasagne Beef and mushrooms layered with pasta topped with white sauce, garlic, cheese and mozzarella	Quorn Roast Quorn with vegetables and sauce	Beany Enchilada Beans with vegetables and sauce	Vegan Souvlaki Vegan souvlaki with chips and sauce
Packed Lunch Jacket Potatoes	Pick and Mix Deli Healthy filled sandwich or roll, healthy snack, home bake and piece of fruit			
The Finale Italian Crumble Cake Crumble top and bottom filled with apples served with custard	Jelly and Fruit Fruit flavoured jelly with extra fruit	Ice Cream Vanilla ice cream with chocolate toppings	Apple Faggots Soft, apple and sauce home baked in a chewy bun	Cookie and Shake Lemon Cookie and Berry Milkshake

Please ensure you book your child's lunch on [ParentPay](#) by 11:59pm the day before.

Sandy Hill Academy

We aim to be STARS

- Self motivated
- Thinkers
- Aspirational
- Resilient
- Supportive

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Sandy Hill Academy



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

Staff Christmas Donations

In what has been a difficult year for many of our local families, our staff at Sandy Hill Academy have taken the decision to make donations of food and household items in lieu of giving Christmas cards to one another. Our collection has been a great success, with items being donated to our local St Austell Foodbank and families.

If you find yourself needing support over the festive period, please see take a look at this [list of organisations](#) who may be able to help you.



A TYPICAL FOOD PARCEL INCLUDES:

- Breakfast cereals
- Soup
- Pasta
- Rice
- Pasta sauce
- Tinned beans
- Tinned meat
- Tinned vegetables
- Tinned fruit
- Tea or coffee
- Biscuits
- Snacks

St Austell Food bank

OPENING TIMES		ADDRESS
Mon	13:00 - 15:00	The Light & Life Centre, The Sidings Brunel Business Park St. Austell Cornwall PL25 4TJ
Tue	13:00 - 15:00	
Wed	Closed	
Thu	13:00 - 15:00	
Fri	13:00 - 15:00	
Sat	Closed	
Sun	Closed	

Useful Information

St Austell Foodbank	01726 65313
Crisis Team Award	0300 1234121
Cornwall Housing	03001234 161
First Light (Domestic Violence support)	0300 777 4777
Emergency Dentist	01872 354375/ 0333 405 0290

Blackbird Pie Magazine

Blackbird Pie are continuing to produce a 'virtual' magazine, that you can enjoy online on a computer, tablet or a mobile phone.

Click [here](#) to view the latest edition of the magazine.

Happy reading, stay safe and enjoy the festive break.

