



Thoughtfulness and Respect

# Sandford Hill Primary School Newsletter



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**Words of Welcome.....** In the last couple of weeks we have been remembering those that lost their lives during past wars, today we turn our attention to the needs of younger people through the 'Children in Need' Appeal. Our children were invited to attend in non-uniform and their donation, along with the sales of the KS1 and KS2 disco tickets has raised an amazing £546.08. We know that all the money raised will go to worthy causes and there are 10 projects in Stoke-on-Trent that receive grants from Children in Need. So thank you again for all your contributions and to the staff and youth club helpers for enabling these events to happen.



## Next week's diary dates:

16 <sup>th</sup> to 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<b>Chocolate/Bottle Tombola Week</b> (sorry for confusion last week!)
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Y2 to RAF Cosford
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Y5 to Jodrell Bank
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Book Time for Reception – p.m.
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> Nov	SPFFA Christmas Fayre preparations – 9:00a.m.
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Library Treasure Packs for Nursery – p.m.
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	"Crafty Christmas Fayre" and Santa's Grotto
9 <sup>th</sup> to 13 <sup>th</sup> May 2016	SATs Week

**REMINDER:** Calendar front cover entries from KS2 children need to be handed in to your class teacher for collection first thing on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November.

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)

## 'Tweet of the Week'

This week's 'tweet of the week' is one posted this morning thanking our wonderful SPFFA Christmas Fayre helpers. Preparations are coming on well and there will be plenty of activities to make and do. Thank you again, your help is invaluable to us!



## Next week is 'Chocolate or Bottle Week'

Apologies for the confusion in last week's newsletter about which tombola we were collecting for – so next week we will be collecting chocolates or bottles please. Any child that brings in tombola gift will be entered into a **special children's raffle ticket** with a number of prizes that will be drawn at the Christmas Fayre, 4<sup>th</sup> December. We are reliant on your donations, so thank you for all you can send in!

## 'Children In Need' discos

Tonight we have the KS1 and KS2 discos to help raise money for Pudsey. Tickets for these discos were sold earlier this week and KS2 tickets were sold out. KS2 children should bring their tickets with them to their disco, as due to health and safety, numbers are limited, so those without a ticket will not be allowed entry (though we will have a list at the door). **Parents/carers** – at the end of the discos, please wait to collect your child(ren) from the following locations:

- KS1 parent/carers come to your child's classrooms;
- Y3/4 parent/carers wait outside the hall
- Y5 parent/carers wait in the first downstairs classroom
- Y6 parent/carers wait in the first upstairs classroom. Thank you for your support with this.



## Anti-Bullying Week!

A reminder that next week is Anti-Bullying Week and children will be involved in activities that reinforce our school motto of 'Thoughtfulness and Respect'. Also, we will be discussing how to report any concerns about bullying including both face-to-face bullying and cyber bullying.



## Well done 'Blogger of the week'!

This week it is Jimmy Rushton from Y2 for his reply on the Cenotaph Visit. Do you know why some people wear purple poppies and what they represent? Check the blog to find out.



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School Attendance					
Our weekly school attendance for last week was 97.0% is above our school attendance target of 96.5%.					
F1/1	98.3%	Y1/1	99.2%	Y4/1	99.1%
F1/2	98.2%	Y1/2	97.5%	Y4/2	94.6%
F1/3	96.4%	Y2/1	<b>100%</b>	Y5/1	92.2%
F1/4	96.4%	Y2/2	96.7%	Y5/2	99.1%
F2/1	95.8%	Y3/1	96.7%	Y6/1	98.9%
F2/2	92.9%	Y3/2	100%	Y6/2	92.9%
				Y6/3	<b>100%</b>

**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	Lucy Moore	Y3/1	Grace Simpson
FS1/2	Skyla-Beau Roberts	Y3/2	Macy Buckley
FS2/1	Jasper Barker	Y4/1	Not Awarded (Trip)
FS2/2	Layla Cope	Y4/2	Not Awarded (Trip)
Y1/1	Callum Davies	Y5/1	Bradley Slater
Y1/2	Evie Booth	Y5/2	William Harrison-Brien
Y2/1	Yvie Jones	Y6/1	Luke Abbotts
Y2/2	Amelia Ostrouchow	Y6/2	Hollie-Mae Furbur
		Y6/3	Jessica Booth

### News In Brief

#### • Christmas Productions

Believe it or not, it is only 2 more weeks until our Christmas productions start on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December. Foundation Stage parents/carers have already received a letter inviting them to make requests for tickets. The KS1 letter goes out to Y1 and Y2 parents/carers tonight, so look out for that. KS2 letters will be sent out in the next few weeks. For a full list of all the Christmas productions dates, please see right.

#### • Children's Christmas Lunch

Our wonderful school cook, Mrs Browne, will be serving the children's Christmas Dinner this year on Friday 11th December. So if your child(ren) would like a Christmas Dinner it is essential that they return the slip at the end of this newsletter by Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November. Please note this is open to **all** children, so if your child normally has sandwiches they can still have a Christmas Dinner just for that day at a cost of £2.20. If your child **normally** has a school dinner or is entitled to a free meal, we still require the slip to be returned, so Mrs Browne can cater accordingly.

### Congratulations

- Congratulations to **Ruby Booth** who recently competed in the Stoke Elite Invitational Trampoline Competition. Well done Ruby!
- Well done to **Brooke Barker** and **Jessica Beardmore** who have achieved their Stanley 5 swimming award. Well done!

### And Finally

We currently have a run of school trips, with 4 year groups taking the children out to: Poole's Cavern (Y3) yesterday - finding out about how caves are formed; DEWA Roman experience (Y4) today - finding out about how the Romans lived in Chester; RAF Cosford (Y2) on Monday - to find out about flight with planes and to the moon; and Jodrell Bank (Y5) on Tuesday - to find about the planets and solar system. Giving the children these wonderful experiences provides a great stimulus to further develop their enthusiasm and learning for their particular topic. Thank you to the staff for organising them and to you for supporting them. The children always get so much from the trips out and are a real credit to the school, wherever they go.

Best wishes for a pleasant weekend. **Mr. Wardle**

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### 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	Lillie-Mae Jones	Y3/1	Rhys Williams
FS1/2	Sophie McGraw-Pointon	Y3/2	Rebecca Horton
FS2/1	Patryk Wozniak	Y4/1	Joel Walton
FS2/2	Isabel Salt	Y4/2	Sky Williams
Y1/1	Ruby Landon	Y5/1	Tinotenda Nyamayaro
Y1/2	Eli Hallam	Y5/2	John Jeffries
Y2/1	Lacie McGraw	Y6/1	Isabelle Knight
Y2/2	Kayleigh Wootton	Y6/2	Dylan Regan-Moore
		Y6/3	Kelsie Cooper

### Notices:

#### • Longton Exchange Colouring Competition

Today, KS1&2 children will be bringing home a colour in Christmas picture for the Longton Exchange. Competition entries need to be brought in to the teacher by **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November**. The winner from across 4 Longton schools will switch on the Christmas lights in Longton with Pottermus from Stoke FC, but all will be put up in Longton shops. So get colouring, you just have this weekend!

#### • Senior Citizens Christmas Events

This year we will again be inviting our local senior citizens into school for:

- **KS1 Christmas Production - Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December - 1 p.m.**
- **Pie and Pea Evening - Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December - 6 p.m.**

If you know of someone who might like to come along, that hasn't already signed up, then please complete and return the proforma at the end of this newsletter.

### Christmas Concert Dates

FSU	Tues 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	All performances will start at approximately 9:15 - 9:30 a.m., once the children are changed and ready.
FSU	Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	
KS1	Tues 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	
KS1	Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	
Year 3	Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	
Year 4	Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	
Year 5	Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	
Year 6	Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	

I hear and I forget.  
I see and I remember.  
I do and I understand.  
-Chinese Proverb

### Concert for Senior Citizen's Christmas - Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December

I would like \_\_\_\_\_ places for the Senior Citizen's Christmas Concert on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December from 1:15 – 3:30 p.m.

I do / do not require transport (Please delete as applicable)

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Tel Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address transport is required from: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Print: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Senior Citizen's Christmas 'Pie and Pea' Party - Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December

I would like \_\_\_\_\_ places for the Senior Citizen's Christmas Party on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Tel Number \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Print: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Children's Christmas Dinner - Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December



I would like my child to have a Christmas Dinner on **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December**.

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

- My child normally has a paid school dinner and I will pay the normal £11.00 on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December;
- My child normally has a free school dinner;
- My child normally has sandwiches from home, but would like the Christmas Dinner and I enclose £2.20 with this slip.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent / Carer Date: \_\_\_\_\_

[Please hand in to your child's class teacher in a sealed labelled envelope.]

**All orders must be received by Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November.**

We are unable to take any orders after this date.