

Signpost

Dear Parents and Carers

Many thanks to everyone who brought in chocolate donations for the Christmas Fair today and 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! Over the next couple of weeks we will be preparing a landing area for our special visitor's transport, and making the tinsel extra sparkly for our Christmas Fair on Friday 8th December. Please ensure you complete and return the letter to indicate whether you will collect your child for the fair. Thanks also to all the children who have brought in shoeboxes for the Operation Christmas Child appeal. This year we have collected 55 shoeboxes to brighten up Christmastime for children in another part of the world. The morning of Monday 27th will be the last day that we are able to receive them. Thank you also for all your donations to Children In Need this year. The children enjoyed a onesie day and we raised a total of £246 for the charity.

Today we held our final Celebration Assembly of 2017. Next Friday is our Christingle assembly (children only) and the following two weeks children in Year 1 then Year 2 will share their Christmas Assemblies. Children in Reception have been working hard on their Christmas play, Shine Star, Shine! and are very excited about their upcoming performances. Unfortunately, due to an outbreak of chicken pox the performances have been put back a week. Parents are invited to watch the play on the day their child's class performs: Blue Class on Tuesday 12th, Red Class on Wednesday 13th and Yellow Class on Thursday 14th. Younger siblings are welcome to watch the performance, but please show consideration towards our little actors and take brothers and sisters out into the corridor if they become a distraction. We do not make a charge for tickets and do not restrict numbers, but do invite the audience to make a donation towards our school funds. Children will help to decide how this money is spent. Our Christmas Dinner day is Friday 15th December. Please ensure you inform the office if your child usually has packed lunch and would like a Christmas dinner.

A reminder that as part of our e-Safety provision, we have arranged training led by Alan McKenzie of 'e-Safety Adviser'. This will be held on **Wednesday 29th November at 6pm at the Junior Academy**. Alan will provide information for parents on the phone apps and console/pc games that are 'current' with children and young people. He will also have advice on how to talk to children about keeping themselves safe online, be it on X-Box Live, their phone, or the many other ways you can get online these days!! He will also be able to answer any questions you may have.

Allie Majer

Class Attendance – The percentage attendances for the week ending 10/11/17 **92.5%**

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

Blue Class 85.5%, Yellow Class 90.7%, Red Class 89.7%, Orange Class 88.9%, Silver Class 95.3%, Purple Class 89.7%, Rainbow Class 97.9%, Green Class 98.7% and Pink Class 95.7%

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

Class Attendance – The percentage attendances for the week ending 17/11/17 **93.8%**

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

Blue Class 92.1%, Yellow Class 96.3%, Red Class 92.4%, Orange Class 90.4%, Silver Class 96.3%, Purple Class 90.0%, Rainbow Class 97.6%, Green Class 95.0% and Pink Class 93.6%

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w/c 27th November 2017



At the beginning and end of the school day, 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. Can we also ask that you demonstrate safe crossing of the road to your children by using Mark, the road crossing patrol man. We are very lucky to have him.

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.

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 in between each edition of the Signpost newsletter. Signpost will also be published here. There is a link on the website and blog so you can 'follow', and it is also linked to a Twitter feed - @signhillsblog. This is a good way to receive information to a second email address.



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 pupil support manager, Mrs Barrett, please make an appointment at the school office.

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.

Dogs – Could we please remind you that dogs are NOT to be brought into the school or grounds, except for guide dogs. (This includes carrying your dog) If dogs are left outside the school, could we ask that for Health and Safety reasons they do not obstruct the pavement or entrances. Thank you.

Clothes for wet weather – If you have any spare tights that we could have (larger sizes – 6yr+), please send them into the Office.

Christmas Fair

Friday 8th December 2.45 p.m.

Lucky bag stall

Could you help donate goodies to put in our 'lucky bags'? Little treats such as toys, sweets, crayons, 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 be happy for your child to win.** Additional bags are available from the office. *Bags will be sent home soon.*

Wine tombola stall

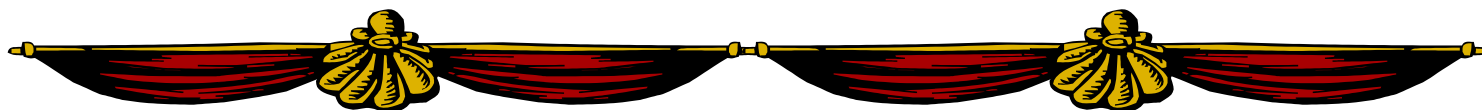
-We need wine for our wine tombola stall. If you have any, please could you deliver them to the school office – please do not send them in with your child.

Raffle

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

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS – TERM 2

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
FITC – Year 2 27 th Nov & 4 th Dec Collect from Hall 4.20pm	Gymnastics FINAL WEEK 28 th Nov Drop off at Hall 8.00am	Martial Arts – Year 1 & Year 2 FINAL WEEK 29 th Nov Collect from Hall 4.10pm	Archery FINAL WEEK 30 th Nov Drop off at Hall 8.00am
Lego Club – Year 2/Group 2 27 th Nov & 4 th Dec Collect from Year 1 door 4.10pm	Yoga – Year 1 & Year 2 FINAL WEEK 28 th Nov Collect from Hall 4.10pm		Choir – Year 1 & Year 2 FINAL WEEK 30 th Nov Collect from Year 1 door 4.00pm
			Fit n Fun – Year 1 & Year 2 FINAL WEEK 30 th Nov Collect from Hall



DIARY DATES

<u>November</u>	Monday 27 th	Shoe boxes collected. PLEASE DO NOT BRING IN BOXES AFTER THIS DATE.
<u>December</u>	Friday 1 st	Christingle Assembly
	Friday 8 th	Year 1 Christmas Assembly Christmas Fair 2.45pm – 3.45pm
	Tuesday 12 th	Reception Christmas Play - 9.30am BLUE CLASS
	Wednesday 13 th	Reception Christmas Play - 9.30am RED CLASS Year 1 Parent Sharing Session 2.45pm
	Thursday 14 th	Reception Christmas Play - 9.30am YELLOW CLASS
	Friday 15 th	Christmas Jumper Day Year 2 Christmas Assembly Christmas Dinner
	Monday 18 th	Reception and Year 1 Christmas Party Day
	Tuesday 19 th	Year 2 Christmas Party Day
	Wednesday 20 th	End of Term 2 - 2.00pm. Letter to follow at a later date



TERM 2

SIGNHILLS STARS

03/11/17	Isabelle Huxford Dan Bota	Brent McArdle Ebony Clarkson	Ethan Scott	Kieran Tomlinson-Burch
24/11/17	Jackson Lundy Henry Hinchliffe	Elsie Castle Abigail Schofield	Scott Goodall	Spencer Roach



SENSATIONAL STARS

03/11/17	Lilly Hughes	Benjamin Hollamby	Rueben Loftus
24/11/17	Alfie Newton	Max Greensides	Florence Blacknell



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