



Thoughtfulness and Respect

# Sandford Hill Primary School Newsletter



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**Words of Welcome.....** This week we welcomed surprise visitors from Reaseheath College and the Sentinel, who came to present our last year's Y5/1 class a 2<sup>nd</sup> place award for their Glorious Garden. I am sure you will have noticed their wonderful garden last summer, as it provided such a welcoming entrance to our school, so it is lovely to have their hard work acknowledged. Very well done to all of last year's Y5/1 that created the garden and very many thanks to Mr Hassall, and especially Mrs Carney for initiating the project.



## Next week's diary dates:

Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Y3/4 Cross Country -
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct	KS2 Cross Country – Moorside High
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct	First Aid for Parents – 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Y1 Parents/Carers Phonic Screening Meetings 3:30 or 6:00 p.m.
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Y3/4 Football Tournament p.m. – Crescent Academy
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Y5/6 Football Tournament p.m. – Crescent Academy
Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	KS1 Sports Roadshow for Y2
26 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Half Term Week
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	School closed for children – staff training morning
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	Parents/Carers Open Afternoon/Evening – 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Full Governors Meeting 6 p.m.
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec <sup>NEW</sup>	Christmas Fayre and Santa's Grotto
9 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> May 2016	SATs Week

See more diary dates, including Christmas activities on the School Events Calendar on the website. [www.sandfordhill.org.uk/event-created](http://www.sandfordhill.org.uk/event-created)

### No Smoking please

May we please inform family and friends that the entire Sandford Hill Primary School site is a no smoking zone and this includes the use of e-cigarettes. Thank you for your support with this.

### Parent/Carer Teacher Meetings

If you haven't already, please be reminded to return your reply slip to book an appointment to meet with your child's class teacher on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. A crèche will be run for the duration of the meeting times.

### First Aid Session for Parents – Last few spaces remaining

There are just a last few places available for our free First Aid session for any parent, carer or family member on **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> 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.



### Well done to our bloggers!

I have so enjoyed reading about and watching the varied and interesting activities across the school as shared on our class blogs. Parents, carers and friends, if you haven't yet had a look at our blogs and left a feedback comment, then please go to: [www.sandfordhill.org.uk](http://www.sandfordhill.org.uk) and then click on the **Children** or **Blog** links.

### Christmas Fayre and Santa's Grotto

The date has been set – from after school on **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December** – and now the preparations must start. As well as the wonderful support and commitment of our Staff, we are also reliant on and looking to our Parents, Family and Friends to join our SPFFA association. The SPFFA will help to plan, purchase, produce and wrap, among other things; and have a fair bit of fun along the way. So if you have a little bit of time to spare and would like to join our merry band then please try and come along to our first meeting this Monday 19<sup>th</sup> Oct at 2:15 p.m. If you can't make it, but are willing to help out, then please just let the office know.



### Autumn Term Assembly dates

**Thurs 5th Nov – 9:05 a.m.**

Y6/2 Miss Gregory's class

Parents/carers of children in this class are welcome to join us.



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School Attendance					
Our weekly school attendance for last week was 97.02% is above our school attendance target of 96.5%.					
F1/1	100%	Y1/1	98.7%	Y4/1	96.9%
F1/2	98.6%	Y1/2	98.0%	Y4/2	95.0%
F1/3	98.6%	Y2/1	92.0%	Y5/1	96.5%
F1/4	95.7%	Y2/2	97.6%	Y5/2	99.6%
F2/1	95.0%	Y3/1	95.6%	Y6/1	97.2%
F2/2	98.0%	Y3/2	98.0%	Y6/2	98.3%
				Y6/3	96.8%

**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	Bethan Bloor	Y3/1	Lacey Clunn
FS1/2	Betsy Davies	Y3/2	Lorna Walton
FS2/1	Adena Perry	Y4/1	Molly McNicol
FS2/2	Aston Murray	Y4/2	Shay Allen
Y1/1	Elouise Howle	Y5/1	Felicity Wall
Y1/2	Lacey-Jay Armstrong	Y5/2	Eloise Gray
Y2/1	Poppy Curl	Y6/1	Isabelle Knight
Y2/2	Eshaan Rahman	Y6/2	Emma Masterson
		Y6/3	Jessica Booth

**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	Bobby Moore	Y3/1	Thomas Kelemes
FS1/2	Bethan Bloor	Y3/2	Byron Craggs
FS2/1	Kindra Chahal	Y4/1	Gray Bradbeer
FS2/2	Charlie Sheldon	Y4/2	Loris Myatt
Y1/1	Callum Davies	Y5/1	Bradley Slater
Y1/2	Lacey-Jay Armstrong	Y5/2	Jack Sutton
Y2/1	Evie Elliott	Y6/1	Sheila Lomas
Y2/2	Eshaan Rahman	Y6/2	Reece Sutton
		Y6/3	Lucie Wright

### Notices:

- **Parking matters survey**

Thank you to all the parents who responded to our mini ParentMail survey. From our 96 responses, 80% of you said you used Clayfield Grove, with a fairly even split of car users.

- **Website Feedback survey**

Many thanks to those that have completed the website feedback survey on our website about our various communication methods with yourselves. If you haven't yet filled it in, please find it on the top of the **School** menu at [www.sandfordhill.org.uk/school](http://www.sandfordhill.org.uk/school)

- **Jewellery free to do PE!**

Please may we ask that any children with pierced ears should only wear small studs to school to avoid them catching during break times. Also all jewellery **must** be removed for PE lessons, so if your child cannot remove earrings themselves, can they please be removed before coming to school on PE days. Thank you.

- **Y1 Parents/Carers Phonics Screening Meetings**

A reminder that next Tuesday there are phonics screening sessions for parents/carers of Y1 pupils being held at 3:30 and 6:00 p.m.

## Reminder NO clubs next week or the first week after half term.

### News In Brief

- **Biscuits Sold**

This week our Y5/2 class made and decorated biscuits for sale. Both weeks the biscuits went down really well, with many complimentary comments from those that bought them. Well done Y5, we look forward to your skills being used next time we have a cake sale!

- **Democracy Week visit**

This week four of our School Council visited the King's Hall council chambers as part of the Local Democracy Week. There were lots of schools involved and the children learned about having a voice and how to make their voice heard; about the voting system and the council members that are elected. The children also met the Lord Mayor. Well done to **Jack Robinson, Aaliyah Janes, Ben Davis and Lucie Wright**.

- **Absence notification and card payments are coming**

With text messaging and e-mail now established through the use of ParentMail, we are looking to increase the functionality available to us, in the hope that it will make life easier for yourselves. From after half term you will be able to use the ParentMail app or website to notify us of your child's absence from school. In addition, during the second half of the Autumn Term we will be setting up and trialling cashless payments with ParentMail +Pay. This will mean that you will be able to pay for dinner money, trips and other activities using a debit or credit card via the ParentMail app or website. We will provide more information and support once this goes live.

### Congratulations

- Well done again to our KS2 Cross Country runners that competed on Tuesday at Sandon High School. A special well done again to **Deanna Buckley** in Y6/1 who came first out of all the girls for the second week in a row. We have a wonderful number of runners from KS2 and many have represented the school, including: **Isabelle Knight, Deanna Buckley, Jess White, Tinasha Zinyemba, Libby Barwise, Isobel Martin, Lucy Bloor, Taylor Coulson, Riyaz Rahman, Connor Wild, Sam Price, Ryan Bridgett, Ethan Protaszczak, Tyler Nolan, Quaid Smith and Bradley Slater**.

- Big congratulations to our Y5/6 Football who last Friday played a superb match beating Park Hall 4 – 0! Very well done to: **Dylan Regan-Moore, Brennyn Lawton, Declan Brookes, Shay Pike, Cody Reece, Sam Price, Riyaz Rahman, Charlie Bradbury and Josh Bickerton**. A great team effort.
- On Monday eight of our Y5 pupils took part in the Change for Life Festival at Trentham High School. The children took part in a range of games activities and enjoyed meeting the sports leaders and children from other schools. Well done to **Ben Harrington, Teigan Eveson, Conrad Clarke, Ruby Palmer, John Jeffries, Nathan Coxon, Rhys Hackett and Olivia Pointon**.
- Well done to our Y5/6 Tag Rugby teams who played in a tournament on Wednesday at Trentham Rugby Club. Team A came runner-up in its group with the highlight being the victory of 30 – 10 against Park Hall. Team B ended middle of their group with some closely fought games. A great team effort by all, so well done to: **Ben Harrington, Josh Bickerton, Shay Pike, Tinasha Zinyemba, Emily Hughes, Isabelle Knight, Jack Sutton, Bradley Cummings, Riyaz Rahman, Declan Brookes, Sam Price, Connor Wild, Callum Johnson, Taylor Coulson, Dylan Regan-Moore and Deanna Buckley**.

### And Finally

We, at Sandford Hill Primary, are very proud of our clubs and sporting activities and these two weeks are an example of how committed our staff and pupils are. All of our children have the opportunity to take part in fun physical activities, with the Bee Active coaches thrice weekly at lunchtimes, the KS1 sports roadshows and all the activity clubs. Never before have I seen so many children making an early start with 8:15 a.m. clubs! As a result of all these and other activities we are proud to announce that we have achieved a Silver Award in the Sainsbury's School Games initiative. Thank you to all the staff who provide these wonderful opportunities for our children and well done to all our children for their enthusiasm and participation.

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

Some pictures of activities from this week on our twitter feed



Children enjoying Fencing Club



Reception are learning about pets and enjoyed meeting Oreo.



Y2's Super Homework



Y5 had a science investigation

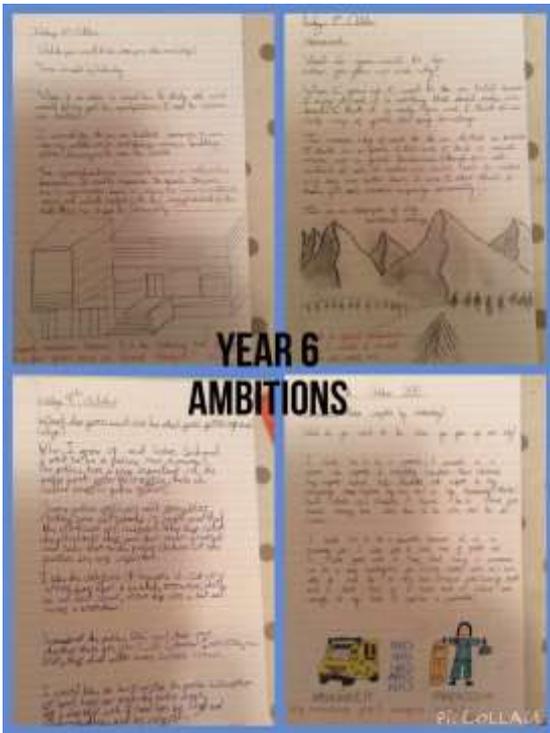


Y2 finding Fitzy and learning about time



Y4 made some Roman artefacts

Y6 have been writing about their life ambitions



Y5 have been making biscuits



And Mr Hassall and Mr Browne have been busy putting up our fantastically decorated plates!

