



Thoughtfulness and Respect

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Words of Welcome..... Casting my mind back just 15 weeks to the start of term, it is remarkable to think of all that the children have experienced and achieved. Not only have they progressed in their learning, but they have grown as individuals and none more so than our Nursery children. I have been looking back through our social media pages, on Facebook, Twitter and our school blog to remind myself of some of this year's activities. Do you remember? - our sports week with the climbing wall; our visits and visitors including the stone age man and the Viking; all our sporting competitions; clubs; theatre productions; along with all the inspiring learning activities in class.

A priority for us, is to ensure you feel involved in your child's school activities as much as possible, as this has such a significant impact on how the children make progress. The 101,860 views of the blog and 4,057 blog replies, along with the 193,946 views on Facebook, would suggest that many of you are involved; but please let us know how we are doing and if we could do more, then do tell us how!



Diary dates:

- Tues 3rd Jan Term starts for all
- Mon 9th Jan Bingo Night -
- Tues 10th Jan **Open Event for Early Years Prospective Parents 2017**
- Mon 16th Jan Y2 Parent/Carer SATs Information Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
- Fri 27th Jan Choir to Young Voices Concert, Birmingham
- Thurs 2nd Feb Full Governors Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- 9th & 10th Feb Scholastic Book Fayre
- Mon 13th Feb Y6 Parent/Carer SATs Information Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
- Fri 17th Feb **Staff Training Day - No children in school**
- Mon 20th - 24th Feb **HALF TERM**

Next Half Term's Class Assemblies

- Thursday 19th January
Y3/2 Mrs Mifflin's Class
- Thursday 26th January
Y6/1 Mrs Hassall's Class
- Thursday 9th February
Y2/1 Miss Harrison's Class

Christmas Fayre

A very big thank you to all our visitors to this year's Christmas Fayre with Art Gallery and amazing Santa's Grotto. It was lovely to see everyone enjoying themselves, sharing in the children's artwork and supporting the school. These events aim to provide the children and families with wonderful lifelong memories, whilst raising funds that provide extras for the children, such as the Christmas parties. These events do take a huge amount of work though and so a special thanks to Mrs Drakeford and her team for the magical grotto, Mrs Mifflin for organising the Art Gallery, the staff for manning the stalls and the office team, particularly Miss Morton, for the rest of the Christmas Fayre. With their efforts and your support, we raised an impressive £1271.88 - so thank you very much indeed!

Mr Wardle's Maths Challenge 1: The Tennis Bat

A tennis bat and a ball cost £1.10 in total. The tennis bat costs £1.00 more than the ball.
How much does the ball cost?
(The answer is NOT 10p).



Mr Wardle's Maths Challenge 2: Santa's Sack Problem

Which costs more – the car or the bear?

How do you know?

How much does each toy cost?



'Blog of the week!'

We award our 'Blog of The Week' title to the mischievous elves in Y2 who have been telling us of the mischief which they have got up to in the classrooms, when the children have all gone home. If you've not seen these posts yet, we'd really recommend you take a few moments to read them. They're great fun!



'Tweet of the Week'

We'd like to award our 'Tweet Of The Week' accolade to all of the children who have showcased their amazing talents through our AudioBoom channel, as they have performed their Christmas assemblies. You've been fantastic boys and girls!



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Thoughtfulness and Respect



School Attendance

Our weekly school attendance for last week was 94.2% which is **below** our school attendance target of 96.5%.

F1/1	92.7%	Y1/1	95.3%	Y4/1	97.0%
F1/2	99.3%	Y1/2	96.0%	Y4/2	93.8%
F1/3	89.0%	Y2/1	99.4%	Y5/1	94.0%
F1/4	97.3%	Y2/2	92.0%	Y5/2	95.7%
F2/1	97.3%	Y3/1	96.0%	Y6/1	91.5%
F2/2	93.3%	Y3/2	96.7%	Y6/2	79.0%

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	Abigail Covu	Y3/1	Imogen Emery
FS1/2	Summer Wright	Y3/2	Lucy Greslow
FS2/1	Skyler Twigg	Y4/1	Ruby Johnson
FS2/2	Marium Ashiq	Y4/2	Romy Swinswood
Y1/1	Skye Sharman	Y5/1	Lucy Bocca
Y1/2	Jemimah Ali	Y5/2	Evan Williams
Y2/1	Kyla Austin	Y6/1	Millie Redshaw
Y2/2	Ava Challinor	Y6/2	Lewis Moore

News in Brief

• Last Friday's Christmas Dinner and 'Wear something Christmassy' Day

Last Friday was, as expected, a very hectic, but enjoyable day. Our wonderful kitchen team, led by Mrs Browne, served up an impressive 488 Christmas Dinners that were appreciated by both children and staff. It was also a 'Wear Something Christmassy' day with donations collected to support the continuing work of our friends at the Dougie Mac Hospice. Thanks to your donations, we raised £330 that was presented to them by the choir this morning. Very many thanks.

• Christmas Fayre Raffle Prize Winners

We had some super prizes in this year's raffle and they were won by: Kindle Fire – Olivia Pointon, £20 Chiquitos Voucher – Teigan Eveson, £10 Costa Voucher – Seth Hansbury, Confectionary Hamper – Lucie Woolliscroft, Portmerion Mugs – Kaytee Lofkin, Tesco Hamper – Olivia Oldfield, Fenton Manor Swim Vouchers – Ryan Colley's Grandad

• Pie & Pea Supper

A big thank you to Mrs Brennan and her helpers, Mrs Hallam and Mrs Collier, who on Monday evening, worked extremely hard to provide a wonderful 'Pie and Peas' Christmas Party for our Senior Citizens. As well as enjoying a hearty meal, complete with crackers, they also had Bill and Phil, the Ukulele Men' and Game of Bingo. Thanks also to Governors, PCSO Keith, Councillor Hamer and Mr Brown for all their help and support.

• Y6 Choir sing out

This morning our Y6 choir children were again very much appreciated for their beautiful carol singing at the Douglas Macmillan Hospice and Waterside Day Centre. Thank you to all the children that represented our school so well. We know just how much the residents and staff enjoy it.

• Coffee Morning

It was lovely to welcome those that made it to our coffee morning this morning, especially our representatives from housing, the Local Matters team and the police. We hope you found the morning useful and enjoyed the mince pies and cakes.

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	Summer Cooper	Y3/1	Poppy Curl
FS1/2	Poppy Bailey	Y3/2	Joshua Lamptey
FS2/1	Bobby Moore	Y4/1	Francesca Cummings
FS2/2	Sereana Veilawa	Y4/2	Ethan Protaszczak
Y1/1	Isabelle Yeomans	Y5/1	Lucy Kelsey
Y1/2	Declan Barnes	Y5/2	Evan Williams
Y2/1	Mason Lomax	Y6/1	Alfie Davis
Y2/2	Ashton Palmer	Y6/2	Deelan Ibrahim

Notices:

• Dinner money owing

Following our wonderful school Christmas Dinner last Friday, can we politely remind that payment for this meal is overdue. If you are still receiving reminders, then please pay via ParentMail or see the office if required.

• Spring Clubs

Children will be invited to sign up to clubs for the Spring Term via a ParentMail form that will be sent out at the start of next term. Clubs will start the week beginning 16th January.

• Bingo Night

The next Bingo Night is taking place in the hall on the first Monday back in the new term, **Monday 9th January at 6:30 p.m.** Do see if you can come along and join in the fun!



Year group Times Table Challenge for next half term

- Year 1 - 5 times table - x5
- Year 2 - 3 times table - x3
- Year 3 - 8 times table - x8
- Year 4 - 7 times table - x7
- Year 5 - 7 times table - x7
- Year 6 - 6 times table - x6

Don't forget this website:

www.topmarks.co.uk/mathsgames/hit-the-button

Congratulations

• Headteacher's Termly Award Winners

During this morning's assembly, special medallions were presented to the following children who have been nominated by their class teachers for their excellent approach to learning throughout the Term: **Jack Cotterill, Martha Jackson, Bobby Moore, Gracie Howells, Jordell-Leroy Addai, Lucy Dawson, Alfie Howells, Shaun Bickerton, Grace Wright, Archie Fowell, Daniel Lamptey, Lewis Myatt, Abbi-Mae Hibbert, Jesse Addai, Alisha Tinsley and Tino Nyamayaro.** Well done children - I know what a shining example you have set!

• Termly Attendance

As well as the Headteacher's Termly Awards, we also presented 260 pupils with a certificate for achieving 100% attendance for this half-term. Further to this, 149 pupils will be receiving a special badge to mark the fact that they have achieved 100% attendance for the whole term. Well done to: Kai Arif, Owen Astbury, Mohammed Azzan, Brooke Barker, Maisy-Lee Barker, Mollie Barker, Tianna Barnes, Lucy Beard, Neve Bentley, Brodie Berrisford, Shaun Bickerton, Bethan Bloor, Evie Booth, Ruby Booth, Ethan Bowen, Jenna Bowman, Rae Bowman, Charlie Bradbury, Ryan Bridgett, Taylor Brown, Macy Buckley, Mconnel Byrne, Amie-Mae Callaghan, Darcey Callaghan, Lucas Campbell, Lily Cartlidge, Brooklyn Cartwright, Tyler Cartwright, Jasmine Chahal, Kindra Chahal, Evie-Mae Chetwynd, Seren Churchill, Callum Clowes, Jacob Colclough, Oliver Colclough, Gracie-Mae Coleman, Ryan Colley, Caitlin Cooper, Jack Cotterill, James Crabb, Poppy Curl, Oliver Davies, Alfie Davis, Millie Davis, Lewis Day, Tegan Day, Tayla Dedicoat, Daniel Diamond, Rhys Downes, Erin Duchan, Julia Dziuba, Louise Eaton, Tyler Edge, Ruben Edwards, Evie Elliott, Leya Elliott, Imogen Emery, Jasmine Emery, Joel Farooq, Malachi-Logan Foreman, Lilli Foster, Ruby Foster, Archie Fowell, Noah Fry-Jones, Ellie-Mae Gething, Libbie Gorton, Eloise Gray, Jamie Greslow, Rhys Hackett, Eli Hallam, Ellie-Ann Hammonds, Seth Hansbury, Benjamin Harrington, Caitlin Harrison, Elliot Harvey, George Hof, James Holder-Boast, Alexander Hopwood, Lily Hunt, Tilly Hussey, Lucy Inch, Kinga Iwanska, Natalia Iwanska, Martha Jackson, Caleb Johal, Poppy Johal, Freyja Jones, Yvie Jones, Noah Kaminski, Sophia Kelemes, Thomas Kelemes, Jak Kelsall, Thomas Kelsey, Daniel Lamptey, Joshua Lamptey, Jemimah Latcham, Erin Latham, Macy Latham, Mason Lavick, Kasey Leese, Sophie Lomas, Eddie Lomax, Mason Lomax, Isobell Martin, Oliver Mckittrick, Erin Mills, Lenny Mitchell, Lucy Monks-Neil, David Moores, Gabrielle Moores, Oliver Morgan, Evie-Rose Myatt, Takudzwa Nyamayaro, Ashton Palmer, Olivia Pointon, Ethan Protaszcak, Millie Redshaw, Corey Regan-Moore, Isla Rhead, Jimmy Rushton, Alexander Salt, Isabel Salt, Jack Sargeant, Isabel Shaw, Thomas Simpson, Aiden Smith, Jesse Solani, Lola Street, Romy Swinswood, Evelyn Thompson, Lucy Thompson, Tyler Thompson, Samuela Tuilevuka, Skyler Twigg, Delilah-Rose Wall, Jasmine-Rose Wall, Joel Walton, Lorna Walton, Riley Weaver, Ella Wigley, Lillie-Mae Wild, Amelia Williams, Callum Williams, Lucie Woolliscroft, Dominik Wozniak, Patryk Wozniak, Grace Wright, Ellie Yeomans and Isabelle Yeomans.

And Finally

I would like to thank all of our children and their families, our staff and Governors and our friends in the community, for all the support that you have given to Sandford Hill Primary in 2016. It is working together that makes our school the place it is and from comments on the blog, Facebook and from letters sent to me directly, it is clear that so many of you agree what a truly special school this is. Thank you for this wonderful feedback. It should confirm to us all, that the hard work and effort made by all the staff and children are both recognised and appreciated.



On behalf of all the staff, I would like to thank you for the many Christmas cards and gifts received and wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and send you every good wish for a Happy New Year for 2017.

Best wishes for an enjoyable and safe Christmas and New Year.

Mr Wardle

Blog posts from this week



Nursery



Year 1



Year 3



Year 5



Reception



Year 2



Year 4



Year 6