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Thoughtfulness
and Respect



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Have a Fabulous Summer Break

Words of Welcome..... On our final day of this school year, we leave with a mix of emotions and a multitude of memories. We had a fabulous last week of activities as you will read later, celebrating the achievements of our children, academically, musically, for sports and for contribution to school life. For many, today will be a day of excitement and anticipation as we start our six week summer holiday. For others it will be a day of enjoyment mixed with sadness as they leave our school for the final time. Our Year 6 children have been a fantastic year group, who have worked hard, achieved brilliant results, given of their best and built lasting friendships throughout their time at Sandford Hill. As a year group, they have exemplified our school motto of 'Thoughtfulness and Respect' and have been wonderful ambassadors for our school; none more so, than our excellent School Council Members. We wish our Year 6 children the very best for the future and will miss them dearly.

READING CHALLENGE - % of children that read 4 times last week

Please keep up our Reading Challenge over the summer break and try to read 4 times a week.

Diary dates:

- Mon 4th Sept** School starts for staff
- Tues 5th Sept** **School starts for children** – Dinner money £9 for this week
- Mon 18th Sept** Clubs start
- Wed 20th Sept** Y3 to Manchester Museum
- Fri 22nd Sept** Swimming starts for Y4 and Y6
- Mon 25th Sept** Y6 to Stanley Head
- Mon 23rd Oct – Fri 27th Oct** **HALF TERM**

Attendance Award Shields

At the various assemblies over the last couple of weeks, some of our incredible children have received special shields for their consistently excellent attendance record:

- 2 years **Bronze** 100% Attendance shields went to: **Eli Hallam, Ellie-Ann Hammonds, Poppy Johal, Jak Kelsall, Joshua Lamptey, Kasey Leese, Gabrielle Moores, Tyler Thompson and Isabelle Yeomans;**
- 3 years **Silver** 100% Attendance shields went to: **Rhys Hackett and Mason Lomax;**
- 4 years **Gold** 100% Attendance shield went to: **Eddie Lomax**
- 5 years **Supreme** 100% Attendance shield went to: **Freyja Jones**
- 6 years **Platinum** 100% Attendance shield went to: **Libbie Gorton**

Well done to all of these children and to our 53 one year 100% Attendance medal winners. Keep up the great attendance and maybe next year you will receive a shield.

Our Knights in Shining Minibuses!

Our school is very fortunate to own two minibuses, which you will be aware we are currently fundraising to replace. However, these buses do not drive themselves and as we only have a few staff drivers, we are heavily reliant on two of our wonderful governors. During the year they have driven the children on numerous trips, sporting activities, library visits and more. On behalf of all the staff and children we would therefore like to say a massive **Thank You to Mr Brown and Mr Madden** for all their support, care and time over the last year. It is very much appreciated by us all. Have a lovely summer break off!

Blogs Of The Week - We are very pleased to award the Blog Of The Week Title to the children in Mrs Stillwell's Year 1 class for their post about their visit to the farm. We were delighted to hear about the horses, cows, hens, pigs and donkeys which they saw and of how the children fed lots of different animals and even collected hen's eggs. It's a lovely post and one which we're sure you'd enjoy seeing. So please, do take a look and, as always, leave us a comment.

'Tweet of the Week'

As everyone is feeling particularly tired at the end of the term, this tweet was a very gratefully received tonic: "My son's school is amazing for inclusion, they really understand needs and meet them. One very happy thriving boy."

Thank you so much for the feedback.

School Attendance

Our weekly school attendance for this week is 93.8% which is below our school attendance target of 96.5%.

F1/1	91.4%	Y1/1	94.3%	Y4/1	92.7%
F1/2	96.0%	Y1/2	98.0%	Y4/2	95.6%
F1/3	86.7%	Y2/1	94.0%	Y5/1	92.7%
F1/4	96.0%	Y2/2	91.3%	Y5/2	88.0%
F2/1	97.9%	Y3/1	93.7%	Y6/1	97.7%
F2/2	95.3%	Y3/2	92.9%	Y6/2	91.7%

News in Brief

• T20 Cricket

On Friday evening, 6 members of staff accompanied 25 Y6 children to Edgbaston to watch the T20 cricket. It was a real pleasure to accompany the children who seemed to very much enjoy the occasion. It was well after 11:00 p.m. when the children returned to school; tired and hoarse from singing but, we're sure, full of lasting memories too....."You Bears.....!" Have a look through our Twitter feed or on the front of our website to view the photographs taken from the evening.

• Down on the Farm!

On Monday Y1/2 had a fantastic day at the farm. The children saw horses, cows, hens, pigs and donkeys. They fed lots of different animals and after feeding the hens they collected their eggs. Well done children!

• 'Shiver me timbers' 'twas Early Years Pirate Day

On Monday, our Early Years had their Pirate dressing up day. The children played games, had a pirate picnic and made some amazing telescopes. They had a special visit off Pirate Pete and had to solve the clues to find chocolate coins. A massive thank you to parents/carers for providing the children with their brilliant costumes. Everybody looked fantastic!

• Y6 Leavers Assembly

On Tuesday morning our Y6 children performed a fantastic rendition of 'Goldilocks and the 3 Bears' to family members and friends. The children sang and acted their hearts out and put on a wonderful show. Following their performance, the children were presented with their Book Prize and Attendance Awards. We would like to congratulate all of Y6 once again. You were stars children - all of you! Watch it again now on our YouTube channel or from our website [here](#).

• Y6 Trip to West Midlands Safari Park

On Wednesday, our Y6 children enjoyed a visit to West Midlands Safari Park. As arranged, the sun shone for them on the day and everyone had a brilliant day out; admiring the animals and then venturing onto the rides. We hope you enjoyed the photographs from the day on our website, Twitter feed and Facebook. The children were an absolute pleasure to take. Thank you boys and girls.

• Y6 Leavers' Party

Last night our Y6 children had the time of their lives at their Leaver's Party. They looked really glamorous in their party clothes and seemed to enjoy walking down the red carpet to their 'Bucks Fizz' reception. The children were also treated to a pizza buffet and we'd like to thank Miss Morton and our Youth Club helpers who helped with the arrangements.

Sports News

Well done to all the children from Sandford Hill who represented Longton at the City Athletics finals on Tuesday. Longton won both the track and the field with 11 schools from the Longton District taking part. Special praise to **Macy Latham** who won gold in the long jump, **Josh Bickerton** who won gold in both the sprint and the 800m, **Josh Lamptey** who won gold in the sack race and **Lucy Greslow** who won silver in the sack race.

Medal Winners

In yesterday's assembly we celebrated our children that had represented the school in various sporting and musical activities. Bronze medals were awarded for representing the school once or twice: **Keira Barker, Imogen Bowers, William Grocock, Ruby Palmer, Ryan Till, Alfie Davis, Taylor Holland, Gray Bradbeer, Jack Buckley, Olivia Harford, Freyja Jones, Molly McNicol, Olivia Mosedale, Ellie Yeomans, Lucy Bocca, Ruby Booth, Millie Davis, Lucie Woolliscroft, Ethan Protaszczak, Amie-Mae Callaghan, Lacey Clunn, Ruby Johnson, Emily Lancett, Kasey Leese, William Buckley, George Hof, Amelia Bates, Tyler Dimmock, Rhys Downes, Bradley Slater, Naomi Tabbernor, Kian Taylor, Eloise Gray, Rhys Hackett, Maddie Hallam, Mohammed Majeed, Justin Pickerill, Olivia Pointon, Tyler Sheldon, Alisha Tinsley, Taylor Brown, Lauren Dugdale, Tyler Edge, Benjamin Ford, Sophia Keates, Madison Street, Joel Walton, Lucy Bloor, Abbi-Mae Hibbert, Lucy Kelsey, Macy Buckley, Lilly Cartlidge, Caitlin Cooper, Byron Craggs, Eddie Lomax, Mason-Keira Anderson, Romy Swinswood, Samuel Veilawa, Francesca Cummings, Mackenzie Hambleton, Daniel Lamptey, Ewan Robinson, Lucas Scott, Isabel Shaw, Cerys Shields, Grace Simpson, Delilah-Rose Wall, Amethyst Gordon, Taku Nyamayaro, Summer Walker, Evie Elliott and Leya Elliott.**

Notices:

• September uniform

A reminder that uniform with our school logo can be bought from either of our two suppliers: Timberland in Longton or on the web at Tesco Embroidered Uniforms – online click [here](#).

• Trainers

We have noticed a rise in the number of trainers worn by the children towards the end of this term. Whilst this is understandable where shoes have been outgrown or worn out late in the school year. We would, however, ask that you ensure your child starts the new term in black shoes, as per our school uniform. Thank you for your support.

• Clubs next term

A reminder that there will be NO clubs for the first **two** weeks of next term. A letter for the Autumn Term clubs will be sent home in the first week of next term.



Silver medal winners had represented the school three or four times: **Emily Hughes, Felicity Wall, Maddison Bowers, Tegan Day, Macy Latham, Lewis Leese-Spencer, Lauchlan Sullivan, Ashton Burton, Libbie Gorton, Eliza Goodwin, Benjamin Harrington, Holly Malpass, Tino Nyamayaro, Ethan Bowen, Nathan Coxon, Brennyn Lawton, Lilly Stubbs, Jesse-Darryl Addai, Kaddi Kassama, Mitchell Lavery, Ashton Harvey, Lucy Inch, Demi Williams, Joel Farooq and Tyler Hazeldine.**

Gold medal winners represented the school five or more times: **Charlie Bradbury, Connor Wild, Joshua Bickerton, Deelan Ibrahim, Jack Sutton, Libby Barwise, Isobell Martin, Ryan Bridgett, Tinashe Zinyemba, Quaid Smith, Jak Kelsall and Rosa Aziz.**

We congratulate all of the children who were presented with awards and especially **Maddison Bowers, Josh Bickerton** and **Connor Wild** who won special awards for 'Sports Personality of the Year'. Well done to all our children!

We also awarded two special medals for outstanding achievement: **Tegan Deadicoat** was awarded for music with the Clarinet and **Emily Hughes** for her commitment to the Choir over the last four years. Well done girls!



Congratulations

- Congratulations to Jack Buckley on being a gold medal winner in the Maths Challenge competition entered by Y3, Y4 and Y5.
- Well done to Lucas Scott who went to the Victoria Hall with his breakdance group 'Wild Style Breaking' for the Art School Project. A great time was had by all.

Head Teacher's Award

In this morning's assembly, I was delighted to present Head Teacher's medallions to the following children:

N1:	Zeen Aziz	Y3/1:	Leya Elliott
N2:	Willow Goodwin	Y3/2:	Harley-Jay Monks-Neil
R1:	James Masterson	Y4/1:	Dante Grocock
R2:	Daniel Inch	Y4/2:	Oliver Buckley
Y1/1:	Isabelle Yeomans	Y5/1:	Macy Latham
Y1/2:	Malachi-Logan Foreman	Y5/2:	Aimee Bloor
Y2/1:	Isabella Nolan	Y6/1:	Ethan Bowen
Y2/2:	Thomas Kelsey	Y6/2:	Deelan Ibrahim



And Finally

To close the year with this last newsletter I would like to pay thanks to the whole of the magnificent Sandford Hill team who offer so much support to the children and school throughout the year. To all parents, carers, friends, family members, Governors, staff and anyone else associated with the school, I send a heartfelt 'thank you' for your continued support. Our school continues to flourish and grow as a consequence, and the help and support which you provide really does make a huge difference.

Thank you also to all the parents/carers, on behalf of the staff, for the very kind cards and gifts that have been so generously brought in.

I would like to send a final farewell and thank you to Mrs Barker and Miss Davies. They will both be much missed and we offer them every good wish for whatever the future holds.

I would also like to convey my gratitude once again to our amazing Y6 Leavers. You have been an incredible cohort and I am confident that you will continue to flourish at your chosen High Schools. I send you all my very best regards for the future and

Best wishes for a happy, safe and enjoyable summer break.

Mr Wardle



Academic Year and Holiday Dates 2017 / 2018

Autumn Term 2017:

Staff: Monday 4 September – Friday 20 October
Pupils: Tuesday 5 September – Friday 20 October

Holiday: Monday 23 October – Friday 27 October

Staff & Pupils: Monday 30 October – Tuesday 19 December :

Staff: Monday 13 November - Staff Training Day – School closed to children

Holiday: Wednesday 20 December – Tuesday 2 January

Spring Term 2018:

Staff & Pupils: Wednesday 3 January – Friday 16 February

Holiday: Monday 19 February – Friday 23 February

Staff & Pupils: Monday 26 February – Thursday 29 March

Holiday: Friday 30 March – Wednesday 11 April (plus Thurs/Fri for pupils – see below)

Summer Term 2018:

Staff: Thursday 12 April and Friday 13 April - Staff Training Days

Pupils: Mon 16 April – Friday 25 May

May Day: Monday 7 May

Holiday: Monday 28 May – Friday 1 June

Staff: Monday 4 June - Staff Training Day

Pupils: Tuesday 5 June – Friday 20 July

Holiday: Monday 23 July – Friday 31 August