



Thoughtfulness and Respect

Sandford Hill Primary School Newsletter



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Words of Welcome..... Welcome back after what was hopefully an enjoyable half term break. It was really lovely to welcome so many parents to our Open Afternoon Parent Meetings. We had a fantastic 86% of parents/carers meet with their child(ren)'s teacher(s) which is a great indication of our joint commitment to our children's success at school. Thank you to all that completed the questionnaire. A summary of the responses will be in next week's newsletter. One area that was requested was for more advice about supporting your child(ren)'s learning. On that note can we please direct you to the Children's page on our website with a link to each year group where you will find website links for resources and current areas of learning. We hope you find it useful. www.sandfordhill.org.uk/children

Next week's diary dates:

9 th to 13 th Nov	Chocolate Tombola Week
Mon 9 th Nov	Bingo Night 6:30 p.m. in the hall
Tues 10 th Nov	Full Governors Meeting 6:00 p.m.
Thurs 12 th Nov	Y3 to Poole's Cavern
Fri 13 th Nov	Y4 to Chester
Fri 13 th Nov	'Children in Need' Day – Non-uniform and Discos
Mon 16 th Nov	Y2 to RAF Cosford
Tues 17 th Nov	Y5 to Jodrell Bank
Fri 4 th Dec	"Crafty Christmas Fayre" and Santa's Grotto
9 th to 13 th 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

'Tweet of the Week'

This week it is from Monday's Open Afternoon, about our large touch screen that was in the entrance. That's because it was funded by the proceeds from our Summer Fayre. So **thank you** to all that supported us and enabled us to buy this fabulous resource.



Next week is 'Bottle Week'

Our tombolas were so popular at the Summer Fayre that we want to do them again ready for our **Crafty Christmas Fayre** on the **4th December**. So next week is designated '**Bottle Week**'. If you can please spare a bottle and send it in to your child's class teacher, we would be most grateful. A **special children's raffle ticket** will be given to all children that bring in a donation. Thank you for your support.

Home School Communication Survey Results

Very many thanks to all of you that completed our recent communication survey. The responses were very positive:

- Over 97% agreed that the school website is informative.
- 59% agreed that the school's twitter feed helps to keep them informed about what is happening in school.
- 80% agreed that the school blog helps them to keep informed about what is happening in school.
- 73% would welcome the school developing a Facebook page. 26% had no preference.
- 26% of respondents said they would like to have some support/training on the above.

The full break down of responses can be viewed on the website at: www.sandfordhill.org.uk/school/website-feedback

As a result of your feedback – we have decided to make our prepared Facebook page go live shortly and we will arrange a date for some training.

SPFFA helpers for Crafty Christmas Fayre!

Thank you so much to our Staff, Parents, Family and Friends in our SPFFA association that came to help out this morning with preparations for our Crafty Christmas Fayre. All had a crafty fun time getting to know each other while making items to ready to sell or make! If you couldn't make it but would like to join us, then please feel free to come along each Friday morning at 9:00 a.m. in the community room between now and the Fayre on the 4th December.

Well done 'Blogger of the week'!

This week it is Mr. Walford. This is to recognise all the behind the scenes blog posts and approvals of replies that he does. Thank you Mr. Walford – it is a fantastic resource!



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School Attendance					
Our weekly school attendance for last week was 96.7% is above our school attendance target of 96.5%.					
F1/1	95.3%	Y1/1	98.6%	Y4/1	96.9%
F1/2	87.1%	Y1/2	98.3%	Y4/2	96.0%
F1/3	97.1%	Y2/1	100%	Y5/1	97.9%
F1/4	100%	Y2/2	99.3%	Y5/2	99.2%
F2/1	96.6%	Y3/1	95.0%	Y6/1	98.2%
F2/2	92.0%	Y3/2	94.0%	Y6/2	93.4%
			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	Leyton Howle	Y3/1	Ashton Burton
FS1/2	Daniel Inch	Y3/2	Zack Dunn
FS2/1	Patryk Wozniak	Y4/1	Libby Barwise
FS2/2	Emily Shenton	Y4/2	Rhys Hughes
Y1/1	Brodie Berrisford	Y5/1	Joshua Bickerton
Y1/2	Niamh Bradshaw	Y5/2	Kodi-Leigh Reynolds
Y2/1	Troy Myatt	Y6/1	Deanna Buckley
Y2/2	Lillie-Mae Wild	Y6/2	Aaliyah Janes
		Y6/3	

News In Brief

• Harvest Thanks

I would like to thank all of you that sent in donations for our Harvest Hampers. I have received very many thank you letters from local residents who received a hamper, including one that stated how fantastic the hamper was and "most of all knowing that the staff and children have thought of us, for which we are truly grateful. It is a credit to all of you." In addition, this year our School Council made the decision about which charity would receive your donations from the harvest envelopes. It was agreed that the £266.55 raised be donated to the Douglas MacMillan Hospice. Thank you for your contributions.

• Sir Stanley Matthews plate designs

Well done to all the children who designed a Sir Stanley Matthew's Plate. Some wonderful designs were produced which have now been sent to the competition organisers. The winning designs will be in the Sentinel in December so fingers crossed for all those that entered.

Congratulations

- Congratulations to **Lucy Inch** who achieved her Goldfish 1 swimming award. Well done Lucy!
- Well done to **Freyja Jones** who has received her Shark 1 Swimming Certificate. Congratulations Freyja!

And Finally

This Sunday 8th November is Remembrance Day when, across the country, people will be commemorating British and Commonwealth servicemen and women from the two World Wars and subsequent conflicts. Poppies are being sold in school to raise money for the Royal British Legion charity. This is a way of showing our grateful thanks to those that gave up their lives for others.

This morning we also had a celebration in assembly, where we showed our huge appreciation to Mr. Fred Brown on the event of his 70th Birthday tomorrow. Not only is Fred a school governor, his support has been and continues to be invaluable across the school with all the trips, minibus driving, School Fayres and Youth Club activities to name but a few. We really are so very grateful for all that he does and wish him a wonderful birthday with his family tomorrow.

Best wishes for a pleasant 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	Leyton Howle	Y3/1	Lucy Monks-Neil
FS1/2	Daniel Inch	Y3/2	Leah Iqbal
FS2/1	Jasper Barker	Y4/1	Molly McNicol
FS2/2	Layla Cope	Y4/2	Ruby Booth
Y1/1	Ruby Landon	Y5/1	Holly Malpass
Y1/2	Sean Moore	Y5/2	Eloise Gray
Y2/1	Amelia Williams	Y6/1	Kiereth Singh
Y2/2	Tianna Barnes	Y6/2	Aaliyah Janes
		Y6/3	Bradley Cummings

Notices:

• Resident's Association Bingo Night

A reminder that unusually the Bingo Night was moved from the usual first Monday of the month to next Monday 9th November at 6:30 p.m.

• 'Children in Need' Non-Uniform and Discos

Next Friday is 'Children in Need' day, so for a small donation, the children are invited to come in non-uniform. Also we will be holding 2 discos after school. Letters will be sent home on Monday with details, but just to let you know:

- KS1 will be 3:20 - 4:10 p.m.
- KS2 will be from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

• Youth Club

Watch out for information about our school Youth Club, which we hope to start running again shortly. A letter will be sent home with more information soon.

Reminder - clubs start again next week

