



Thoughtfulness
and Respect

Sandford Hill Primary School Newsletter



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Words of Welcome..... This Tuesday we were delighted to welcome some of our local residents to the annual Senior Citizens' Christmas Party. During the afternoon our visitors were entertained by Key Stage 1 with a superb performance of 'Prickly Hay' nativity story. They also received a party tea served by School Council members and staff, followed by a game of Bingo. It was a wonderful early celebration of Christmas and was greatly enjoyed by all. We'd like to say an extra special thank-you to our KS1 children who performed for our special visitor and also to the members of our School Council, who worked really hard to make the afternoon as enjoyable as possible for all. Thank you everyone and well done. Our thanks also go to Mrs Brennan and her helpers for lots of hard work behind the scenes in preparing for the Christmas Party.

Next week's diary dates:

Sun 6 th Dec	"Light Up a Life" Service – 3:00 p.m.
Mon 7 th Dec	Choir to perform at University Hospital
Mon 7 th Dec	Resident's Association – Bingo Night
Tues 8 th Dec	KS1 Christmas Production – 9:00 a.m.
Tues 8 th Dec	Glee Club Performance - 4:00 p.m.
Wed 9 th Dec	KS1 Christmas Production – 9:00 a.m.
Wed 9 th Dec	KS2 Christingle service at St Mary's and St Chad's – 1:30 p.m.
Thurs 10 th Dec	Foundation Stage visit to Cannock Chase
Fri 11 th Dec	Year 4 Christmas Production – 9:00 a.m.
Fri 11 th Dec	Christmas Dinner – wear something Christmassy!
Mon 14 th Dec	Resident's Association Pie and Pea Evening
Tues 15 th Dec	Y5 Christmas Assembly
Wed 16 th Dec	Y6 Christmas Assembly
Wed 16 th Dec	FSU and KS1 Party
Thurs 17 th Dec	KS2 Party
Fri 18 th Dec	Choir carol singing at Douglas MacMillan

See more diary dates, including Christmas activities on the School Events Calendar on the website.
www.sandfordhill.org.uk/event-created

NO MORE CLUBS THIS TERM
(except for ALL Glee Club members on Tues 8th Dec 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.)

NO Youth Club Tonight as we'll all be at the Christmas Fayre!

'Light Up a Life' Service

A reminder to choir members who are taking part in the **Light Up a Life service on Sunday 6th December** – Please can they meet Mrs Martin, Mrs Brian and Mrs Arnott at **Longton Central Hall at 2:15 p.m. on Sunday in their full school uniform.** Parents/carers – the children will need to be collected at 4:15 p.m. Good luck boys and girls, I'm sure you will perform beautifully.

Calendar Competition

Congratulations to Y6 pupil, **Lucie Wright** who designed the front cover to our 2016 calendar. Very well done Lucie!
Calendars will be on sale at the Christmas Fayre tonight for £4.00 each.



Crafty Christmas Fayre and Santa's Grotto

This afternoon the **Christmas Fayre starts at 3:30 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.**

See below for what's happening where:

- Along the downstairs classrooms you will find a range of craft stalls, activities and tombolas.
- The food, drink and games can be found in the hall.
- To visit Santa's Grotto please go to the Community Room.

Well done 'Blogger of the week'!

This week our blogger of the week is Mrs J Rushton, who came to our Senior Citizens' Christmas Party and then added the following words in reply to a blog post; "Had an amazing time, all the children were amazing in the play. Thank you to the staff and children who looked after us so well." Thank you so much for your comments Mrs Rushton- they're very much appreciated.

Tweet of the Week'

This week the Good Food Organisation tweeted in recognition of the good work we are doing, led by Mrs Carney as we pursue the Bronze Food For Life Award.



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School Attendance					
Our weekly school attendance for last week was 96.7% which is above our school attendance target of 96.5%.					
F1/1	91.3	Y1/1	98.0	Y4/1	98.6
F1/2	100	Y1/2	95.6	Y4/2	97.3
F1/3	95.0	Y2/1	99.0	Y5/1	97.9
F1/4	97.9	Y2/2	100.0	Y5/2	96.4
F2/1	95.0	Y3/1	97.7	Y6/1	91.8
F2/2	99.0	Y3/2	96.7	Y6/2	91.7
				Y6/3	93.8

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	Poppy Johal	Y3/1	James Crabb
FS1/2	Leila Hazeldine	Y3/2	Leah Iqbal
FS2/1	Ellie Harrington	Y4/1	Taylor Brown
FS2/2	Kelsie Walker	Y4/2	Demi Williams
Y1/1	Thomas Simpson	Y5/1	Lewis Moore
Y1/2	Ava Challinor	Y5/2	Quaid Smith
Y2/1	Yvie Jones	Y6/1	Skye Kesic
Y2/2	Malwina Jaworska	Y6/2	Callum Johnson
		Y6/3	Nia Speirs

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	Neve Bentley	Y3/1	Ashton Burton
FS1/2	Leila Hazeldine	Y3/2	Luis Collier
FS2/1	Ellie Harrington	Y4/1	Ellie Hammonds
FS2/2	Jamie Kelsall	Y4/2	Natalia Iwanska
Y1/1	Ella Wigley	Y5/1	Deelan Ibrahim
Y1/2	Leo Morgan	Y5/2	Maddison Bowers
Y2/1	Autumn Powis	Y6/1	Cody Beech
Y2/2	Malwina Jaworska	Y6/2	Hollie-Mae Furbur
		Y6/3	Austin Gratton

Notices:

- **Residents Association Bingo** will take place on **Monday 7th December**, it will start at **6:30 p.m.**
- **Christmas Concert ticket request** letters have now been sent to all classes. Please can these be returned to your child's class teacher as soon as possible? Thank you.
- **'Cook and Eat Well' course for parents/carers** is planned for next term. Free workshops for 2 hours a week **starting Fri 15th Jan 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.** for 6 weeks. Places are strictly limited and offered on a first come first served basis. Please see Mrs Brennan to book a place or for more information.
- **Christmas performance DVDs** will be available for sale as a keepsake of the children's wonderful performances at a cost of £3.00 each. Order forms will be sent home following each production.
- **Pie and Pea Supper** will take place for local senior citizens on **Monday 14th December**. Further details from Mrs Brennan.

News in Brief

- **Nursery provision 2016-17**
As you may be aware, Stoke on Trent City Council reduced the funding for Nursery provision to 15 hours in 2014. The governors of Sandford Hill have made the decision to continue to maintain full time provision, (30 hours) for the academic year 2016-2017. This will be reviewed on an annual basis. Applications can now be made at www.stoke.gov.uk/admissions
- We do hope you are keeping in touch with what has been going on in schools on our blogs, easily accessible from our website www.sandfordhill.org.uk. There are an enormous number of entries from across the school sharing many activities that have gone on this week. Do have a look at the video montages, pictures and commentary and please do leave a comment too!

Congratulations

- Many congratulations to our Indoor Athletes who yesterday won first place in a Sportshall Athletics Competition at Trentham High School. Very well done to: **Riyaz Rahman, Taylor Coulson, Deelan Ibrahim, Sam Price, Tilly Atherton, Isabelle Knight, Sharni Eaton, Deanna Buckley, Joshua Bickerton and Aaliyah Janes**. A great team effort!
- **William Grocock** who achieved his brown belt in kick boxing. Well done William!



And Finally

This week we have had a wonderful start to December's Christmas celebrations. With the magical Foundation Stage performance 'A Wiggly Nativity', our ever popular Senior Citizen's Party with KS1 'Prickly Hay' performance and today's Y3 Christmas Assembly, all our audiences have been experienced a real treat which we hope they have enjoyed.
Tonight we have our Crafty Christmas Fayre and Santa's Grotto and many a delight is in store for those that can joins us. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our dedicated staff and our parent, family and friend helpers for all their hard work and support over the last few weeks to ensure all our Christmas events are the success I am sure they

Mr. Wardle