



Thoughtfulness
and Respect



Sandford Hill Primary School Newsletter

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Words of Welcome..... This week we have welcomed our Nursery children to school for the first time. Mrs Powell and the Early Years Practitioners have been visiting the children in their homes prior to the children starting and they are really looking forward to getting to know the children well. Now that they have started in school, they will gradually increase their time in class and we hope that they quickly settle into the classroom routines, as they start out on their Sandford Hill journey. We have been so pleased with how quickly all the children have settled into their new classes. The calm atmosphere of young minds busy learning is so evident as you walk round school, is a credit to all the children. See later in the newsletter for your opportunity to come in and see the children at work in their new classrooms with their new teachers.

Diary dates:

Clubs start week next Monday

Mon 21 st Sept	Y6 to Stanley Head
Mon 21 st Sept	Saxonfield's Residents Association Meeting 5:30 p.m. in school hall
Wed 23 rd Sept	Swimming starts for Y5
Fri 25 th Sept	World's Largest Douglas MacMillan Coffee Morning - 9:00 a.m.
Fri 25 th Sept	Y6 return from Stanley Head
Wed 30 th Sept	e-safety session for Parents, Carers and family members - 9:10 a.m.
Wed 30 th Sept	Swimming starts for Y6
Thurs 1 st Oct	Y5 Viking Day in school
Thurs 8 th Oct	Open Morning for parents/carers – 9:10 – 10:00am
Fri 9 th Oct	Family and Individual Photos
26 th – 30 th Oct	Half Term Week
Mon 2 nd Nov	School closed for children – staff training day
Tues 10 th Nov	Full Governors Meeting 6 p.m.

Our new school website is going live! – visit at www.sandfordhill.org.uk

You may have noticed a new header at the top of this newsletter this term. This is from the top of our new website which we hope will be live, as of 3:00 p.m. today (fingers crossed). We have worked hard to try to make the website represent our school and its values as much as possible. It will have all of the statutory information we have to include, plus lots of other useful up to date information. A key benefit of changing websites is that we will now manage the content ourselves which means we can include things like:

- A live calendar of school events;
- More recent photos of what's been going on;
- More current curriculum and club activities;
- The class blogs where daily/weekly class activities can be shared;
- Dinner menus and many more things as well.

We really hope you like the changes – please let us know if there is anything you would like to see that is currently included as it will be constantly changing and growing.



Autumn Term Assembly dates

Wed 7th Oct

KS1 Harvest Assembly – 9:00 a.m.
led by Y2/2 Miss Davies' class
KS2 Harvest Assembly - 1:30 p.m.
at church led by Y6/3 Mrs Martin,
Mr Walford & Mrs Drakeford's
class

Thurs 15th Oct

Y6/1 Mrs Hassall's class

Thurs 5th Nov

Y6/2 Miss Gregory's class.

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



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School Attendance

Our weekly school attendance for last week was 94.6% which is **below** our school attendance target of 96%.

F1/1	Mrs Morton	-	Y1/1	Mrs Adams	98.3%	Y4/1	Mr Frost	97.4%
F1/2	Mrs Moss	-	Y1/2	Mrs Smith	95.0%	Y4/2	Mr Hunt	97.5%
F1/3	Mrs Gater/Mrs Barker	-	Y2/1	Miss Harrison	100%	Y5/1	Mrs Carney/Mrs Bullock	98.3%
F1/4	Mrs Welsh	-	Y2/2	Miss Davies	99.1%	Y5/2	Mr Alcock	96.6%
F2/1	Miss Hodgson	99.2%	Y3/1	Mrs Frost	97.8%	Y6/1	Mrs Hassall	96.6%
F2/2	Mrs Stillwell	100%	Y3/2	Mrs Mifflin	96.6%	Y6/2	Miss Gregory	98.9%
						Y6/3	Mrs Martin/Mrs Drakeford	96.88%

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	Not Awarded	Y3/1	Kirsty Dabbs
FS1/2	Not Awarded	Y3/2	Lucy-Mae Hall
FS2/1	Jesse Solani	Y4/1	Hubert Chrostek
FS2/2	Evie-Rose Myatt	Y4/2	Lewis Leese-Spencer
Y1/1	Elliot Harvey	Y5/1	William Grocock
Y1/2	Lola Street	Y5/2	Maddison Bowers
Y2/1	Lacie McGraw	Y6/1	Kai McLean-Ingilis
Y2/2	Tianna Barnes	Y6/2	Molly Protaszczak
		Y6/3	Sharni Eaton

Notices:

• Hopper Bus

Apologies that last week's notice about the Hopper Bus service failed to mention the day and time!

It will be on Heathcote Street car park on Wednesday evenings between 6:45 and 8:45 p.m. for children aged 11 to 16 years.

News In Brief

• Y3 Ancient Egyptians Visit

Yesterday our Y3 children visited the Manchester Museum to support their learning about the Ancient Egyptians. They saw various Egyptian artefacts and had a talk from one of the museum staff who explained what it would have been like to live in the time of the Egyptians. The children were beautifully behaved and returned to school enthusiastic, but exhausted. Well done Y3, we look forward to seeing the results from your Egyptian work!

And Finally

To keep it brief – you will have noticed that this newsletter is shorter than usual. This is because, as our website develops we will be putting more on there and this newsletter will be more for urgent notices and directing you to information on the website via live web links. This will therefore be better read online where the links will connect straight to the relevant webpage.

Best wishes for the weekend.

Mr. Wardle

• Class Transition morning for Parents/Carers

We would like to invite parents/carers of our KS1 and KS2 children to come into your child's class on **Thursday 8th October between 9:10 and 10:00 a.m.**

You will be able to meet your child's teacher, ask any questions and even join in with an activity your child might be involved with. We do hope you can come along.

• High School Applications and Admissions

All Year 6 children should have brought a letter home regarding the application process into their chosen High School. This letter included your child's Unique Identification Number (UID), please ensure you enter this into the online application form. If you have any queries regarding this, please see Miss Morton in the office.

To apply for your child's place visit www.stoke.gov.uk/admissions and follow the link. As admissions are now done on-line, if you require any assistance with this process then please do ask at the office who will be able to arrange assistance for you.

• World's Largest Douglas MacMillan Coffee Morning

Do try and join us at **9:00 a.m. on Friday 25th September** for coffee, cake and chat and become a record breaker in the world's largest coffee morning!

