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# Sandford Hill Primary School Newsletter



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**Words of Welcome.....**This week has been a busy, but chilly week for all. Despite the very variable weather, we always try to allow the children to get outside for a bit of fresh air at breaktime and lunch. This week though, we have been caught out a couple of times, with sudden heavy rain bursts. With the heavy snow, however, safety always comes first, especially where there might be underlying ice hidden beneath the snow. Having arrived at school at 6:45 a.m. this morning, I was faced with having to make the very difficult decision to reluctantly close the school. The approach roads to school were treacherous and the underlying snow around the classrooms posed a risk to injury to both children, parents and staff which was too high. We apologise for any inconvenience, but hope the early notification via text helped with making appropriate arrangements.

## Diary dates:

<b>Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>POSTPONED</b> - Y2 Parent/Carer SATs Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
<b>Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	Y3 to Stone Age Bone Age, Shrewsbury Museum
<b>Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	Choir to Young Voices Concert, Birmingham
<b>Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb</b>	Full Governors Meeting 6:00 p.m.
<b>Tues 7<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	Y5 to Jodrell Bank
<b>Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>Rearranged</b> - Y2 Parent/Carer SATs Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
<b>9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	Scholastic Book Fayre
<b>Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	Y6 Parent/Carer SATs Information Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
<b>Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>Staff Training Day - No children in school</b>
<b>Mon 20<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>
<b>Mon 8<sup>th</sup> - Fri 12<sup>th</sup> May</b>	KS2 SATS week

## Spring Term Assembly dates

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January  
Y3/2 Mrs Mifflin's Class

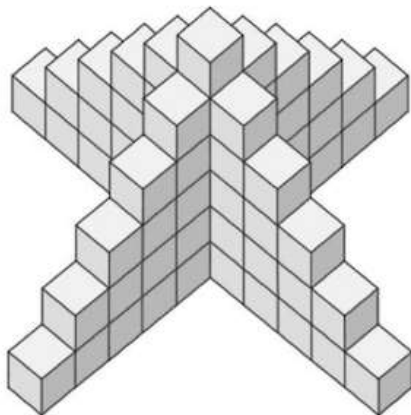
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January  
Y6/1 Mrs Hassall's Class

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February  
Y2/1 Miss Harrison's Class

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

## Mr Wardle's Maths Challenge 1

Can you work out how many blocks are in this tower?



## Youth Club

**Youth Club is cancelled TODAY  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Jan due to the bad weather**

Further planned dates include:

- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January (Christmas Party)
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January
- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February

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 Christmas Party which is free.



## Well done 'Blogger of the week'!

This week we award 'Blog Of The Week' to our Y2 children who shared their learning about Africa, which included telling us about some of the food eaten there as well as how we might travel there.

## 'Tweet of the Week'

Our 'Tweet Of The Week' this week has been chosen as: "Really pleasing to see our younger children solving our newsletter maths challenges."




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## Potty about the Potteries

Thursday 19 January 2017






*Choice of Main Dishes:*

**Fish & Chips**  
**Lobby & Crusty Bread**  
**Staffordshire Cheesy Oatcakes**  
**Filled Jacket Potato**  
**Bap of The Day**

*On the side:*

**Mashed Potato or Chips**  
**Baked Beans / Broccoll / Peas / Gravy**

*Choice of Desserts:*

**Toffee & Vanilla Muffins**  
**Fruit Pots / Yoghurt / Cheese & Crackers**




### Notices:

- **Y2 SATs Evening**

To Year 2 parents/carers, we hoped you noticed on the diary dates that the planned KS1 SATs Information Evening on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January has had to be **rearranged to Thursday 9th Feb at 6pm**. We apologise for any inconvenience and hope you are able to make it on the 9<sup>th</sup>.

- **Clubs**

Letters confirming places on clubs for this term were all ready to send out today, so, due to the school closure, they will now be sent out on Monday. For those clubs that are due to start on Monday, you will receive a ParentMail message if your child has been allocated a place, so that he/she can start on Monday as planned. These clubs are: KS1 Book Club, Y4/5

Cooking Club and Y5/6 boys cricket (in the hall). If your child applied for one of these clubs, but you do not receive a ParentMail confirming their place, then they will not have been allocated a place to start Monday.

Choir will be running as usual on Monday and Wednesday mornings and all that applied should attend.

- **Potters Lunch**

Next Thursday the kitchen staff are offering a special Potteries Day lunch with a menu of local dishes. If your child does not usually have a school dinner but would like one on Thursday then please ensure you credit the £2.25 via ParentMail prior to Thursday. Thank you.

### News in Brief

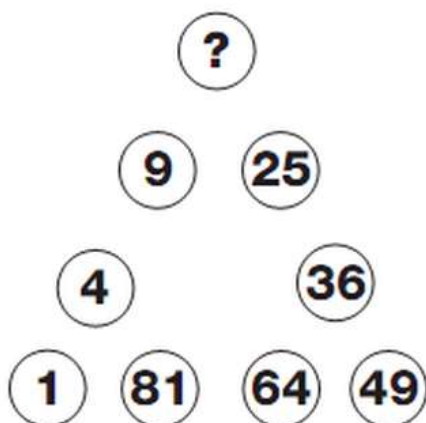
- **Early Years Open Evening**

It was lovely to welcome so many parents/carers to our Early Years Foundation Stage on Tuesday evening for our Open Evening For Prospective Parents. The children certainly seemed to have a lovely time playing with a range of activities and we look forward to welcoming them to school in September. As well as this, can we also remind parents that the **deadline for applications into our Reception class (Sept. 2017) is January 15<sup>th</sup>**. Please apply online at [www.stoke.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.stoke.gov.uk/admissions)



### Mr Wardle's Maths Challenge 2

What is the missing number?



### And Finally

We were very pleased to welcome a number of visitors into school this week. On Monday morning it was a pleasure to show the Principal, Mr Mark Kent and three of his colleagues from the Stoke On Trent Sixth Form College around school. They were very impressed with the manners and friendliness of the children and how hard the children were working. They had some very interesting conversations as they went around the classrooms. The Sixth Form is keen to build strong links in order to share expertise and facilitate activities for the children which we might not be able to provide in school. Together we then hope to inspire the children in different areas of the curriculum with a view to developing aspirations for their future at college and then university.

Best wishes for a pleasant weekend.

*Mr Wardle*