



Thoughtfulness
and Respect

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Words of Welcome..... Welcome back everyone to our first newsletter of 2016 and may I take this opportunity to once again wish everyone a very Happy New Year. Listening to the children's recounts this week, it seems that we have enjoyed the Christmas period and now returned to school with our batteries recharged. I spoke with the children in this morning's assembly about New Year resolutions and of the meaning of the word 'resolute' and in so doing I reminded the children of the importance of keeping going and not giving up, especially when the going gets hard - a very important message for the children to remember when they are challenged by their learning in the classroom. Can I also once again stress the important role family members play in your children's learning. We pride ourselves in our partnership approach with our parents. Please do take a few moments to look at the 'Children's' section on the school website to find out about some of the things your children will be learning about this term. Together let's all resolve to make this a term to remember for the progress made. Happy New Year!

Diary dates:

Tues 12 th Jan	Y2/2 to Pizza Express
Wed 13 th Jan	Swimming starts for Y3 and Y4
Thurs 14 th Jan	Y5/2 Mr Alcock's class lead whole school assembly
Fri 15 th Jan	Choir to Young Voices Concert
Fri 15 th Jan	Parents' Cook and Eat sessions start
Fri 22 nd Jan	Youth Club Party
Wed 27 th Jan	Governor Meeting 5:30 p.m.
w/b 9 th May	Y6 SATs week

See more diary dates on the School Events Calendar on the website.
www.sandfordhill.org.uk/event-created

Foodbank

A big thank you for the continued donations of non-perishable goods to our Foodbank box which is located in the front reception area. If you would like to know more about what happens to the donations or how to access the food bank, then please see **Mrs. Brennan**, our Home School Link Worker.



Spring Term Assembly dates

Thurs 14th January – Y5/2 Mr Alcock's class

Thurs 28th January – Y4/1 Mr Frost's class

Parents/carers of children in these classes are welcome to join us at these assemblies.

Well done 'Blogger of the week'!

Thank you to a parent who posted a reply about the Reading Race blog, to encourage the children to read at home: "I think this is a great idea, it has really got my two girls excited about reading their books each night and I hope it helps more children to develop a love for reading."

'Tweet of the Week'

This week make sure you have seen the tweets with photos about the 'Beauty and the Beast' pantomime on Thursday. The children certainly enjoyed every minute of it!

City Catering Junior Chef of the Year 2016

Do you love cooking? Are you in Year 5 or 6? Would you like to represent your school in the 'City Catering Junior Chef of the Year' competition? All pupils in Year 5 and 6 are invited to enter this exciting competition. Competitors are asked to produce a savoury dish for 4 people that can be prepared, cooked and served in 60 minutes. Recipes will be judged on taste, texture, appearance, creativity as well as the best and most use of local ingredients. If you are interested, please ask your teacher for an entry form and some guidelines. Your recipe needs to be submitted by 15th January. The winning entry from each class will go forward to the 'Cook Off' the following week.



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School Attendance					
Our weekly school attendance for last week was 97.4% which is above our school attendance target of 96.5%.					
F1/1	98.7%	Y1/1	98.7%	Y4/1	97.2%
F1/2	96.0%	Y1/2	98.3%	Y4/2	98.0%
F1/3	95.7%	Y2/1	95.3%	Y5/1	95.9%
F1/4	97.1%	Y2/2	98.0%	Y5/2	94.6%
F2/1	97.3%	Y3/1	99.7%	Y6/1	97.3%
F2/2	94.7%	Y3/2	99.3%	Y6/2	98.3%
				Y6/3	100%

The Tony Hughes Award:
This medallion is presented each week, in memory of our former Chairman of the PTFA, to a child from each class who has shown 'Thoughtfulness and Respect'.

Class	Award Winner	Class	Award Winner
FS1/1	Ella-Louise Billington	Y3/1	Bradley Whitfield
FS1/2	Jayden Burton	Y3/2	Ryan Bridgett
FS2/1	Jayden Wild	Y4/1	Olivia Harford
FS2/2	Charlie Sheldon	Y4/2	Lucy Kelsey
Y1/1	Charlotte Beard	Y5/1	Henry Rollison
Y1/2	Alana McLean-Inglis	Y5/2	Alfie Davis
Y2/1		Y6/1	Ethan Vernon
Y2/2	Kayleigh Wootton	Y6/2	Georgia Grundy
		Y6/3	Tilly Atherton

Headteacher's Star Awards:
Congratulations are sent to the following children who won the Head Teacher's Star Award last week for their hard work, attitude and/or progress:

Class	Award Winner	Class	Award Winner
FS1/1	Woodrow Tooth	Y3/1	Famidah Islam
FS1/2	Evie Lawton	Y3/2	Lorna Walton
FS2/1	Harrison Barker	Y4/1	Ben Ford
FS2/2	Isabelle Yeomans	Y4/2	Cayne Powis
Y1/1	Caitlin Harrison	Y5/1	Zuhera Nadeem
Y1/2	Ethan Budd	Y5/2	Alfie Davis
Y2/1	McKenzie Gratton	Y6/1	Deanna Buckley
Y2/2	Jimmy Rushton	Y6/2	Ryan Marshall
		Y6/3	Lucie Wright

Notices:

- **Spring Clubs start next week!**
Today, if your child has sent in a club request form, they will be bringing home a letter telling you which club(s) they have been allocated a place on.
- **'Cook and Eat Well' course for parents/carers**
These free 2 hour workshops **start next Fri 15th Jan from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.** running for 6 weeks. The sessions are now fully booked, so we hope those attending have a good time.
- **New mobile phone for Christmas**
Did you get a new mobile phone for Christmas? If so, have you got a new number? Please don't forget to let the office know if any of your contact details change at any time. If you have not yet returned the data collection form to school, which show what information we have, then please do so as soon as possible. Thank you for your support.
Also, don't forget to think of and discuss e-safety if your child has a new smartphone, tablet or laptop.

News in Brief

• **Thank you for the music**

We have received a letter this week from the University Hospitals of North Midlands (UHM) Charity thanking our choir for their singing in the hospital atrium which raised £55.35. The money raised will be used for the young patients in the Cheethams Children's Centre at the hospital. Well done to all our singers.

• **Choir trip**

Next Friday our choir children will be taking part in a big 'Young Voices' concert at the Genting Arena in Birmingham. They will be leaving late morning for rehearsals in the afternoon, prior to the performance in the evening. We wish them a wonderful day for what will no doubt be a long, but very memorable experience.

• **StreetGames is coming**

The national charity StreetGames will be coming to Sandford Hill during the half term week, with various activities available Monday to Thursday afternoons. Please keep an eye out for the letter sent home with more details.

And Finally

As mentioned at the start, in this morning's assembly I shared with the children a video clip and we considered how the scenes in it might link to New Year's Resolutions. I talked about how the teachers are resolute, never giving up and determined to ensure that all our children behave and achieve as best they can. That is one of the things that makes our school so good, but is also why we expect all the children to be determined to always do the best they can. Please feel free to join with us in making a New Year's Resolution to be determined and not give up on your hopes and aspirations for 2016!

Best wishes
Mr. Wardle

