



Thoughtfulness and Respect

Sandford Hill Primary School Newsletter



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Words of Welcome..... Welcome back everyone to our first newsletter of 2017. Listening to the children this week, it seems that they all enjoyed the Christmas period and have now returned to school with batteries recharged. I spoke with the children in this morning's assembly about my holiday visit to London to watch the firework celebrations and about making New Year's resolutions.

The word 'resolute' means to be determined, to keep going and not to give up, especially when you don't succeed the first time - a very important message for the children to remember when they are challenged by their learning in the classroom. Can I once again stress the important role family members play in the children's learning. We have been so pleased with the family responses to our weekly Maths Challenges, so let's together resolve to make this a year to remember for facing challenges and conquering them through hard work and perseverance. Happy New Year!



Diary dates:

Mon 9th Jan	Bingo Night - 6:30 p.m.
Tues 10th Jan	Open Evening for Early Years Prospective Parents 2017
Mon 16th Jan	Y2 Parent/Carer SATs Information Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
Thurs 26th Feb	Y3 to Stone Age Bone Age, Shrewsbury Museum
Fri 27th Jan	Choir to Young Voices Concert, Birmingham
Thurs 2nd Feb	Full Governors Meeting 6:00 p.m.
Tues 7th Feb	Y5 to Jodrell Bank
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
8th - 12th May	SATS week

Spring Term Assembly dates

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

Parents/carers of children in these classes are welcome to join us at these assemblies.

Early Years Open Evening - Tues 10th Jan 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Do you have a child who will be three before 1st September 2017, or perhaps you know someone who does? If so, we would love to welcome the children and their parents/carers into our Early Years classes next Tuesday evening between 4:30 and 6:30 p.m.

The children can play with some activities, while adults can chat with the staff and find out what makes our Early Years the outstanding place it is.

Find out more on our Facebook page. We look forward to seeing you there!



Youth Club

Our Youth Club will be running on the following dates this term:

- Friday 13th Jan
- Friday 20th Jan
(Christmas Party)
- Friday 27th Jan
- Friday 3rd Feb



Youth Club runs from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. and is for KS2 members only. Children who wish to join our Youth Club need to return a membership form to the main office before they attend any of our Youth Club events. Entry is 50p except the post-Christmas Party.

Well done 'Blogger of the week'!

Our first 'Blog Of The Week Award' of 2017 is presented to Y3 who showcased their Maths homework, asking the children to find patterns within the x8 tables, when the digits in each answer are added up. Do have a look and leave a comment too.

'Tweet of the Week'

This prestigious award is presented to all of the Y6 recipients of the 'iCan' award for showing great resilience in lessons. Have you joined our growing list of Twitter followers yet?



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School Attendance

Our weekly school attendance for last week was 93.7% which is **below** our school attendance target of 96.5%.

F1/1	94.0%	Y1/1	98.0%	Y4/1	95.3%
F1/2	89.3%	Y1/2	92.7%	Y4/2	93.8%
F1/3	81.3%	Y2/1	95.2%	Y5/1	94.3%
F1/4	97.3%	Y2/2	94.0%	Y5/2	94.7%
F2/1	94.7%	Y3/1	93.3%	Y6/1	86.9%
F2/2	94.7%	Y3/2	97.3%	Y6/2	92.0%

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	Noah Billington	Y3/1	Yvie Jones
FS1/2	Briley Simm	Y3/2	Harley-Jay Monks-Neil
FS2/1	Poppy Johal	Y4/1	Lucy Monks-Neil
FS2/2	Emori Sevakasiga	Y4/2	Lilly Cartlidge
Y1/1	Aston Murray	Y5/1	Cayne Powis
Y1/2	Jesse Solani	Y5/2	Ayla Pervaz
Y2/1	Ryan Colley	Y6/1	Tamjeed Majeed
Y2/2	Eli Hallam	Y6/2	Keira Barker

News in Brief

• Hunchback of Notre Dame

On Wednesday all the KS1 and 2 children greatly enjoyed a performance of the Hunchback of Notre Dame. It was a thought-provoking tale with an underlying anti-bullying message. Do ask your child about it and ask them to tell you the story and any hidden messages. Find out more, with video clips, at: www.magicoftheatre.com/shows/classic/hunchback-notre-dame

• Choir trip

On Friday 27th January our choir children will be taking part in a big 'Young Voices' concert at the Genting Arena in Birmingham. To prepare for this, please could all the choir children come in for 8:15 a.m. every Monday and Wednesday morning, starting next Monday 9th Jan, until we have been to the concert. Please could you also support them with learning their words. Thank you.

And Finally

I mentioned at the start of the newsletter about this morning's assembly. In it, I shared with the children a true story about an Olympic ice skater trying to master a triple Salchow. It was incredibly hard and the ice skater failed many, many times, but each time she failed she learned a little bit more about how to do it better next time. In school, the teachers know that the children won't get all the answers right. In fact if they do it possibly means the work is too easy! This is because we all learn through making mistakes and taking from that how to do it better next time. I asked the children to make one of their New Year's resolutions to be like the ice skater - to not give up if they fail, but to see it as an opportunity to learn from it and try again. Please feel free to join with us in adopting this New Year's Resolution for 2017!

Those who dare to fail miserably can achieve greatly.

John F. Kennedy

Best wishes for a pleasant weekend.

Mr Wardle

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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	Bessie Ryan	Y3/1	Jasmine Chahal
FS1/2	Naomi Dos-Santo-Davies	Y3/2	Gabrielle Moores
FS2/1	Alex Hopwood	Y4/1	Lacey Clunn
FS2/2	Jayden Burton	Y4/2	Eddie Lomax
Y1/1	Atunaisa Sevakasiga	Y5/1	Chloe Basnett
Y1/2	Ellie Harrington	Y5/2	Nikola Macialek
Y2/1	Ruby Landon	Y6/1	Anace Chapman
Y2/2	Mason Lavick	Y6/2	Amelia Bates

Notices:

• Choose your Spring Term Clubs!

A ParentMail form will be going out tonight offering your child(ren) a range of clubs for the Spring Term. Please only apply for clubs if your child will commit to coming each week as we usually have more requests than places available. Deadline for applying is 9:00 a.m. next Wednesday and letters confirming clubs will be sent home by next Friday. Clubs commence the week beginning 16th January.

• Dinner Money owing

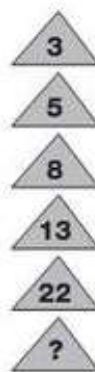
Please could any outstanding dinner money be paid via ParentMail by the end of this weekend. If you have any issues then please go to the office. Thank you.

• New mobile phone for Christmas

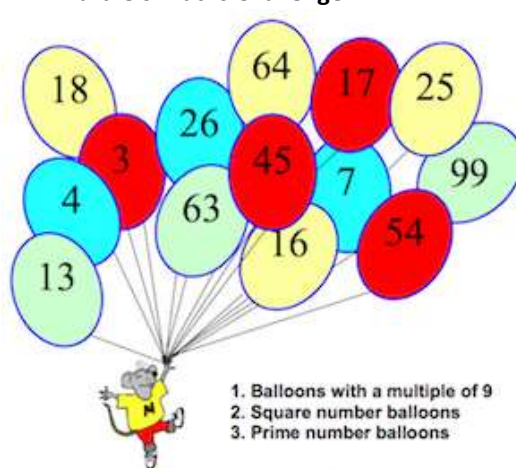
Did you get a new mobile phone for Christmas? If so, have you got a new number? Please don't forget to let the office know if any of your contact details change at any time.

Mr Wardle's Maths Challenge 1

What is the missing number?



Mr Wardle's Maths Challenge 2



1. Balloons with a multiple of 9
2. Square number balloons
3. Prime number balloons

WHICH BALLOON IS LEFT?