



Thoughtfulness
and Respect

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Words of Welcome..... In some ways it seems a long time ago since we started back in September welcoming our new Nursery children and our new staff. In other ways, the time has flown by and we are delighted with how well everyone settled into school life and progressed with their learning. I am really grateful to everyone who has helped us to make this another successful term, with all the super learning, the trips, the clubs, the parent/carer activities and much more besides, it has indeed been a full and busy term. It is really pleasing to look back at the blog posts over this term to see just how much learning has taken place. Do have a look back through and be reminded of your child(ren)'s activities this term.



Next term's early diary dates:

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
Fri 22 nd Jan	Youth Club Party
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

Farewell to Mrs Miah

Yesterday we said goodbye to Mrs Miah who sadly left us to care for an elderly relative. Mrs Miah has been with us in a number of roles for 16 years, most recently supporting our pupils with English as an additional language. We are very grateful for all her hard work and support of the school and are very sorry to see her go. We send her our very best wishes for the future.

Free School Meals

If you have an annual income of less than £16,190 and are **NOT** in receipt of Working Tax Credit, your child should be entitled to Free School Meals. Please contact the school office for an Application form and/or assistance completing your claim. Alternatively you can download the form from the school website, go to Parents and School Dinners. Please be aware that every successful claim benefits the school budget for the children, regardless of whether your child wants to have a free meal!

Well done 'Blogger of the week'!

This week's blogger award goes to the Y1 pupils for their blog about their amazing Nativity scenes which were shared with our local community in four different churches: St Mary's and St Chad's, Longton Central Hall, St James' and Fenpark Methodist Church. Well done Y1 and if you happen to be in one of the churches over the Christmas period, then do look out for them.

'Tweet of the Week'

This week the award is presented to the three tweets about the War Game videos created by Y6 and posted on YouTube. Do have a look at their fantastic work!

Community Christmas Dinner

A message from our cook, Mrs Browne: On Christmas Day she is again preparing a community traditional Christmas Lunch plus a packed tea to take home, together with entertainment and prizes. This is available to everyone and that means **EVERYONE** who wants to come.

The place is the Longton Central Hall and the meal will start at 12:00 until 3:00pm-ish on Christmas Day. Transport can be provided if required. There is **no charge** as there have been many generous donations including the City Council and local traders.

All that is needed is for those interested to call 01782 313427 or 659343 so that correct numbers can be catered for. If you can't make it to the hall but you would like a meal it can be delivered to your home.



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Thoughtfulness and Respect



School Attendance					
Our weekly school attendance for last week was 97.1% which is above our school attendance target of 96.5%.					
F1/1	94.7	Y1/1	99.3	Y4/1	98.6
F1/2	96.0	Y1/2	98.0	Y4/2	96.3
F1/3	97.1	Y2/1	96.0	Y5/1	99.7
F1/4	98.6	Y2/2	98.7	Y5/2	93.9
F2/1	96.0	Y3/1	97.3	Y6/1	98.6
F2/2	94.7	Y3/2	98.7	Y6/2	94.3
			Y6/3		97.5

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	Tilly Hussey	Y3/1	Isabel Shaw
FS1/2	Anna Dziuba	Y3/2	Byron Craggs
FS2/1	Jemimah Ali	Y4/1	Tyler Edge
FS2/2	Sian Smith	Y4/2	Lena Qurban
Y1/1	Callum Hambleton	Y5/1	Tinotenda Nyamayaro
Y1/2	Skye Zerglaine	Y5/2	Millie Redshaw
Y2/1	Saimone Sevakasiga	Y6/1	Renats Reinholds
Y2/2	Harley Hough	Y6/2	Tyler Nolan
		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	Erin Latham	Y3/1	Famidah Islam
FS1/2	Anna Dziuba	Y3/2	Lauchlan Sullivan
FS2/1	Malachi Logan-Foreman	Y4/1	Sophia Keates
FS2/2	Emily Shenton	Y4/2	Oliver Colclough
Y1/1	Keira Cooper	Y5/1	Eliza Goodwin
Y1/2	River Powis	Y5/2	Alfie Davis
Y2/1	Oliver Morgan	Y6/1	Chloe Stratford
Y2/2	Lucy Thompson	Y6/2	Tyler Nolan
		Y6/3	Declan Brookes

Notices:

- **Spring Clubs**

A letter for children to sign up to clubs for the Spring Term will be sent out on the first day of next term and clubs will start on the 2nd week of term. **PLEASE NOTE:** This is except for Choir who will be rehearsing **the first week back** on the Wednesday and the Friday

- **'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.

- **Bingo Night**

The next Bingo Night is taking place in the hall on the first Monday back in the new term, **Monday 4th January at 6:30 p.m.** Do see if you can come along and join in the fun!

News in Brief

- **Cadets Passing Out Parade**

On Thursday, we were able to once again celebrate with some of our Y6 children who received certificates for completing the Junior Cadets Scheme. We were very privileged to be joined, not only by our local P.C.S.O. Keith Mellor, but also by Sergeant Eaton from Longton Police Station. We send our congratulations to: **Georgia Comber, Reece Sutton, Kieran Humphreys, Dylan Regan-Moore, Molly Protaszczak, Abigail Lancett, Ryan Marshall, Ben Davis, Sam Price and Emma Masterson.**

- **Y6 Carol singing**

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

- **Senior Citizens' Christmas Events**

A big thank you to Mrs Brennan and her helpers, Mrs Hallam, Mr and Mrs Brian, who on Monday, 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 a Christmas Quiz and game of Bingo. Thanks also to Governors, PCSO Keith and Mr Brown for all their help and support.

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: **Jessica Wright, Riley Weaver, Oliver James, Layla Cope, Rodrigo Gouveia, Sebbie Gillie, William Buckley, Takudzwa Nyamayaro, Cerys Shields, Keira Mason-Anderson, Molly McNicol, Charlie Bradbury, Tinashe Zinyemba, Millie Redshaw, Chloe Stratford, Aaliyah Janes, Jessica Booth.** 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, **161 pupils will be receiving a special badge to mark the fact that they have achieved 100% attendance for the whole term**. This time last year, 134 pupils achieved 100% attendance for the whole term, so this is an increase from last year.

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 2015 and I send you every good wish for 2016. It is working together that makes our school so special and I finish with a number of comments below, sent in to me over the last few weeks. This wonderful feedback should confirm to us all that the hard work and effort made by all are well received 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 a Happy New Year.

Best wishes
Mr. Wardle

Re: Christmas Carols at UHNS

"I had the honour as an employee and as a parent of a child who attends your school, to stand and watch your lovely children sing Christmas carols on Monday. All of the children's behaviours were outstanding and to see each child with smiles on their faces surely made me and my colleagues feel good after a very difficult morning in work.

Me and my colleague also witnessed the helpfulness of one of your children who helped a man who had dropped something on the floor. I took great pleasure in telling my colleagues that my daughter goes to Sandford Hill Nursery and how great the school is.

You should be very proud of each and every child and also your brilliant teachers."

"The Christmas fayre was another demonstration of what a great community the school creates and supports. Santa's Grotto was fabulous this year! Thank you to everyone who helped to create such an enjoyable evening for the children (and parents!)"

"Morning. Would you please relay the gratitude to all involved from my mother, uncle and aunty who attended the senior citizens party and play yesterday. They were blown away by the effort put in by the pupils and staff and of course all of KS1. They had a lovely time."

"Brilliant performance. Another fabulous concert. Well done teachers and children."



"Thank you so, so much for today it was so magical to see all the children perform so beautifully for their adoring audience. I couldn't be any prouder of them all, they were absolutely wonderful. The amount of hard work the team clearly put into preparing for the concerts is unbelievable on top of everything else you do every day! Thank you from the bottom of my heart, I know how lucky we are as parents for our children to have a place at Sandford Hill and you couldn't have made me happier today."

"I was amazed at the standard of the performance. So many of these children started school just a few weeks ago and I couldn't believe their attitude to the task that was put in front of them, the staff must have worked so hard to achieve such dedication and obedience from each and every one of the pupils. Well done to everyone involved it was great. A Merry Christmas and all the best for 2016."