



Thoughtfulness and Respect

# Sandford Hill Primary School Newsletter



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**Words of Welcome.....** Today we have welcomed the children to school in non-uniform to raise money for Children in Need. If you have been watching or listening to any of the various fund raising activities that have been going on during the week, you will be aware of how important this cause is. All children face challenges, but some a lot more so than others. So, as we donate to this very worthy charity, we encourage our children to think of other children less fortunate than themselves. As a school, we are very much thinking of one of our children, Kodi, as she has just undergone major surgery. We wish Kodi a speedy recovery and we look forward to welcoming her back soon. Your donations today, for non-uniform and both the discos, have raised a fantastic £800.68.



## Diary dates:

Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Absent children photos
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reception Parents Phonics Session 9:05 a.m.
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	Sports Hall athletics competition - Trentham
Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Governing Body Meeting
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Youth Club on
Tues 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Y4 to DEWA Centre, Chester
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Bingo
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Senior Citizen's Party watching Y2 Assembly
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Early Years to Cannock to visit Santa
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS2 Christingle Service at church
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>Christmas Jumper, Dinner and Arts Fayre Day!</b>
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Senior Citizen's Pie and Pea Supper

## Christmas Concert Dates

EYFS	Tues 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov
EYFS	Wed 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov
Year 1	Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec
Year 2	Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec
Year 3	Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec
Year 4	Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec
Year 5	Tues 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec
Year 6	Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec

All concerts will start at approximately 9:15 a.m. once the children are changed and ready.

## Discos are ON tonight

### Christmassy Cake Off!

Have you started planning your Christmas Cake Off entry yet? If not here's a few ideas.

Cakes need to be brought in on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec, when winners from EYFS, KS1, Lower KS2 and Upper KS2 will be judged. Cakes will be sold at our Christmas Fayre and Art Gallery on 9<sup>th</sup> Dec.



### Children in Need Discos tonight Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November

Child collection arrangements at the end of discos:

- KS1 - 4:15 p.m. from your child's classroom;
- Y3/4 - 6:30 p.m. wait outside the hall;
- Y5 - 6:30 p.m. from first downstairs classroom;
- Y6 - 6:30 p.m. from first upstairs classroom.

### Christmas Helpers Urgently Needed for Chat'n'Wrap

As we prepare for all our Christmas activities, we have a great need for volunteer helpers that can spare a bit of time during the day. Our Chat'n'Wrap sessions are on:

- Wed 30<sup>th</sup> Nov 9:00 - 12:00 p.m.
- Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Dec 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
- Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Dec 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

If you are able, please do come along and do some wrapping for as much time as you can make. Thank you.

### Mr Wardle's Tougher Maths Challenge



At the school fayre, people were asked to guess how many peas there were in a jar. No one guessed correctly, but the nearest guesses were 163, 169, 178 and 182.

One of the numbers was 1 out, one was 3 out, one was 10 out and the other was 16 out. How many peas were there altogether in the jar?

### Mr Wardle's Simpler Maths Challenge

What's the missing number?

- 5 + 3 = 28
- 9 + 1 = 810
- 8 + 6 = 216
- 5 + 4 = 19
- 7 + 3 = ???

**'Blog of the week!'** - This week is awarded to Mrs Hassall's Maths group for sharing their learning of fraction, decimal and percentage equivalence when playing 'Doughnut Percents'. Why not check it out on our blog and then leave us a comment?

**'Tweet of the Week'** is awarded to all of those children who featured on our Twitter feed, having successfully completed the newsletter maths challenge. Why not have a go yourselves this week?



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### School Attendance

Our weekly school attendance for last week was 96.6% which is **above** our school attendance target of 96.5%.

F1/1	94.7%	Y1/1	96.0%	Y4/1	100%
F1/2	96.0%	Y1/2	98.0%	Y4/2	96.3%
F1/3	91.7%	Y2/1	98.7%	Y5/1	98.7%
F1/4	92.7%	Y2/2	98.0%	Y5/2	97.3%
F2/1	94.7%	Y3/1	98.0%	Y6/1	98.5%
F2/2	95.3%	Y3/2	98.0%	Y6/2	90.3%

### 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	Alecia Owen	Y3/1	Manni Reynolds
FS1/2	Sophia Lomas	Y3/2	Takudzwa Nyamayaro
FS2/1	Kaytee Lofkin	Y4/1	Ashton Burton
FS2/2	Erin Latham	Y4/2	Byron Craggs
Y1/1	Blake Wray	Y5/1	Ruby Booth
Y1/2	Amelia Miller	Y5/2	Aimee Bloor
Y2/1	Brodie Berrisford	Y6/1	Olivia Pointon
Y2/2	Alfie-John Griffiths	Y6/2	Carla Cooper

### News in Brief

#### • KS2 Christingle

On Wednesday 7th December, our KS2 pupils will be taking part in a Christingle service at St. Mary and St. Chad's church at 1:30 p.m. Christingle is a celebratory event that takes place in thousands of churches and schools, to raise money for The Children's Society. Tonight, all the KS2 children are bringing home a collection candle box to assemble. Please could the children fill the box with loose change to donate to The Children's Society. Thank you. The candles need to be returned to school by **Tuesday 6th December** so that we can take them to church as part of the service. More information can be found at:

[www.childrensociety.org.uk/what-you-can-do/fundraising-and-appeals/events-and-activities/get-involved-christingle](http://www.childrensociety.org.uk/what-you-can-do/fundraising-and-appeals/events-and-activities/get-involved-christingle)

#### • Parents' Phonics Session

On Wednesday morning we were delighted to welcome so many parents/carers who came to watch the children in a Reception class Phonics lesson. Thank you so much to all those parents that attended. We really appreciate your support and we hope you found the session and resources useful. Next Wednesday, the parents/carers of the children in Miss Hodgson's, Mrs Powell's and Miss Chidlow's phonics group are invited to attend. We are looking forward to seeing you there.

### Congratulations

- Well done to **Madison Street** who has passed her Level 5 in trampolining. Congratulation's Madison.
- Congratulations to **Callum Williams** who has received his 1<sup>st</sup> Beavers Badge. Well done Callum.

### And Finally

There are some amazing sights and experiences around us all the time for those that are interested and inquisitive. I was excited about seeing the full moon of Monday night, 14<sup>th</sup> November, as it was not only the biggest, closest and brightest supermoon of this year, but it was the closest supermoon since 26<sup>th</sup> January, 1948. Sadly, it won't come this close to Earth again until 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2034. What a disappointment the sky was too cloudy to see it.

On Monday our KS2 children had their own amazing viewing experience, of virtual locations around the world and back through time, using special viewers and Google expeditions. The children were captivated by images and especially shocked when a shark swam straight at them in the underwater location. A big thank you to Miss Hodgson for organising this experience and I wonder what new technological developments will happen before the next supermoon in 2034 - teacher robots perhaps!

Best wishes 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	Oliver Hambleton	Y3/1	William Buckley
FS1/2	Evelyn Thompson	Y3/2	Jailyn Hazeldine
FS2/1	Dominik Wozniak	Y4/1	Amie-Mae Callaghan
FS2/2	Oliver Davies	Y4/2	Eddie Lomax
Y1/1	Lily-Mae Gratton	Y5/1	Cayne Powis
Y1/2	Jesse Solani	Y5/2	Lacey Pitt
Y2/1	Elouise Howle	Y6/1	Eloise Gray
Y2/2	Lotti Cooper	Y6/2	Conrad Clarke

### Notices:

#### • Senior Citizen Christmas Assembly / 'Pie & Pea' Party

It's not too late for local senior citizens to request a place at our Christmas Assembly with afternoon tea and 'Pie and Pea Party'. Please see Mrs Brennan for more details for yourself or a family member.

#### • Nursery and Reception places for September 2017

If you have children that will be aged 3 or 4 before 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017, then you can now book them a school place online at [www.stoke.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.stoke.gov.uk/admissions). If you know of any families that have children of this age, then please do encourage them to come and have a look around the school, or better still let them know of our **Early Years Open Event** on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

