



Thoughtfulness
and Respect

Sandford Hill Primary School Newsletter



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Words of Welcome..... Christmas is a time of giving and last Friday's Christmas Fayre was a wonderful demonstration of what a super, giving, school community we are, when providing memorable experiences for our children. I would like to thank all our parents, carers, family members and friends who joined us at our Fayre, giving up your time, as well as money. I would also like to give another huge thank you to: all our parent/carer helpers who did a fantastic job preparing for the Fayre over the last few weeks; our fantastic cook, Mrs Browne for the food; our teachers, especially Mrs Drakeford for the amazing Santa's Grotto and to our hard working office staff who pulled it all together. We are extremely pleased to announce that we have raised a fantastic **£1311.03**, some of which will go towards providing the children with their much enjoyed Christmas parties next week. Many thanks again to all for your continued support.

Next week's diary dates:

Mon 14 th Dec	Resident's Association Pie and Pea Evening
Tues 15 th Dec	Y5 Christmas Assembly – 9:00 a.m.
Wed 16 th Dec	Y6 Christmas Assembly – 9:00 a.m.
Wed 16 th Dec	FSU and KS1 Party (Children to come to school in party clothes).
Thurs 17 th Dec	Police Cadets Passing Out Parade 9:00 a.m.
Thurs 17 th Dec	KS2 Party (Children to come to school in party clothes).
Fri 18 th Dec	Y6 Choir carol singing at Douglas MacMillan Hospice
Mon 4 th Jan	School Starts for staff and children
Tues 5 th Jan	Y2/1 to Pizza Express
Thurs 7 th Jan	Pantomime in school (Oh yes it is!)
Tues 12 th Jan	Y2/2 to Pizza Express
Wed 13 th Jan	Swimming starts for Y3 and Y4
Fri 15 th Jan	Parents' Cook and Eat sessions start
w/b 9 th May	Y6 SATs week

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

Christmas Performance DVDs

This week we have already been treated to some really fabulous Christmas performances by the children. If you would like a reminder of your child(ren)'s involvement, then please do ensure you return the order form as dated on the slip. We have to arrange to get the DVDs copied and so we do need to know the numbers in advance to ensure you receive them for Christmas. Thank you for your understanding with this.

Cycle Training

Is your child getting a new bike for Christmas? If so, you may be interested to know that there is cycle training at Fenton Manor on Saturday 2nd Jan 2016 for all ability levels for just £2. Call 01785 818193 for more details.

ParentMail +Pay

We are in the final stages of the setting up process which will enable you to pay for trips, purchases and school dinners online or via the ParentMail app. This will be phased in during the course of next term with the aim for the school to go totally cashless by the start of the summer term. If you have not yet set up your ParentMail account with an e-mail and downloaded the app, if you have a smartphone, then now is the time to do so. We will be sending out more information about how it will work in the New Year and also offering some training and support for those that want it. In the meantime if you have any questions, please do ask at the front office.

Well done 'Blogger of the week'!

Our Chair of Governors, Mr Moss replied: "Great to see the children making their Christingle. I enjoyed listening to the special Christingle song they were singing in Church, celebrating the real meaning of Christmas. Seeing all the wonderful activities and learning opportunities the children have to celebrate Christmas, makes me feel very proud to be a governor at Sandford Hill."

'Tweet of the Week'

This week this prestigious award is presented to those parents who have been telling us how much they have appreciated our use of the Twitter feed and school blog.



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Thoughtfulness and Respect



School Attendance					
Our weekly school attendance for last week was 97% which is above our school attendance target of 96.5%.					
F1/1	96.0%	Y1/1	97.7%	Y4/1	95.2%
F1/2	97.2%	Y1/2	92.7%	Y4/2	99.7%
F1/3	95.7%	Y2/1	97.7%	Y5/1	95.2%
F1/4	98.6%	Y2/2	99.3%	Y5/2	93.9%
F2/1	96.3%	Y3/1	98.7%	Y6/1	94.5%
F2/2	97.0%	Y3/2	99.7%	Y6/2	98.3%
				Y6/3	100%

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	Ella-Louise Billington	Y3/1	Famidah Islam
FS1/2	Jamie Oldfield	Y3/2	Ryan Bridgett
FS2/1	Modou Kassama	Y4/1	Lucas Hemmings
FS2/2	Ashton Screen	Y4/2	Ruby Booth
Y1/1	Amina Khan	Y5/1	Conrad Clarke
Y1/2	Marcus Wong	Y5/2	Nathan Coxon
Y2/1	Oliver Morgan	Y6/1	Luke Abbotts
Y2/2	Charlotte Bennett	Y6/2	Emma Masterson
		Y6/3	Austin Gratton

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	Marium Ashiq	Y3/1	Corey Regan-Moore
FS1/2	Ashton Allen	Y3/2	Ruben Edwards
FS2/1	Matthew Bennett	Y4/1	Mitchell Lavery
FS2/2	Noah Jones	Y4/2	Lucy Bocca
Y1/1	Mason Lomax	Y5/1	Kian Taylor
Y1/2	Lewis Day	Y5/2	Maddie Hallam
Y2/1	Kaiden Cowdrey	Y6/1	Vimbai Mashonga
Y2/2	Amelia Ali	Y6/2	Layla Edwards
		Y6/3	Lucie Wright

Notices:

- '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.



News in Brief

• **KS2 Christingle Service**

On Wednesday all our KS2 children walked to church for our annual Christingle Service to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas. The church looked beautiful and the children were a credit to the school as usual.

• **Foundation Stage Expedition**

Yesterday our Foundation Stage braved the wintery weather to visit Santa and his helpers down in Cannock. The children were fascinated by the reindeer and were thrilled that Santa had come to see them too! A special day was had by all and the children behaved beautifully. Well done Foundation Stage!



And Finally

I started this newsletter by saying that Christmas is a time of giving and so this week I have been very proud of our Choir children who have represented the school at two separate events, giving their time and their beautiful voices. On Sunday the whole choir took part in the 'Light Up a Life' service at Longton Central Hall, joining in with the service and performing two songs to the congregation. On Monday, the Y6 choir members went to the University Hospital to entertain patients and members of the public with a range of traditional carols and next Friday they do the same at the Douglas Macmillan Hospice.

Hearing the singing in school, by the choir on a Wednesday morning and by year groups as they practice for their performances, always lightens the mood and I am sure it will have been the same for the audiences of our choir. I hope that you too are uplifted when watching your child(ren) perform and enjoy this festive tradition as much as the children do. Well done to all our performers across the school.



Have a good weekend.
Mr. Wardle