



Thoughtfulness and Respect

Sandford Hill Primary School Newsletter

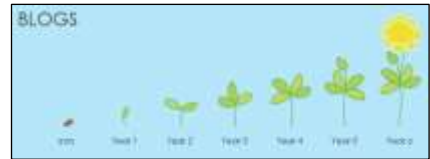


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Words of Welcome..... As a school we are very conscious of the tremendous impact that parents/carers can have on the progress the children make in their learning. So in order for you to be really involved in what the children are learning about at school, we have introduced year group blogs to our new website www.sandfordhill.org.uk. You can find them on the Children's page or scroll down to the bottom of the Home page. Click on your child's year group blog and you may find pictures, videos, information or questions relating to the work the children are doing in class. Then you or your child can actively get involved by making a response about what you have seen. Please do have a look and see what the children have been up to!



Next week's diary dates:

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
Thurs 8 th Oct	Calendar Photos
Fri 9 th Oct	Family, Individual and Calendar 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

See more diary dates, including Christmas activities on the School Events Calendar on the website.

Nursery Places

We are incredibly proud of our outstanding Foundation Stage Unit which offers full time provision for our Nursery and Reception children. Due to some places not being accepted as families have moved, we have three Nursery places available. So if you know anyone who is currently looking for a Nursery place for their child, please ask them to contact the school.

Dinner money thank you!

To all the parents/carers that regularly pay their child(ren)'s dinner money promptly on a Monday morning in a labelled envelope, the office staff would like to say a big Thank You! Our dinner money debts have never been so low, which means more money to spend on resources for the children. For any cheque writers, please be reminded that cheques should be made out to Stoke-on-Trent City Council.

First Aid Session for Parents

We are very pleased to be able to offer a free First Aid session for any parent, carer or family member on Tuesday 29th October from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. If you are interested in learning how to cope with basic First Aid situations in friendly, welcoming environment, then please book a place with Mrs Brennan.



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.

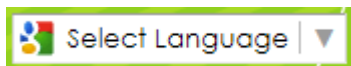
Parents/carers of children in these classes are welcome to join us at these assemblies.

Class Transition morning for Parents/Carers

A reminder that next Thursday 8th October, parents/carers of our KS1 and 2 children are invited to visit their child's class 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 in. We do hope you can come along.

Our website now available in many languages

Our newly launched website has a new Google Translate feature which means that anywhere you see this box on the website you can select from one of 90 different languages. Do have a play and let us know what you think. www.sandfordhill.org.uk



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School Attendance

Our weekly school attendance for last week was 96.5% which meets our school attendance target of 96.5%.

F1/1	100%	Y1/1	98.0%	Y4/1	96.6%
F1/2	97.6%	Y1/2	100%	Y4/2	96.7%
F1/3	96.4%	Y2/1	98.0%	Y5/1	96.9%
F1/4	98.8%	Y2/2	88.7%	Y5/2	95.6%
F2/1	93.3%	Y3/1	96.6%	Y6/1	99.1%
F2/2	92.0%	Y3/2	100%	Y6/2	100%
				Y6/3	94.4%

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	Lacey Comber	Y3/1	Tyler Hazeldine
FS1/2	Skyler Twigg	Y3/2	Lewis Myatt
FS2/1	Harrison Barker	Y4/1	Kaddijatou Kassama
FS2/2	Gracie-Mae Coleman	Y4/2	Jak Kelsall
Y1/1	Caitlin Harrison	Y5/1	Keira Barker
Y1/2	Skyla Playford	Y5/2	Quaid Smith
Y2/1	Joshua Lythgoe	Y6/1	Chloe Stratford
Y2/2	Ruhi Jahan	Y6/2	Ryan Marshall
		Y6/3	Chelsie Davies

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	Cerys Shields
FS1/2	Not Awarded	Y3/2	Romy Swinswood
FS2/1	Jayden Wild	Y4/1	Taylor Brown
FS2/2	Oliver Chetwynd	Y4/2	Evie-Mae Chetwynd
Y1/1	Elouise Howle	Y5/1	Lewis Moore
Y1/2	Lewis Day	Y5/2	Connor Wild
Y2/1	Joshua Lythgoe	Y6/1	Not Awarded
Y2/2	Lucy Thompson	Y6/2	Not Awarded
		Y6/3	Not Awarded

Notices:

- **Harvest contributions now being gathered**

Many thanks to all those that have already sent in harvest contributions, but we are still in need of plenty more items. Please bring any produce you can spare into school before **Wednesday 7th October** so the boxes can be assembled ready for distribution. Many thanks for your support.

- **Parking issue**

On Wednesday there was another accident with two cars outside the school gates. While this time there were no pedestrians involved, we know any parent would be devastated should they cause an injury to a child. So can we please remind parents/carers to park away from the school and walk their children, rather than trying to park or drop off right at the school gate. Thank you for your support with this.

- **Eyes Down!**

Don't forget next Monday 5th October 6:30 p.m. is the next monthly Bingo Night for our Local Residents – all welcome!

- **Mobile Phones**

Please may we kindly remind that due to safeguarding issues mobile phones should not be used on the school premises.



News In Brief

- **Y5 Viking Day**

Yesterday our Y5 children had a visitation from a very surly looking Viking who shared a heap of information about their lives, customs, culture and practices. They enjoyed making an oil lamp and a board game and also practising with a sword and spear.

- **Biscuits for Sale**

Next **Tuesday 6th October**, Y5/1 are making and decorating biscuits as part of their science learning. The biscuits will then be for sale during the afternoon to Y6 and Y3 children at a cost of 20 - 30p. The following **Tuesday 13th October**, Y5/2 will be doing the same and their biscuits will be for sale to Y4 and Y2 children. So if your child(ren) are in Y2-Y6 and might like to buy a biscuit, remember to send them with some pennies on the appropriate day.

Congratulations

- Well done to our Cross Country team that competed last Tuesday at Sandon High School. A special well done to all our Y3 and 4 children, for whom this was their first experience of competitive running, amongst 50-60 children from many other schools.
- Well done to Lucy Bocca who last weekend took part in a dance competition with her troupe and had a great time.

And Finally

You may have noticed on the diary dates that next Thursday 8th and Friday 9th October it states 'Calendar photos'. Last year we did not produce a School Calendar and there was quite an outcry, so we have listened and have this year re-instated it – so at least one Christmas gift is sorted! Please make sure that on Thursday and Friday your child(ren) comes to school looking clean and smart in their Winter uniform please. Many thanks.

Best wishes for the weekend. **Mr. Wardle**

