

Thoughtfulness  
and Respect

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#### BREAKING NEWS:

Next Week is **CAKE WEEK** donations for the Christmas Fayre please.  
Chocolate, Bottles and Toiletries/Candles still accepted.

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#### Diary dates:

Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Y3 Christmas Assembly
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Y6 to Discovery Academy
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	'Time To Read' Reception classes - parents invited
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Y4 Christmas Assembly
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Y5 Christmas Assembly
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Y6 Choir out singing at various locations
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Chat'n'Wrap 1:15 - 3:00 p.m.
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Dinner Day - (School Uniform)
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Jumper Day for 'Save the Children'
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Y6 Choir singing at the Hospital
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>Christmas Fayre and Santa's Grotto</b>
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Y6 Christmas Assembly
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS2 Christingle at St. Chad's
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	EYFS and KS1 Christmas Parties
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS2 Christmas Parties
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Last Day of Term

#### Words of Welcome

On Monday afternoon we welcomed a number of local senior citizens to join us for a Christmas party. They watched the dress rehearsal of Y2's Christmas Assembly, enjoyed afternoon tea and then joined in a game of bingo. Many thanks to the helpers, including the School Council, for making it possible.

With only 7 days left before we finish for the Christmas break, you only have to look at the diary dates above, to see what an incredibly busy end of term it will be. Combine that with the added excitement of snow and we will all be ready for a well earned Christmas break!



#### Christmas Fayre - Friday 15th December 3:20 p.m.

Please help us make our Christmas fayre a success by bringing a cake in next week, or something for one of our tombolas. We can't do it without your help. Thank you.

**You are invited to**  
**Sandford Hill Primary School**  
**on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December**  
**for our**  
**Christmas Fayre & Santa's Grotto**

**Christmas Games**  
**Tombolas**  
**Ice Your Own Gingerbread**  
**Bouncy Castle**

**Personalised Christmas Bags**  
**Secret Shop** (no mums and dad's allowed)  
**Christmas Food & Drink**  
**Santa's Grotto** (pre-bought ticket only)  
**Cake Stall**

**From 3:20pm to 6:30pm**  
**Raffle**  
**And so much more**

#### Headteacher's Star Awards:

Congratulations to these children who won the Head Teacher's Star Award last week for hard work, attitude and/or progress:

Class	Award Winner	Class	Award Winner
FS1/1	Lucas Parker	Y3/1	Julia Dziuba
FS1/2	Bobbi Macmillan	Y3/2	Callum Hambleton
FS2/1	Evelyn Thompson	Y4/1	Lillie-Mae Wild
FS2/2	Abby-Jae Taylor	Y4/2	Koby-Jae Mountford
Y1/1	Riley Weaver	Y5/1	Lilly Cartlidge
Y1/2	Olivia Morton	Y5/2	Dante Grocock
Y2/1	Ava Toothill	Y6/1	Evie-Mae Chetwynd
Y2/2	Lenny Mitchell	Y6/2	Maddison Street

#### News in Brief

##### • Y1 and 2 Christmas Assemblies

On Monday and Tuesday we were treated to two fantastic Christmas Assemblies from Y1 and Y2. Many thanks to all the parents and family members that joined us to help make it even more special. Watch the videos now on the school website.

##### • Foundation Stage visited Santa

On Wednesday 120 Nursery and Reception went by coach to visit Santa down at Cannock. The weather was perfect for them and they had the most wonderful time walking through the wonderland, seeing the reindeer, playing in the playground and of course having a visit to see Santa. Very special memories made which you can watch on the various blog posts. Well done to all our early years children and to the staff and helpers.



##### • Y2 to Paddington

In Y2, the children have been enjoying reading Paddington Bear this term and completing reading and writing tasks based on the book. So yesterday the children were taken to the cinema to watch Paddington 2 to further support their work. The film was really good and the children all behaved excellently. Well done Y2!

#### Our PTFA - Friends of Sandford Hill

**Calling any bakers!** - if we have any parents/carers willing to bake some **gingerbread BISCUITS** (not gingerbread cake as per last week's newsletter - Sorry!) for our Christmas Fayre, please come and have a word at the office. Thank you in advance for any help you can offer.

**Chat'n'Wrap Christmas Fayre preparations sessions:**

**Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Dec - 1:15 to 3:00 p.m.;**

**Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Dec - all day preparations, any time you can give!**





## NOTICES



### 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.

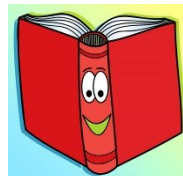
N1	Isla Johnson
N2	Lily-Grace Steele
F2/1	Molly Burton
F2/2	Coby Davies
Y1/1	Asinate Lekutu
Y1/2	Billy Dimmock
Y2/1	Jessica Miller
Y2/2	Isabel Salt
Y3/1	Rebecca Bloor
Y3/2	Isabella Nolan
Y4/1	Harley Hough
Y4/2	Esme Rhead
Y5/1	Erin Mills
Y5/2	Sophia Kelemes
Y6/1	Lucie Woolliscroft
Y6/2	Ellie-Ann Hammonds

- **School Closure Procedure Reminder** - In the event that our school is forced to close for the safety of our children and staff, the decision will be made at the earliest opportunity and we will text all parents/carers via ParentMail, so that you can make alternative arrangements for your child. The closure will be published on the following website: [www.stoke.gov.uk](http://www.stoke.gov.uk). BBC Radio Stoke and Signal Radio will also be provided with this information to share on the radio. Please do not attempt to contact school for this information as telephone lines will need to be kept clear.

If the weather deteriorates significantly during a school day, we will text parents/carers, if it is decided to close the school.

Thank you for your support with these difficult situations. If you have any queries, please ask.

- **Time to Read** - On **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 2:15 p.m.** as part of developing the children's love of learning and particularly reading, Reception class teachers have invited a librarian from the Library Service to come into school to read stories to the children. Children will then be presented with a Book Time pack to take home. Reception class parents/carers are invited to join their child to listen to the stories with them.



- **Christmas Assemblies videos** can be found shortly after the performances on the website. Go to the following links - Children/Year Group/Curriculum/Autumn Term/YouTube link.
- **Christmas Assembly DVDs** - If you would like to have your own copy on DVD, they are now available to buy on ParentMail at a cost of £4 each. Please order early to allow time for them to be copied before the end of term. Thank you.

### Congratulations

- Congratulations to **Abby-Jaye Taylor** and **Caden Holmes** who both received special belts for kick boxing this week.



- A big congratulations to **Ellie-Mae Gething** who received not one, but two swimming certificates this weekend for brilliant swimming, including swimming ten metres! We are all very proud of you Ellie-Mae!



**Blog Of The Week** this week has to go to all the wonderful posts by our Early Years team of their amazing trip to Cannock. Please do have a look and post a reply to the wonderful pictures and videos of all our youngest children having a wonderful day out.

**Tweets of the Week** - There are so many tweets to choose from this week as there has been so much going on, but the award goes to the retweets of the **SoT City of Culture**. Sadly Stoke-on-Trent was not successful in their bid to be the 2021 City of Culture, as it was awarded to Coventry. We would, however, like to congratulate them on all their efforts and for doing as well as they did. Better luck next time.

### And Finally ...

With more snow forecast over the weekend, there should be plenty of incentive to get outside and have some fun. Don't forget to wrap up though and we'll hopefully see you safe and sound on Monday.

Have an enjoyable weekend.  
Mr Wardle



### School Attendance

Our school attendance for this week is **95.0%** which is below our school attendance target of 96.5%.

F1/1	87.3%	Y2/2	96.8%
F1/2	87.3%	Y3/1	95.8%
F1/3	93.2%	Y3/2	95.0%
F1/4	97.3%	Y4/1	97.3%
F2/1	97.1%	Y4/2	98.0%
F2/2	96.7%	Y5/1	93.4%
Y1/1	87.7%	Y5/2	97.6%
Y1/2	98.3%	Y6/1	97.0%
Y2/1	93.7%	Y6/2	93.7%

### Maths Challenge 1

Each symbol represents a number.

$$\square + \bigcirc = 12$$

$$\triangle + \square + \bigcirc = 20$$

Work out

$$\triangle + \triangle = \square$$

### Maths Challenge 2

Henry makes a 3-digit number.



My number lies between 209 and 220



The digits sum to 9

What number did Henry make?