



Thoughtfulness
and Respect

Sandford Hill Primary School Newsletter



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Words of Welcome..... This Wednesday, if you pick your children up from school, you may have noticed a mass exodus of staff at 3:15 p.m. This is because they were all going to the first collective meeting with staff from the following 5 schools with whom we are working collaboratively; The Willows, St. John's, Oakhill, Stoke Minster and Heron Cross. I have been working with the Headteachers from the 5 other schools for several terms now and it has been so valuable to share ideas and work together, that we wanted our staff to have the same opportunity. All of the staff have an area of responsibility for a curriculum subject, like English, Maths, PE, Geography, etc. and so they had the chance to share what they are doing with staff who have the same responsibility in other schools. Working collaboratively can be a really rewarding activity and is also something that the children do a lot of during their learning at school. We are all constantly learning and working together not only allows us to share ideas, but also to share the load.

Diary dates:

YOUTH CLUB ON TONIGHT – NO CLUBS NEXT WEEK

Wed 10 th Feb	Parents Evening – 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. – Crèche available
Thurs 11 th Feb	Parents Evening – 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. – Crèche available
Fri 12th Feb	School closed to children – staff training
Wed 24 th Feb	KS2 SATs Parents/Carers meeting at 6:00 p.m.
Mon 29 th Feb	KS1 SATs Parents/Carers meeting at 6:00 p.m.
Mon 7 th Mar	Y2 Dance Performance at Victoria Hall
Tues 22 nd Mar	Full Governors Meeting
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

KS1 SATs Information Evenings

As well as the Y6 'SAT's Information Evening' on Wednesday 24th February at 6:00 p.m. detailed in last week's newsletter, we would also like to invite the Y2 parents/carers to an important information meeting about the KS1 SATs on Monday 29th February at 6:00 p.m. At the session, staff will share information about the testing during May, along with resources to support your child's learning. We very much hope you will be able to join us for this evening,

Well done 'Bloggers of the week'!

This week, our 'Blogger of The Week award' is going to be shared between our amazing members of staff in our Early Years Unit who regularly share the children's learning experiences from across the week. We know, from the feedback, which we receive, how much parents and carers welcome these little snippets of news. If you've not done so already, please take a few moments to have a look at our blog and then leave us a reply. The blog is accessible through our school website.

'Tweet of the Week'

This week's Tweet of the week is: "Year 5 have been learning about cams in D and T. Thank you Ben for sharing your fantastic work."



News in Brief

- **Wear It With Pride Day** – Today the children were invited to come to school in sporty wear for a £1 donation to the Stanley Matthews Foundation's 'Wear It With Pride Day' in return for a commemorative badge. We are proud to announce that we have raised £431 so far. Thank all for your donations which go towards this valuable charity supporting local issues.
- **Spelling Bee** - Those of you who follow our Twitter feed, will already know that the winners of our Y5/Y6 Spelling Bee were **Team Wedgwood**. Congratulations to **Tamjeed Majeed, Emma Masterson, Tinashe Zinyemba and Bradley Cummings**. The winners of our Y3/Y4 Spelling Bee were **Team Bennett**. Congratulations to **Millie Davis, Lewis Payne, Mackenzie Hambleton and Sophia Keates**.



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School Attendance					
Our weekly school attendance for last week was 95.4% which is below our school attendance target of 96.5%.					
F1/1	90.7%	Y1/1	99.3%	Y4/1	94.5%
F1/2	94.3%	Y1/2	95.0%	Y4/2	96.0%
F1/3	92.0%	Y2/1	91.7%	Y5/1	95.7%
F1/4	100%	Y2/2	97.0%	Y5/2	93.6%
F2/1	96.3%	Y3/1	99.3%	Y6/1	98.6%
F2/2	93.0%	Y3/2	97.3%	Y6/2	93.9%
			Y6/3	96.9%	

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	Lillie-Mae Jones	Y3/1	Delilah-Rose Wall
FS1/2	Ella-Louise Clay	Y3/2	Rebecca Horton
FS2/1	Ava Toothill	Y4/1	Molly McNicol
FS2/2	Oliver Chetwynd	Y4/2	Abbi-Mae Hibbert
Y1/1	Liam Tallent	Y5/1	Ryan Till
Y1/2	Lacey-J Armstrong	Y5/2	Olivia Pointon
Y2/1	Paige Johnson	Y6/1	Cody Beech
Y2/2	Lucy Thompson	Y6/2	Katie Locker
		Y6/3	James Basnett

Congratulations

- Many congratulations to **Andraya Knight** who was selected as our Junior Chef for Sandford Hill. She will now go on to represent the school in the city wide 'Cook Off' on board the Cooking Bus during March 2016 to find the overall 'Best Junior Chef' Winner.
- Well done to the following who have all achieved swimming awards: **Yvie Jones** for her Goldfish 1 in swimming; **Mason Lomax** who achieved his Stanley 7; **Ellie Yeomans** who has achieved her Angelfish 1 and **Isabelle Yeomans** who has passed her Stanley 5. Many congratulations to you all and do "just keep swimming!"

Sports News

- Yesterday morning, six of our football team took part in the Power League Football Competition Stoke South accompanied by Coach Frost. The boys had a fantastic tournament, played out of their socks and won the competition. They will now go on and play winning teams from Stoke North and Newcastle in the play-offs. Very well done to: **Bradley Cummings, Riyaz Rahman, Declan Brookes, Cody Reece, Charlie Bradbury** and **Josh Bickerton** and very good luck for the next round!

And Finally

On Tuesday 9th February, we shall be joining thousands of organisations across the country in celebrating 'Safer Internet Day' and promoting the safe and responsible use of technology. This year's theme is "**Play your part for a better internet**" and this offers us all the opportunity to focus on both the creative and positive things that children and young people are doing online, as well as the role that we all play in helping to create a better internet. There are lots of resources available to help parents promote e-safety on our school website and we are also holding an **information meeting on Tuesday 9th February to support you. Please do come along to this meeting in the school hall; a crèche is available and the meeting is expected to last approximately 40 minutes.** Please can we also once again ask you to discuss e-safety with your children; as a starter, why not discuss the SMART rules with your children? If you need any further advice, please speak to Mr Walford, our e-Safety leader.

Best wishes
Mr. Wardle

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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	Joseph Veilawa	Y3/1	Famidah Islam
FS1/2	Belle-Elise Foy	Y3/2	Oliver Buckley
FS2/1	Jamie Kelsall	Y4/1	Lucas Hemmings
FS2/2	Mustafa Khan	Y4/2	Danielle Gurney
Y1/1	Jessica Bowler	Y5/1	William Grocock
Y1/2	River Powis	Y5/2	Tegan Dedicoat
Y2/1	Oliver Morgan	Y6/1	Taylor Coulson
Y2/2	Amelia Ostrouchow	Y6/2	Jack Robinson
		Y6/3	Kelsie Cooper

Notices:

• No Clubs and School Closure Friday

Please be reminded that there will be no clubs next week or the first week after half term. Also that the school is **closed on Friday 12th February** for staff training.

• Snowy weather

Should we have further snow this winter, could we please politely request that you do not phone the school to see if the school is open. If it has snowed overnight, we would always aim to make a decision by 7:00 a.m. and send a text to all contacts, as well as updating our website by 7:15 a.m. So if you do not receive a text and it is not on the website, then the school will be open.



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SAFE

Keep safe by being careful not to give out personal information – such as your full name, email address, phone number, home address, photos or school name – to people you are chatting with online.



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MEETING

Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Only do so with your parents' or carers' permission and even then only when they can be present.



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ACCEPTING

Accepting emails, IM messages, or opening files, pictures or texts from people you don't know or trust can lead to problems – they may contain viruses or nasty messages!



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RELIABLE

Information you find on the internet may not be true, or someone online may be lying about who they are.



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TELL

Tell your parent, carer or a trusted adult if someone or something makes you feel uncomfortable or worried, or if you or someone you know is being bullied online.

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