



Half Termly Newsletter

23 October 2020

Forthcoming Events

26th to 30th October - Half term

2nd November - Return to school - UK Parliament Week

5th November - Bonfire Night themed menu

16th December - Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day

21st December to 1st January - Christmas holiday

Aspiring to achieve, determined to succeed.

News

Despite the unprecedented times we all find ourselves in, it has been a positive and successful first half of the Autumn term. The children have been incredible in adapting to our new routines whilst still achieving what is expected of them each day. They have demonstrated a great attitude and resilience, something we are very proud of.

Across the school the children have enjoyed a wide variety of activities already this half term. With topics ranging from what makes us unique, seasonal changes, the ancient Egyptians, Romans Vs Celts, Vikings, WW2 and even an online talk from the Cats Protection League.

Year 2 have learnt so many facts about The Great Fire of London this

half term. Miss Rogers and Mrs Bawden are incredibly proud of how engaged the Year Two children have been.

The children have also taken part in some great PE sessions.

Over the past week we have held over 325 parent meetings. Although we haven't been able to meet in person, it has still been valuable to have the opportunity to talk with you and share your child's progress and answer any questions you may have had.

We are also very pleased to have been able to reopen our breakfast and after school club this term.

We would like to thank all of our Sandy Hill families for your understanding and patience whilst we have been refining our

drop-off and collection processes over the past few weeks.

Looking forward to the next half term, we hope to arrange for the school photographer to visit for individual pupil portraits. Due to current COVID restrictions, and the need to maintain class bubbles, we are unfortunately unable to offer sibling or family group photos on this occasion. We will provide further information regarding school photos when we return after half term.

We hope you all have an enjoyable and well deserved break. We look forward to welcoming you [back to school on Monday 2nd November](#).

Reporting Coronavirus

If your child or someone in your household tests positive for COVID-19, please report this immediately by phoning the school office on 01726 75858.

During the school holiday or outside of school hours, please report this direct to Aspire Academy Trust by completing the form found at:

www.aspireacademytrust.org/coronavirus

More from Our Staff Team...

Mrs Chown - PSA



Parent Support Advisor

My role is to be here to help you and your child get the best from your school by providing support, advice and information. I work closely with families to support school staff and external agencies in partnership with families. I will be happy to help you with any concerns whatsoever you may have such as changes in behaviour, child sleep issues, debt management or housing concerns.

Mrs Carter—SENDCo



Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Coordinator

Hello! I am the SEND-Co at Sandy Hill and my role is to lead and coordinate the provision for pupils with special educational needs. I do this by working closely with teachers, teaching assistants and parents to create programmes of support to meet the needs of the child. I also work with a range of external agencies such as Speech and Language Therapists, Occupational Therapists, Educational Psychologists and a range of medical professionals. Our aim at Sandy Hill is to support all children with their learning and ensure they are fully included in all school activities. You know your child best - if you have any questions or concerns please get in touch. I am always happy to talk these over, offer advice and discuss possible strategies to support.

A half term note from some of our staff



Hello! I am Miss Polmounter and this year I am the Nursery Teacher in Acorns class at Sandy Hill Academy. This is my second year of teaching at Sandy Hill Academy as last year I was one of the Reception Teachers. I thoroughly enjoy teaching at Sandy Hill Academy and I am also very excited to be able to lead DT and our Eco Council this year. It has been a pleasure to welcome all of our new Nursery children this September and it has been lovely to see them blossom and begin to develop new friendships. I am really looking forward to supporting their learning journey as the school year continues!



Hello everyone! My name is Miss Penny and I teach the Reception Apple class. It's my first year at Sandy Hill Academy, and I have been so excited to get to know the children and the school. We have had a brilliant start to the term; the children are settling wonderfully and lots of friendships are being made. I can't wait to see what else we get up to this year!



I just wanted to introduce myself. I am Miss Brandreth, Year 1 Chestnut Class teacher. It has been wonderful to meet so many of you already. I am looking forward to getting to know you all more. I am excited for the year ahead that is going to be filled with lots of learning and laughter.



Hello I am Miss Bussandri. I teach Holly Class, Year One. It has been lovely to welcome your children into Key Stage One and the new academic year. I have taught at Sandy Hill Academy for several years and so have had the pleasure of meeting some parents/carers previously through teaching some of my current class' siblings. The children never fail to astound me with their positive attitude to learning and willingness to tackle new challenges they meet. I am looking forward to our Year One learning journey.



Hello I am Miss Rogers. I teach Willow Class, Year Two. It has been lovely to welcome your children into the new academic year. I have been at Sandy Hill Academy for many years now and have worked with many siblings along the way. It has been lovely to see the smiles across their faces every morning and having a positive attitude towards learning. I am looking forward to the year ahead.



Hi, I'm Miss O'Brien and I teach Year 3 (Elm class) and I also lead History and Geography across the school. I have been teaching at Sandy for many years now (17 I think) and it is a great place to be. It has been so lovely to welcome my new class back to school and I have been very impressed with how keen and hard working they have all been. I couldn't have wished for a better start to the year! Outside of school I love walking my 3 dogs, one of which is a 6-month-old Springador called Marley. He definitely keeps me busy!



Hello I am Mrs. Osborne. This is my third year of teaching at Sandy Hill Academy and I am really excited for the year ahead! What a fabulous start to the year welcoming back so many happy, smiley children! I am currently teaching Year 3 (Ash Class) and am also responsible for leading Science learning across the school. Outside of school, I enjoy spending time with my family, keeping active and enjoying all that Cornwall has to offer.



Firstly, a big 'welcome back' to all our fantastic pupils – it has been lovely to see so many enthusiastic faces ready to embrace the new academic year! My name is Miss Heather and I am the Year 4 (Beech Class) teacher here at Sandy Hill and lead Computing across the school. I am very excited to launch our new topics for this term in Year 4 and love seeing what each class have been learning about each week. In my free time, I enjoy spending time with my friends and family, reading and experimenting with new recipes in the kitchen.



Hi there. I'm Mr. Lockett, Year 5 (Cedar Class) Teacher. I am also the very proud leader of English and Reading across the school. It has been a pleasure to welcome the Year 5 children back to school and relish the opportunity to support their learning through this year.

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.



Arbor

Thank you to everyone who booked a parent meeting via Arbor. It was really encouraging to see that 99% of our parents have accessed Arbor at some point.

As we use Arbor for all essential school communications, we would highly recommend that you download the Arbor app to your phone if you haven't yet already done so.

Once the app is installed, we would also suggest that you enable Arbor 'Push Notifications' on your phone settings to ensure that you do not miss any messages from us.

By installing the app, it enables you to check and amend your personal data (e.g. address, contact details, child medical details), reply to text messages, provide parent consent for various activities, enrol in clubs and activities as well as being able to view your child's attendance information.

Please click [here](#) to download the Arbor app or view the user guide for parents.



Attendance

Whole School : 96.4%

W/E 23 October 2020

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

Miss Penny – 97.7%

Mrs. Evans – 98.3%

Miss Bussandri - 96.0%

Miss Brandreth - 96.0%

Mrs. Bawden - 96.9%

Miss Rogers - 96.7%

Miss O'Brien - 94.1%

Mrs. Osborne - 97.3%

Miss Heather - 95.7%

Mr. Lockett - 96.7%

Mr. Walker - 95.9%

Menu

Week beginning :

Monday 2nd November 2020

Menu Choice - Week 3

£2.35 per day



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

We need to ensure exact lunch numbers and seating arrangements in advance.

Sandy Hill Academy

We aim to be STARS

- Self motivated
- Thinkers
- Aspirational
- Resilient
- Supportive

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www.sandyhill.org.uk



Sandy Hill Academy



@sandyacademy

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

Harvest Collection

Unfortunately we've been unable to have a Harvest Festival in our usual format this year. However, staff have made donations to our local foodbank. We are sharing this information with you, should you wish to support this worthy charity.

Donations should be taken directly to St Austell Food Bank whose details as shown on the poster below.

SCHOOL HARVEST COLLECTION 2020



COLLECTION POINT HERE

SHOPPING LIST TOP TEN ITEMS

- Milk (UHT or powdered)
- Fruit juice (long life)
- Soup
- Pasta sauces
- Tinned sponge pudding
- Tinned tomatoes
- Tinned vegetables
- Cereals
- Tinned rice pudding
- Jam

*Don't forget...
You can help transform more lives with a financial donation too.*

DONATE NOW!

Help by donating an item or two from our shopping list so we can provide emergency food to people in crisis.



St Austell foodbank

The Light & Life Centre, Units 4-5 Brunel Business Park,
The Sidings, St Austell, PL25 4TJ
email: info@staustell.foodbank.org.uk
web: www.staustell.foodbank.org.uk
Registered Charity in England & Wales 1128866





Please help local people in crisis by donating items from our shopping list:

items we need regularly:

- tinned rice pudding
- tinned fruit
- tinned meat
- long life milk (UHT)
- tinned tomatoes
- fruit juice (long life)
- tinned fish
- tinned soup
- pasta sauce
- jam
- biscuits
- instant coffee
- cereal
- long grain rice
- tinned vegetables
- soft drinks
- crisps, snacks and sweets
- cup a soup, pot noodles, packet noodles, microwave rice

items we always have plenty of:

- baked beans, tea, pasta & porridge

foodbanks provide 3 days of emergency food to local individuals and families in crisis who have been referred to us by other agencies

thank you



Reg. Charity No: 1110522 | Registered in Eng. & Wales The St Austell foodbank is run as a project of St Austell Light and Life Church (registered charity 1128866) in partnership with our community

Blackbird Pie Magazine goes virtual

Usually around half term we would be sending your child home with a copy of Blackbird Pie magazine. Due to the current climate the team that produce the magazine felt it unwise to distribute paper magazines so they have gone 'virtual' and produced a Blackbird Pie magazine that you can view online on a computer, tablet or mobile.

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

Happy reading, keep safe and well and have a great autumn!

