



Signpost



Dear Parents

Thank you for all your donations to Children in Need today. We have all been very cosy in our onesies and jim-jams, and together have raised £194 for the charity. Thanks also to all the children who brought in shoeboxes for the Operation Christmas Child appeal. This year we have collected 75 shoeboxes to brighten up Christmastime for children in another part of the world.

Next week is Road Safety Week. During the week classes will be having quizzes and competitions, with prizes to be won! Children will be reminded about how they can keep themselves safe near traffic – please encourage them to talk about how they can stay safe when you are out and about.



When children use technology in school, we teach them about ways they can protect themselves and their information. On **Tuesday 22nd November at 6pm** we are offering parents the opportunity to attend an information session (to be held at the Junior academy), which will offer ideas about how you can help keep your children safe online at home. There will also be someone on hand to answer any questions you may have and offer guidance around the safe use of digital technology.

From Monday 28th November, children will be making Christingles for our special assembly to mark the start of the Christmas period. Could your child please bring in a lovely big orange, which will be decorated for the occasion. Please also note that children will be bringing their Christingles home on Thursday 1st December, and they include a candle.

Thanks to all the children who have brought in a decorated lucky bag for the Christmas Fair. This is always a very popular stall, so the more bags we receive, the longer the fun will last! On **Friday 2nd December** we are collecting chocolate for the Chocolate Tombola – another very popular game on Christmas Fair day. Children may dress up or wear their own clothes for the day, and bring a chocolate contribution for the Christmas Fair. We promise that the teachers won't eat it all!

On Monday 12th December we have our Christmas dinner. If your child usually has a packed lunch, but would like a school dinner, please let the office know by Monday morning so that the correct number of lunches can be ordered.

A reminder of other key dates for the term can be found below.

Thanks

Allie Majer

Class Attendance – The percentage attendances for the week ending 04/11/16

The 100% attendance sticker and certificate was not awarded this week.

Blue Class 92.9%, Yellow Class 95.7%, Red Class 97.1%, Orange Class 99.2%, Silver Class 96.7%, Purple Class 98.3%, Rainbow Class 98.3%, Green Class 97.8% and Pink Class 99.2%

The average attendance for every child should be 95.0% or higher.

Class Attendance – The percentage attendances for the week ending 11/11/16

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Blue Class 86.7%, Yellow Class 86.2%, Red Class 95.3%, Orange Class 96.7%, Silver Class 95.0%, Purple Class 95.5%, Rainbow Class 94.0%, Green Class 98.6% and Pink Class 93.9%

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w/c 21st November 2016



School dinner/packed lunch – Please could we ask that one full week’s notice is given if you wish to change between school dinner and packed lunch.



School Office

Please note that the school office and telephone is staffed between 8.15am and 3.45pm. An answerphone service operates outside these hours.

Christingle Service – we will be holding a Christingle Service for the children on Thursday 1st December. Please could all children bring in an **ORANGE**, to make their Christingle with, on **Monday 28th November**. Please DO NOT send an alternative citrus fruit – it really needs to be a lovely round fat orange!!

Year 2 to Year 3 Transfer to Junior Forms – please ensure they are completed either on-line or by paper copy to be returned to the infant school office asap.

Cold weather – As the weather is changeable and we are having increasing spells of cold and wet conditions, may I ask that all children have appropriate footwear and coats.

Crossing Patrol of the Year



Mark does an excellent job of helping us all to stay safe on the way to and from school. You will find a voting slip in your child’s book bag for the Crossing Patrol of the Year, and it would be great if once again the award came to Signhills! Please show your support, and return your completed slips to school by **Friday 2nd December**.

Leave of absence

If you need to take your child out of school (other than medical appointments), please complete a Leave of Absence Form (available from the school office). If the absence request is for a holiday, evidence of it being an ‘exceptional circumstance’ **must be submitted with the request**. Please return forms with a minimum of six weeks notice.

The Signhills Blog

The Signpost Newsletter is usually published on a Friday every two weeks. It will be available by email, on our school website and the Signhills blog. Paper copies will be available from the school office.

We have established a Signhills blog - signhillsblog.wordpress.com – and we use this to let you know about events and activities in school. Signpost will also be published here. There is a link on the blog so you can ‘follow’, and it is also linked to a Twitter feed - @signhillsblog.

Appointments – If your child needs to attend an appointment for doctor, dentist, opticians or hospital during school time – I would be grateful if you could bring in the appointment card/letter to the School Office for us to copy for our records. Where possible these appointments should be made outside school hours.

Pastoral Advice and Support – If you have any concerns regarding your child’s academic, emotional and physical wellbeing, please see your child’s class teacher in the first instance. If you would like to speak to our learning mentor, Mrs Barrett, or our Deputy Head, Mrs Whitham, please make an appointment at the school office.

PARKING – When coming to or collecting from school, please can you ensure you park in a safe and appropriate place. **DO NOT** block dropped kerbs, stop/park on zig-zag lines or park on the corner of a road, all of which are an offence.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS – TERM 1 AND 2

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
FITC – Year 2 19 th Sept - 5 th Dec (9 weeks) Collect from Hall 4.20pm	Yoga – Year 1 & Year 2 20 th Sept – 29 th Nov (10 weeks) Collect from Hall 4.10pm	Martial Arts – Year 1 & Year 2 21 st Sept – 7 th Dec (10 weeks) Collect from Hall 4.10pm	Fit n Fun – Year 1 & Year 2 22 nd Sept – 1 st Dec (10 weeks) Collect from Hall 4.10pm
Lego Club – Year 2/Group 2 7 th Nov - 5 th Dec (5 weeks) Collect from Year 1 door 4.10pm			Choir – Year 1 & Year 2 22 nd Sept – 1 st Dec (10 weeks) Collect from Year 1 door 4.20pm
			Recorders – Year 1 & Year 2 22 nd Sept – 1 st Dec (10 weeks) Lunchtime Club

Christmas Fair

Friday 9th December 2.45 p.m.

Lucky Bag stall

Could you help donate goodies to put in our 'lucky bags'? Little treats such as sweets, crayons, homemade cookies, hair clips, marbles etc. (in fact anything that appeals to children and fits into a bag!) can be put in the white paper bags. Please could you decorate/colour it to make it look nice, then bring them into school as soon as possible. Please only include items of a condition that you would like your child to win. Additional bags are available from the office.

**Wine Bottles/
Bottle bags**

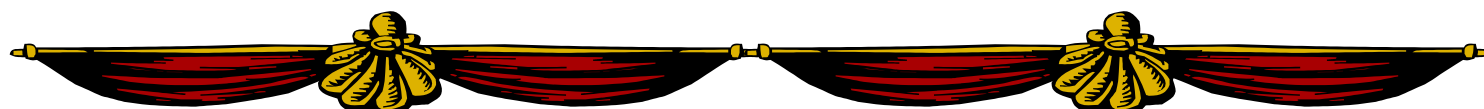
We need wine bottle bags, full wine bottles (screw top) and empty wine bottles for our 'Water to Wine' stall. If you have any, please could you deliver them to the school office – please do not send them in with your child.

Cake stall

Please send in any donations of cakes (homemade or bought) to the school office on the morning of the Christmas Fair.

Raffle

If you have any prizes you would like to donate or know any companies that are willing to donate, could you please send them into the school office as soon as possible.



DIARY DATES

November

Monday 21st
Tuesday 22nd
Friday 25th

Road Safety Week
e-Safety information session – 6pm Junior Academy
Year 2 Celebration Assembly

Monday 28th

All children to bring an orange to school for Christingle

December

Thursday 1st
Friday 2nd
Friday 2nd
Tuesday 6th
Wednesday 7th
Wednesday 7th
Rainbow Class 9.00am – 10.30am
Thursday 8th
Friday 9th
Friday 9th

Christingle
Year 1 Celebration Assembly
Non-uniform day – Chocolate donations for the Christmas Fair
Reception Christmas Play – Blue Class 9.30am
Reception Christmas Play – Red Class 9.30am
Year 2 Christmas wreath making
Pink Class 10.30am – 12.00pm Green Class 1.15pm – 2.45pm
Reception Christmas Play – Yellow Class 9.30am
Year 1 Christmas Assembly 9.10am
Christmas Fair 2.45pm – 3.45pm

Monday 12th
Monday 12th
Tuesday 13th
Wednesday 14th
Thursday 15th
Friday 16th
Friday 16th

Christmas Jumper Day
Christmas dinner
Reception Christmas Party Day
Year 1 Christmas Party Day
Year 2 Christmas Party Day
Year 2 Christmas Assembly 9.10am
End of Term 2



TERM 1

SIGNHILLS STARS

16/9/15	Fares Metawea	Isla Boyington	Charlie Jensen	Ben McKeown
23/9/15	Arthur Justice	Dan Bota	Guy Swaine	Summer Call
30/9/15	Charlotte Keith	Rio Reynolds	Chloe Jones	Dayton-Lee Gray
7/10/15	Isobella Bradshaw	Spencer Taylor	Darci Channon	Isla Marsh
14/10/15	Daisy Barton	Alfie Robinson	Liam Wood	Joshua Davy



SENSATIONAL STARS

16/9/15	Joseph Foster	Emily Eastwood
23/9/15	West Baker	Tyler Webber
30/9/15	Freya Young	Isaac Oldfield
07/10/15	Ava Harris	Jake Welby
14/10/15	Amelia Grigg	Yousif Maeroof



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