

Thoughtfulness
and Respect

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BREAKING NEWS:

The children look supersmart in their new uniform **BUT** we already have one brand new jumper found with no name in it! Please, don't waste your money and make sure your children's clothes are all clearly named. Thank you.

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Words of Welcome

On behalf of all the staff and Governors, I would like to welcome back all our children and their parents/carers to the start of another new academic year. The children all look wonderfully smart in their new uniforms, as you can see by our Y1/1 class, below. We do hope that all the uniform has been labelled with your child's name!



The start of a new year brings many new opportunities - a new class teacher for the children to get to know with new expertise and interests; a new classroom, perhaps a new part of the school building and/or new

playground; a huge amount of new learning and also a new look newsletter, which we hope you like.

As always, there will be lots going on this term, so please do share your child's journey through this school year by looking at all the activities posted on the blog, Twitter, Facebook and this newsletter. Also, don't forget to add your comment. The children love to see what has been written.

May we wish everyone an enjoyable and successful school year.

Transition morning for Parents/Carers

Moving into a new year group can be quite a change for the children and can be concerning for the parents/carers as their child gets to know a new teacher.

To help with this transition, our Y1 to Y6 parents/carers are invited into school on **Thursday 14th September**. We ask that children arrive at school promptly at 8:50 a.m. so that we can register them before opening the doors to parents/carers as soon after 9:00 a.m. as we can. We do hope you are able to join your child in their classroom and see all the new displays.



On to Pastues New!

It is with mixed emotions that I write this week to inform you that Mrs. Brennan, our Home School Link Worker, will be leaving us next Friday. We are delighted that she has secured herself a new position with Staffordshire Police, but she will be hugely missed here at Sandford Hill. She has been supporting our children and families here for a number of years in many different ways. She is always there to support families, she has been running monthly Bingo, as well as providing events for the local elderly residents.

We are now looking to employ someone with the same skills as Mrs. Brennan and will hopefully have someone new in post for soon after half term. In the meantime, should you need to speak to someone, then the main point of contact will be Mrs. Allen after school on Tuesdays and Fridays.

On behalf of all the children, staff, Governors and families of Sandford Hill, may we wish Mrs. Brennan every success in her new role and know that she will be very much missed.

Diary dates:

Thur 14th Sept Transition morning Y1-6 Parents invited 9-10 a.m.
Mon 18th Sept Clubs start
Mon 18th Sept Stanley Head Parents Meeting 6:00 p.m.
Wed 20th Sept Y3 to Manchester Museum
Fri 22nd Sept Swimming starts for Y4 and Y6
Mon 25th Sept Y6 to Stanley Head
Mon 23rd Oct – Fri 27th Oct HALF TERM

News in Brief



On Thursday morning we welcomed to our main school assembly some special visitors from Stoke City who were launching the new "City 7s" initiative. Our Y2 children each received a City 7 bag, with a Stoke City shirt and a voucher for the Chelsea game on 23rd September. As you can imagine the children were thrilled with their goody bags! Not to be too left out though, all the children should have come home with a flyer tonight, offering reduced price tickets for the same game. If you want to take advantage of this offer then ticket monies and form must be given to the office in an envelope before **Friday 15th Sept** when they are being collected by Stoke City.

Top Reading Classes of the Week

As part of our focus on the children building a love of reading, we will continue to ask that all the children read at home at least 4 times a week. Then, next week, instead of the class reading challenge %, there will be the Top 3 Reading Class of the Week. So watch out to see which top 3 classes have won our reading challenge and earned an extra reward! Please do support us by hearing or encouraging your child to read at least 4 times a week. Thank you.





Congratulations

- Well done to **Lacie McGraw** who received her gymnastics Level 7 Proficiency Award. Fantastic effort Lacie, congratulations!
- Super well done to **Sebbie, Alfie and Evie Gillie, Cerys Shields, Isabella Jones and Sienna-Mae Hopkin-Jama** who completed the Animal Agents Summer Reading Challenge at the Library.



Stoke-on-Trent for UK City of Culture 2021

You may have noticed a new footer on the first page, as Sandford Hill Primary are supporting Stoke-on-Trent's bid to win the City of Culture for 2021. Hull, who are this year's City of Culture are regularly in the press for the activities that are going on there, so wouldn't it be great for the City if we could have the same. The result will be known in December 2017.



Blogs Of The Week

We hope you have enjoyed reading our blog posts once again, which we think are a great way to help parents / carers share in the children's learning. Our school blog can be viewed through the home page of the school website: www.sandfordhill.org.uk. At the time of writing, this week we've had posts from Reception, Year 1, Year 3 and Year 4 and as always, we'd very much welcome your comments on our blog. Please do take a look. The children very much appreciate your comments.

'Tweet of the Week'

We aim to continue to share snippets of school life once again this year through our school Twitter feed. You can follow us: [@sandford_hill](https://twitter.com/sandford_hill). Our tweets are also posted onto our Face book page: [@sandfordhillprimary](https://www.facebook.com/sandfordhillprimary). Don't worry though if you're not a user of Facebook or Twitter, since our posts are also shared through the home page of our school website: www.sandfordhill.org.uk

NOTICES

CLUBS

You will receive a ParentMail form after school today for your child to choose the clubs they would like to attend this term. It is NOT first come first served, as we try to ensure all the children get on at least one club, **but the deadline is 9:00 a.m. next Tues 12th Sept.** They will be notified with the club record by next Friday which club(s) they have been allocated.

Children coming into class themselves

Now that the children have settled into their new classes, could we please ask that, as from Monday, parents/carers of all Y1 to Y6 children say goodbye to them at their entrance and allow them to come into class by themselves. Staff will be there ready to welcome them, but as learning starts at 9:00 a.m., parents/carers are kindly requested not to come into class first thing. Should you need to pass on a message to the teacher, then please leave a note with the welcoming member of staff or for a discussion with the teacher, ask for an appointment at the front office.

Thank you.



School Attendance

Our school attendance for this week is 98.1% which is **above** our school attendance target of 96.5%.

The Tony Hughes Award for 'Thoughtfulness and Respect'

This medallion, in memory of our former Chairman of the PTFA, is presented each week to a worthy child from each class.

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Y5/2	
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Y6/2	

Our Thoughtfulness and Respect Awards start next week.

Maths Challenge 1

If you know that

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Work out

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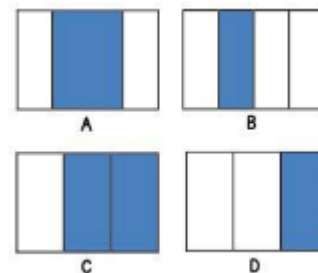
And Finally

Our staff training this Monday focused on the importance of staff really getting to know the children in their class and what makes them tick. Only by recognising every child's individuality and understanding their changing needs will we enable them to succeed. Likewise it is important to build strong relationships with parents/carers, as it is only when we work together, that we will get the best out of your children. We look forward to the challenges of the year ahead and we encourage you to communicate and work with us, as you do so brilliantly, to make this a really successful time in your child's life.

Have a pleasant weekend.

Mr Wardle

Maths Challenge 2



Which diagram has 1/3 shaded? Explain the reason for your choice. Explain why the other diagrams do not have 1/3 shaded.