



Thoughtfulness and Respect

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Words of Welcome..... We hope you had an enjoyable and safe half term break. Yesterday we welcomed the police into our assembly who talked with the children about staying safe, stranger danger and road safety. The children participated really well and should be able to tell you about how they can keep safe. Worryingly though, one of the biggest dangers for the children on the roads is around the school entrance. We are regularly being informed of dangerous driving practices and are fearful that it will one day result in a serious injury. If you drive to school, please help the children by leaving your car down the road and walking the last bit of your journey. Thank you for your support with this matter and let's all continue to have a safe and enjoyable, but brief, second half of the term, with Easter just around the corner.

Diary dates:

CLUBS START NEXT WEEK

- Mon 29th Feb Y1/1 to Longton Fire Station
- Mon 29th Feb KS1 SATs Parents/Carers meeting at 6:00 p.m.
- Tues 1st March Y1/2 to Longton Fire Station
- Thurs 3rd Mar World Book Day – Parents invited for 9:05 a.m., see below
- Fri 4th Mar Y2/1 Mother's Day Assembly
- Mon 7th Mar Y2 Dance Performance at Victoria Hall
- Tues 15th Mar Y5/6 Lenten/Sport Relief Bake Off – FSU and Y5/6 can buy cakes
- Thurs 17th Mar Y3/4 Lenten/Sport Relief Bake Off – KS1 and Y3/4 can buy cakes
- Tues 22nd Mar Full Governors Meeting
- Thurs 23rd June 'EU REFERENDUM' POLLING STATION - SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN**

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

Year 6 SATS take place in the week beginning Monday 9th May 2016

Year 1 Phonics Screening takes place in the week beginning Monday 13th June 2016

Well done 'Bloggers of the week'!

Thank you to one of our Year 4 parents who replied to our Reading Race blog post:

"I think the reading race is a fantastic idea. My child would read, but rarely for pleasure. Since the reading challenge started, she has used her pocket money to buy more books and is reading now because she wants to and is enjoying a range of books. Well done to all the children who have joined the race."

World Book Day – 'The Big Book Off'

Next Thursday 3rd March, the school will be celebrating World Book Day with 'The Big Book Off' (makes a change from the Bake Off!). During the day the children will see how many book activities they can do before home time. To start the day off with a positive reading for pleasure session, **we would like to invite parents/carers to come into school and share a book with their child(ren) between 9:05 and 9:30 a.m.**



Also, don't forget about the £1 voucher your child brought home on Wednesday. It can be used to get a free book from participating shops, or can be used with the Scholastic Book Club form.

'Tweet of the Week'

This week's tweet of the week goes to a parent who replied to our Tweet about Enterprise Club's Mother's day Sale: "Perhaps a future Richard Branson or Anita Roddick"

Entrepreneurs replace "I wish" with "I will"

Lenten/Sport Relief Activities

As it is such a short half term this year, our Lenten activities, will take place in just one week. This is a time when we think about and raise money for others in need. This year we will be raising money for a local charity and Sport Relief. Our Lenten activities will be Bake Offs, judged by our cook, Mrs Browne, non-uniform and School Discos:

- Y5 and Y6 Lenten/Sport Relief Bake Off will be on Tuesday 15th March. FSU and Y5/6 can buy the cakes brought in.
- Y3 and Y4 Lenten/Sport Relief Bake Off will be on Thursday 17th March when KS1 and Y3/4 can buy the cakes.
- Non-uniform day on Friday 18th March with KS1 and KS2 Discos at the end of the day.



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School Attendance					
Our weekly school attendance for last week was 97.2% which is above our school attendance target of 96.5%.					
F1/1	98.3%	Y1/1	99.2%	Y4/1	97.4%
F1/2	96.4%	Y1/2	94.2%	Y4/2	97.5%
F1/3	86.7%	Y2/1	95.8%	Y5/1	97.5%
F1/4	98.3%	Y2/2	99.2%	Y5/2	95.5%
F2/1	99.2%	Y3/1	95.8%	Y6/1	98.2%
F2/2	97.5%	Y3/2	99.2%	Y6/2	99.5%
				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	Dominic Majocha	Y3/1	Corey Regan-Moore
FS1/2	Alexander Hopwood	Y3/2	Lorna Walton
FS2/1	Isla Swinswood	Y4/1	Jesse-Darryl Addai
FS2/2	Marley Cotterill	Y4/2	Lucie Woolliscroft
Y1/1	Isabelle Nolan	Y5/1	Naomi Tabbernor
Y1/2	Alfie Dobson	Y5/2	Tegan Dediccoat
Y2/1	Imogen Emery	Y6/1	Kai McLean-Inglis
Y2/2	Lily Cartlidge	Y6/2	Jack Robinson
		Y6/3	Joseph Woolliscroft

News in Brief

• Parents SATs Meeting

We were delighted to welcome so many parents and carers to our KS2 SATs meeting on Wednesday evening where information and resources were shared. We equally look forward to welcoming our Y2 parents/carers next Monday 29th February at 6:00 p.m. in the hall, where staff will be sharing information and resources to take away in preparation for the new format KS1 SATs. Please be reminded that SATs resources are available on the Year 2 and Year 6 pages of the school website.

• Shhh, It's still a secret!

Next week, our Business and Enterprise Club will be holding their Mother's Day Sales. If your child(ren) want to take advantage of this secret event, they will need to remember their pocket money on the following days: Y1 and Y2 – Monday; Y3 and Y4 – Tuesday; Y5 and Y6 – Wednesday. A maximum of £3 please and no peeking Mums, at what the children might have bought!

• Sainsbury's Active Kids

We are again collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids 2016 vouchers to support our P.E. provision in school. A collection box is located outside our main office. Thank you.

And Finally

Next week sees a national campaign 'Clean for the Queen' which aims to clean up Britain in time for the Queen's 90th Birthday, officially celebrated in June. We, as a school, are taking part, with some of our children, their families, our local police and local MP Rob Ffello, having a clear up of the local area on Friday 4th March. As the event covers Friday 4th to Sunday 6th March, why not join in by having a clean-up outside your house or area and help to Keep Britain tidy.

Best wishes for the weekend.

Mr. Wardle

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	Oliver Davies	Y3/1	Amie-Mae Callaghan
FS1/2	Georgia Brownsword	Y3/2	Tyler Thompson
FS2/1	Amelia Miller	Y4/1	Lauren Dugdale
FS2/2	Gracie-Mae Coleman	Y4/2	Danielle Gurney
Y1/1	Elliott Harvey	Y5/1	Rhys Downes
Y1/2	Skye Zergraine	Y5/2	Tamjeed Majeed
Y2/1	Esme Rhead	Y6/1	Jessica White
Y2/2	Lucy Thompson	Y6/2	Lucas Booth
		Y6/3	Tilly Atherton

Notices:

• Clubs

Please be reminded that clubs start again next week, **but only for 3 weeks** as there will be no clubs the week before the Easter Holidays.

• Easter Bonnets

This year we will be inviting the children to join in the pre-Easter celebrations by sharing their home-made Easter Bonnet. We always love seeing the children's ingenious and colourful designs and look forward to an equally spectacular array this year. Bonnets should be brought in from **Monday 21st March** and judging will be on **Wednesday 23rd March**.



• Bingo

Next community bingo night is next **Monday 7th March at 6:30 p.m.** Do put the date in your diary and come along!

