

#### **BREAKING NEWS:**

May we wish you a

## Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

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### **Diary dates:**

Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan School starts Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Jan Clubs start

Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Jan Swimming starts for Yrs 3 & 5 Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> Jan Y2/2 Miss Gregory's class assembly

Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> Feb Governor's Meeting

Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> Feb Y1/1 Mrs Smith's class assembly

Mon 19<sup>th</sup> - Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb **HALF TERM** 

#### **Words of Welcome**

This has been another full and busy year at Sandford Hill, with all the super learning, the trips, the clubs, the parent/carer activities and much more besides. It is really pleasing to look back at the 2017 blog posts to see just how much has taken place. While visiting the Royal Stoke University Hospital last Thursday morning, we were sorry that our school choir's beautiful carol singing had to be cancelled, due to the hazardous driving conditions. We were so pleased though, that it did not stop our families from attending one of our most memorable events in the school calendar, Santa's Grotto. Do have a look back through and be reminded of all the other wonderful activities that have taken place throughout the year. Of course, none of this would have been possible without a fabulous team effort and I would like to thank all of our children and families, our Governors, staff and our friends in the community for their continued support, commitment and hard work.

#### Tables Challenge Spring first half term

♦ Year 1 - Number bonds to 20

♦ Year 2 - 3 times table

♦ Year 3 - 8 times table

♦ Year 4 - 7 times table

♦ Year 5 - 7 times table

♦ Year 6 - 6 times table



#### 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	Maisie Carnwell	Y3/1	River Powis	
FS1/2	Sophie-Rae Morgan	Y3/2	Charlotte Beard	
FS2/1	Thomas Eaton	Y4/1	Connor Sedgwick	
FS2/2	Isla Booth	Y4/2	Joshua Lythgoe	
Y1/1	Erin Latham	Y5/1	Ethan Protaszczak	
Y1/2	Mconnel Byrne	Y5/2	Francesca Cummings	
Y2/1	Caleb Johal	Y6/1	Oliver Colclough	
Y2/2	Jamie Kelsall	Y6/2	Aimee Bloor	

#### News in Brief

#### • KS2 Christmas Assemblies

During our last eight days we have enjoyed all our Key Stage 2 Christmas Assemblies from Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6. Well done to all the children for their fantastic performances and 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 - follow the links for Children/Year group/Curriculum/Autumn and scroll to the bottom of the page.

#### • Christmas Dinner Delights!

Thursday was our Christmas Dinner Day and our wonderful kitchen staff served up an amazing 500 delicious meals for children and staff! It was a rather hectic, but joyous occasion and we all would like to send a huge



thank you to our excellent cooks, led by Mrs Cotton, for all their

#### Christmas Fayre and Santa's Grotto

Well it was touch and go with the weather if the Christmas Fayre and Santa's Grotto would actually happen - but it did, and we hope you'll agree, it was a fabulous event. We would like to thank the PTFA Friends of Sandford Hill, for all their tremendous hard work, particularly Lucy Williams,

Wendy Powell and Danni Gilliver. Thanks also to Mrs Drakeford and team for the Grotto, our super kitchen staff for the food and our wonderful office staff, especially Miss Morton. A really brilliant team effort. Allowing for the £100 donation to 'Save the Children' for Christmas Jumper day, we made a fantastic £2399.51 from all our Christmas activities. Thank you to everyone that came along, we really hope you had a good time.



#### · Y6 Choir sing around the city

Last Wednesday our Year 6 choir went carol singing within the local community. They visited the Douglas Macmillan Hospice, Waterside Day Centre and Marrow House in Longton and were well received everywhere they went. Sadly, due to the icy conditions, their annual singing at the hospital was unable to take place this year.















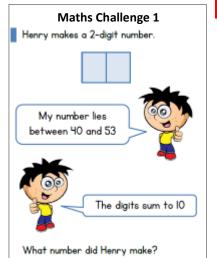
#### Headteacher's Termly Award Winners

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: Imogen Walker, Bobbi Macmillan, Bessie Ryan, Harry Eccleston, Skyla-Beau Roberts, Leila Hazeldine, Tamzin Pitt, Evie-Rose Myatt, Lola Street, Caitlin Harrison, Samuela Tuilevuka, Lilli Foster, Samuel Veilawa, Isabel Shaw, Loris Myatt and Olivia Mosedale. Well done children - I know what a shining example you have set!

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	Ayda Toothill		
N2	Anna Todd		
F2/1	Ruban Singh		
F2/2	Summer Wright		
Y1/1	Jamie Oldfield		
Y1/2	Leila Hazeldine		
Y2/1	Ellie Harrington		
Y2/2	Y2/2 Tristan Draper		
Y3/1	James Holder-Boast		
Y3/2	c/2 Caitlin Harrison		
Y4/1	Joshua Lamptey		
Y4/2	Paige Johnson		
Y5/1	Lucy-Mae Hall		
Y5/2	Amie-Mae Callaghan		
Y6/1	Millie Davis		
Y6/2 Benjamin Ford			



• 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 15<sup>th</sup> January.

Christmas Fayre Winners:

Guess the Weight of the Cake - Kaitlin Britchfield Guess the sweets in the Jar - Jamie Greslow

Andorra Lantern Harry Bradbeer Christmas Canvas Tianna Barnes Bottle of Fizzecco Skyler Twigg Bombay Sapphire Set Skye Sharman 6 Christmas Mugs Jayden Wild Babyliss Curling Wand Bobby Moore Large Victoria Biscuits Lillie-Mae Wild Wilkinson Sword Kit Kaytee Lofkin Box of Family Circle Patryk Wozniak £10 Debenhams Card Maisy-Lee Barker £15 Argos Card Julia Dziuba Bee Active Voucher Ryan Hibbert

£10 H & M Gift Card Ryan Colley's Grandad £10 Asda Gift Card Gray Bradbeer Quality Street Macy Latham £20 Pizza Hut Voucher Lily Cartlidge (Y4) £15 Dining Out Card Kaitlin Britchfield Portmerion Plate Set Victoria Diamond Butchers Voucher Mawgan Hopwood Chocolate Snowman Mitchell Lavery Food Hamper Byron Craggs Cinema Tickets Gray Bradbeer Zoo Tickets Oliver Hambleton Christmas Wreath Kaitlin Britchfield

#### **Congratulations**

 Congratulations to Grace Hallam for overcoming her fear of water and achieving her Stage 1 swimming award. Well done Grace!

Blog Of The Week this week goes to our Y6 showcasing the extremely impressive World War 2 homework projects that the children brought in. There was such a range of types of projects showing the such creativity by our Y6 children. Well done to all of you. On your outstanding efforts.

Tweets of the Week - This week our award goes to a parent that tweeted the following message;

"We had such a brilliant night tonight at the Christmas fayre, Santa's grotto was out of this world and the prizes on the raffle were fantastic well done to all involved"

Thanks for the message, really pleased you had a good time.

#### And Finally ...

Since my wife's surgery a few weeks ago, I have been overwhelmed with the kind words and messages of support from my colleagues. Soon the next phase of her treatment will begin when she receives chemotherapy. To the whole fantastic team at Sandford Hill Primary, I would like to say a great big thank you for ensuring that it has been business as usual during my absence. The daily challenges that we all face also highlight that the gifts of time and love are the basic ingredients of a truly merry Christmas. 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, family Christmas and a happy New Year.

Have an enjoyable Christmas break and a Happy new Year. Mr Wardle

# **School Attendance** Our school attendance for this week is **94.5%** which is below our school

F1/1	96.7%	Y2/2	94.4%
F1/2	88.3%	Y3/1	96.4%
F1/3	97.5%	Y3/2	96.7%
F1/4	93.3%	Y4/1	98.3%
F2/1	93.1%	Y4/2	93.8%
F2/2	96.7%	Y5/1	96.1%
Y1/1	91.1%	Y5/2	92.2%
Y1/2	92.9%	Y6/1	90.0%
Y2/1	95.8%	Y6/2	96.3%

#### Maths Challenge 2

A shopkeeper sells fruit.

At the start of the week she has 150 oranges and 220 apples.





On Monday, she sells

- 10% of the oranges.
- - of the apples

How many more apples than oranges are now left?