



Thoughtfulness and Respect

Sandford Hill Primary School Newsletter



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Words of Welcome..... Welcome back to our Y6 children who have been at Stanley Head all week. They have experienced a wide range of activities, including: high ropes, muddy walks, map reading, canoeing, to name but a few. The children have enjoyed taking part in these activities and working as part of a team. I expect that when the children look back on their time in Y6, the time they spent at Stanley Head will prove to be one of their highlights. I would expect too, that tonight many of them will be ready for a soft mattress, a warm cosy bed and an early night! This certainly will apply to the members of staff who have been with the children all day and night throughout the week. I would very much like, on behalf of the children, to pass on our very grateful thanks to the staff members, without whom, the Stanley Head residential week could not have taken place. Huge thanks to you all!

Next week's diary dates:

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| Mon 28 th Sept | Production of 'Charlotte's Web' for KS1 and KS2 (Sandwich lunch for KS2) |
| 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 |
| Mon 5 th Oct | Residents' Bingo Night 6:30 p.m. in the hall |
| Wed 7 th Oct | Harvest Festivals |
| 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. |
| 9 th – 13 th May 2016 | SATs Week |

Thank you and Farewell

During the summer break, Mrs Lyth, a Teacher Support Assistant, resigned her post after 19 years here at Sandford Hill. We thank her for wholeheartedly for her contribution and wish her well for the future.

Come on 'the Potters'!

Following the offer of a special rate for the Stoke v Bournemouth game next Tuesday afternoon, we now have 184 tickets sold for the match. Hopefully with our support they'll get their first win of the season.

School Council Visit To Parliament

Next Friday, the 15 children who were elected on to our School Council will be visiting the Houses Of Parliament. The children will learn about how laws are made and how MPs act as representatives to the people. It is hoped that this will help them to understand and shape their role as a school councillor.



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. [Harvest contributions now gratefully being received.]

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.

Eid Mubarak

As this week is Eid, we would like to wish all our staff and pupils, who have celebrated this special occasion, a very Happy Eid. We hope you had a joyous celebration with family and friends.



E-Safety Session for Parents – Wed 30th Sept at 9:00 a.m.

Parents and carers are warmly invited to attend an e-safety information meeting which will be held this coming Wednesday. The meeting will last for about one hour and information will be shared with you about how to keep safe in the online world and what to do should an issue arise.



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School Attendance

Our weekly school attendance for last week was 97.3% which is **above** our school attendance target of 96%.

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| F1/1 | 100 | Y1/1 | 98.7% | Y4/1 | 95.5% |
| F1/2 | 97.2 | Y1/2 | 97.0% | Y4/2 | 98.7% |
| F1/3 | 100 | Y2/1 | 100% | Y5/1 | 94.5% |
| F1/4 | 98.6 | Y2/2 | 98.7% | Y5/2 | 94.8% |
| F2/1 | 89.3% | Y3/1 | 98.7% | Y6/1 | 99.5% |
| F2/2 | 97% | Y3/2 | 98.7% | Y6/2 | 99.6% |
| | | | | Y6/3 | 97.5% |

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 | Connor Barlow |
| FS1/2 | Not Awarded | Y3/2 | Lauchlan Sullivan |
| FS2/1 | Lucy Dawson | Y4/1 | Louise Eaton |
| FS2/2 | Blake Wray | Y4/2 | Natalia Iwanska |
| Y1/1 | Finley Jackson | Y5/1 | Deelan Ibrahim |
| Y1/2 | Alana McLean-Inglis | Y5/2 | Taylor Holland |
| Y2/1 | William Buckley | Y6/1 | Not Awarded |
| Y2/2 | Samuela Tuilevuka | Y6/2 | Not Awarded |
| | | Y6/3 | Not Awarded |

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 | Not Awarded | Y3/1 | Kasey Leese |
| FS1/2 | Not Awarded | Y3/2 | Jacob Burston |
| FS2/1 | Lucy Dawson | Y4/1 | Freyja Jones |
| FS2/2 | Masyn Bowers | Y4/2 | Lucy Kelsey |
| Y1/1 | Caitlin Harrison | Y5/1 | Keira Barker |
| Y1/2 | Kyle Barker | Y5/2 | Owen Mosedale |
| Y2/1 | Kaiden Cowdrey | Y6/1 | Andraya Knight |
| Y2/2 | Harley-Jay Monks-Neil | Y6/2 | Layla Edwards |
| | | Y6/3 | Nia Speirs |

Notices:

• 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.

• Harvest

Our Harvest Celebrations are taking place on **Wednesday 7th October** and once again we will be collecting produce to assemble boxes which are distributed to the elderly in the local community. We know how much they are appreciated by the many letters of thanks we receive by return, so if you are able to send in a contribution, we are now accepting non-perishable tins, cereals, jars, boxed cakes in readiness for the 7th October. Any fruit, vegetables and other perishable items can be donated on 6th October to Mrs Brennan in the community room. Very many thanks for your support.

News In Brief

• Douglas MacMillan Coffee Morning

Many thanks to all the parents, carers and friends that managed to join us this morning for our coffee morning. Thanks to your support we managed to raise £163.95 for the Douglas MacMillan and were part of a record breaker in the world's largest coffee morning!

• Well done to our new Nursery children

Today was the first full day for all our Nursery children and Mrs Powell is so pleased with how well all the children are settling in.

Congratulations

- Well done to James Masterson in Nursery 1/3 (Mrs Gater's class) who has passed his Goldfish 3 in swimming.
- Good luck to Romy and Isla Swinswood who are taking part in Miss Lou's dance show this weekend. We hope it goes really well.



And Finally

It has been wonderful to see so many clubs started this week. We really do have an amazing staff with 23 clubs running this term catering for 224 children. It is equally amazing and pleasing to see the keen interest and enthusiasm displayed by the children when taking part in these wide range of activities, over 413 places on clubs all together and we could have filled even more! As there were a number of children disappointed as we could not accommodate all the requests, please do help us to ensure that children to make the clubs allocated and check with them that they are getting their club record stamped each week at school.

Best wishes for the weekend.

Mr. Wardle