



Thoughtfulness
and Respect

Sandford Hill Primary School Newsletter



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Words of Welcome..... Yesterday morning we were extremely pleased to welcome a great number of parents /carers into school as part of our transition process. It was lovely to walk around the classrooms and see so many family members working alongside the children. There was a real buzz in school and I'm sure the children have had a lovely time. Thank you so much to everyone who came along and joined us for the morning. Your support, as always, really is very much appreciated. Do make sure you have a look at the photos on the Notices Blog and maybe even leave a comment. <http://sandfordhill.schoolblogs.org/category/notices>



Next week's diary dates:

Tues 13 th Oct	Y5/2 biscuits for sale to Y4 and Y2
Wed 14 th Oct	4 School Council pupils to Local Democracy Session at King's Hall
Thurs 15 th Oct	KS1 Sports Roadshow Y1
26 th – 30 th Oct	Half Term Week
Mon 2 nd Nov	School closed for children – staff training morning
Mon 2 nd Nov ^{NEW}	Parents/Carers Open Afternoon/Evening – 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.
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.

Youth Club Helper Meeting

Next Friday 16th Oct at 3:30pm there will be a brief meeting for youth club helpers to prepare for and plan youth club sessions for this term. The youth club is reliant on volunteer parents/carers to help run the sessions, so any new volunteers would be warmly welcomed to the meeting next Friday.



Parent/Carer Teacher Meetings

This terms meetings for parents/carers to meet with their child's class teacher is being held on Monday 2nd November from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. This is a new arrangement for this term only and will hopefully enable those at home with the children that day to make an afternoon appointment. A crèche will be run for the duration of the meeting times.

First Aid Session for Parents – Date Correction

We are very pleased to be able to offer a free First Aid session for any parent, carer or family member on **Tuesday 20th October** from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. If you are interested in learning how to cope with basic First Aid situations in a friendly, welcoming environment, then please book a place with Mrs Brennan.



Have you seen our blogs!

Our teachers are busy blogging about many of the activities that are going on around school. If you haven't seen them yet then please do try and have a look and even leave a comment. Go to: www.sandfordhill.org.uk and then click on the **Children** link.

Harvest Contributions

An enormous thanks to all of you that sent in harvest contributions this year. We had a wonderful response and thanks to Mrs Brennan and a team of helpers, 71 harvest boxes were made up. Then, on Thursday, they were distributed to our local elderly residents, where they were very gratefully received.

Attendance – Get your mark!

We have a fantastic attendance record here at Sandford Hill and have previously managed to achieve our Government target of 96%. But now our target has been increased to 96.5%! Please help us to maintain our outstanding record by ensuring that our children are here in school every morning and afternoon to receive their attendance mark. Thank you for your continued support.

Autumn Term Assembly dates

Thurs 15th Oct – 9:05 a.m.

Y6/1 Mrs Hassall's class

Thurs 5th Nov – 9:05 a.m.

Y6/2 Miss Gregory's class

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



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School Attendance					
Our weekly school attendance for last week was 96.1% is slightly below our school attendance target of 96.5%.					
F1/1	97.3%	Y1/1	97.3%	Y4/1	98.3%
F1/2	91.4%	Y1/2	100%	Y4/2	94.7%
F1/3	91.4%	Y2/1	95.7%	Y5/1	93.8%
F1/4	100%	Y2/2	94.0%	Y5/2	94.1%
F2/1	97.3%	Y3/1	94.0%	Y6/1	93.2%
F2/2	95.3%	Y3/2	100%	Y6/2	98.7%
				Y6/3	98.1%

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	Jessica Wright	Y3/1	Ewan Robinson
FS1/2	Billy Dimmock	Y3/2	Keira Mason-Anderson
FS2/1		Y4/1	Taylor Brown
FS2/2	Isabelle Bradbury	Y4/2	Lucy Bocca
Y1/1	Leo Wilson	Y5/1	Ben Harrington
Y1/2	Kinga Iwanska	Y5/2	Alisha Tinsley
Y2/1	Paige Johnson	Y6/1	Jessica White
Y2/2	Jessica Beardmore	Y6/2	Gracey Harry
		Y6/3	Benjamin Shaw

News In Brief

• School Council visit to the Houses of Parliament

Last Friday our School Council had the most fantastic visit to London for a tour round the Houses of Parliament. The whole day was an amazing experience and the children learned about how the Houses of Parliament operate and all about the different levels of Government.

• Reception Class have 'Blues and Twos'

Our Reception classes would like to say a massive 'Thank You' to Mr and Mrs Callaghan (both of whom are police officers) for bringing in a police car for the children to sit in and learn about. Mr Callaghan told the children about what it involves to be a police officer and all the equipment they have to carry. A super time was had by all!

• Biscuits for Sale

Next **Tuesday 13th October**, it is the turn of Y5/2 to make and decorate biscuits. The biscuits will be for sale to Y2 and Y4 children at a cost of 20 - 30p, so please remember to send your Y2 or Y4 with some pennies on Tuesday if they want to buy a biscuit .

Congratulations

- Well done to our Cross Country team again that competed on Tuesday at Moorside High School. A very special well done this week to Deanna Buckley in Y6/1 who came first out of all the girls. A fantastic achievement – well done!
- Congratulations to George Hof who has achieved his Stage 2 swimming award with ASA swim school. Well done George!
- Well done to Cody Reece who has been scouted by Stoke City Football Club and will be training every Monday. This is a fantastic achievement. Well done Cody, you should be very proud!

And Finally

This week we celebrated Harvest with the children both in school and at the church. Miss Davies' class Y2/2 led the KS1 assembly and provided a thought provoking message by rearranging the letters in HARVEST to make other words that reflect what harvest is all about. These words included: Have, Eat, Share, Save, Rest. Well done Y2/2.

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	Marium Ashiq	Y3/1	Rhys Williams
FS1/2	Francesca Callaghan	Y3/2	Rio Clarke
FS2/1	Tyler Cartwright	Y4/1	Evan Williams
FS2/2	Erin Duchan	Y4/2	Lewis Payne
Y1/1	Jessica Bowler	Y5/1	Imogen Bowers
Y1/2	Sebbie Gillie	Y5/2	Nathan Coxon
Y2/1	Olivia Oldfield	Y6/1	Cody Reece
Y2/2	Joshua Lamptey	Y6/2	Abigail Lancett
		Y6/3	Matthew Davies

Notices:

• Parking matters continued

Following a meeting with our Local Authority Community and Highways representatives this week, we would like to follow up with a very quick survey of parents/carers to determine the balance of children making use of the Bambury Street entrance and the Clayfield Grove entrance. If you have registered to ParentMail and would be kind enough to spare a minute to respond to the survey when it is sent out, via the app or the ParentMail website, we would be most grateful.

• Resident's Association and Bingo Night

The next Bingo Night for our local residents will be on Monday 9th November 6:30 p.m. due to our Parents Evening the previous Monday 2nd. The bingo will be preceded by a Saxonfield Residents Association Meeting – all are welcome to both activities.

[The Houses of Parliament from the London Eye]

