

Thoughtfulness
and Respect

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BREAKING NEWS:

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Diary dates:

Thurs 25 th Jan	Y2/2 Miss Gregory's class assembly
Fri 26 th Jan	Choir to Young Voices Concert
Mon 29 th Jan	Y2/2 Trip to Ford Green Hall
Mon 29 th Jan	Reception Parent's Reading Meeting 2:15 p.m.
Thurs 1 st Feb	Y2/1 Trip to Ford Green Hall
Thurs 1 st Feb	Governor's Meeting
Mon 5 th Feb	Y6 Parent's SATs Meeting 6:00 p.m.
Wed 7 th Feb	Sign2Sing assembly
Wed 7 th Feb	Friends of Sandford Hill PTFA meeting 5:30 p.m.
Thurs 8 th Feb	Y1/1 Mrs Smith's class assembly
19 th - 23 rd Feb	HALF TERM
14 th - 18 th May	SATS Week

Words of Welcome

This Sunday 21st January, is World Religion Day and our world has hundreds of nations with thousands of religions that stretch back into pre-history. The aim of world religion day is to unite everyone, whatever their faith, by showing us all that there are common foundations to all religions and that together we can help humanity and live in harmony.

Later this year, in the summer term, we will be celebrating other faiths and understanding other religions along with the other schools in the Stoke 6 group. This will help to encourage us to be more respectful of others' beliefs and show us how we can work together to create a better world.

"A little attention, a little kindness, a little thoughtfulness are worth more than all the wealth in the world."

Arjeet Das



Minibus Appeal - fantastic progress

Our fundraising and school budget contribution towards a new minibus is really beginning to look exciting now. The fantastic efforts of the PTFA have raised an amazing £6,159.48 since last summer 2017. Add to that £6,000 from our PE funding and we have a grand total of £12,159.48. Our aim is to purchase a new minibus ready for Sept 2018 - so watch this space.



Headteacher's Star Awards:

Congratulations to these 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	Poppy Johnson	Y3/1	River Powis
FS1/2	George Coulthard	Y3/2	Kyan Pervaz
FS2/1	Luke Hawkins	Y4/1	Takudzwa Nyamayaro
FS2/2	Martha Jackson	Y4/2	Esme Rhead
Y1/1	Emori Sevakasiga	Y5/1	Alisha Till
Y1/2	Belle-Elise Foy	Y5/2	Mackenzie Hambleton
Y2/1	Tamzin Pitt	Y6/1	Lucy Bloor
Y2/2	Erin Duchan	Y6/2	Elle-Mae Hassall

News in Brief

• All settled in

Yesterday we were really pleased to see so many parents/carers of our Y2 and Y3 children who have had a change of teacher this term. We hope you had an enjoyable visit to your child's class and feel reassured that all the children are settled and it is 'business as usual'.



• Clubs

This week it was lovely to see so many of our children taking part in the extensive range of clubs that are run before and after school. It is such a fantastic opportunity for the children to learn new activities, develop their skills and broaden their friendships beyond their class peers. If your child is signed up for a course, please do ensure they attend as many were oversubscribed.



Our PTFA - Friends of Sandford Hill

Our Summer Fayre and Christmas Fayre with Santa's Grotto are well established and provide a wonderful experience for the children. However, the PTFA continue to discuss the possibility of other social activities that parents/carers might be interested in.

To help with this, we will shortly be sending out a quick ParentMail survey to see if there are events/activities that might be popular enough for the PTFA to host. They will be very interested in your feedback.

The PTFA are always looking for new members and the next meeting is on **Wed 7th February at 5:30 p.m.** Please do see if you can come along.





This week we celebrate the classes with the highest word count.

1. Y5/2 4,212,467
2. Y6/2 3,779,238
3. Y5/1 3,501,842



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	Harper Cotterill
N2	Vinnie Bryson
F2/1	Deni Reece
F2/2	Harrison Douglas
Y1/1	Sereana Veilawa
Y1/2	Dominik Wozniak
Y2/1	Lucy Dawson
Y2/2	Lily-Mae Gratton
Y3/1	Marcus Wong
Y3/2	Charlotte Beard
Y4/1	Charlotte Bird
Y4/2	Jasmine Chahal
Y5/1	Caitlin Cooper
Y5/2	Daniel Lamptey
Y6/1	Lucy Kelsey
Y6/2	Kaddijatou Kassama

Maths Challenge 1

Each symbol represents a number

$$\square + \bigcirc = 12$$

$$\triangle + \square + \bigcirc = 20$$

Work out

$$\triangle + \triangle = \boxed{}$$

Class Assembly

A quick reminder to the parents/carers of **Y2/2 Miss Gregory's** class of their assembly next **Thursday 25th January at 9:05 a.m.** You are more than welcome to join us.

Young Voices Choir

If your child is going to the Young Voices Concert in Birmingham next **Friday 26th January** please can you encourage and help them as much as possible, to learn the words for all the songs. You can access the songs on the this website: <https://tinyurl.com/y7f5uz6m>.

Young Voices Choir Friday swimmers

If your child is going to the Young Voices concert and is in Y3 or Y5, then they will be excused from going swimming on Friday.

Website changes

We hope you are regular visitors to the school website as it holds so much information for parents/carers. We have recently made a few changes to the front page adding a search option to help you find things more easily and moving the Google translate, so you can read the website in any language of your choice.

Deadlines for applications to Nursery classes 2018

Have you, or do you know of someone, who still needs to apply for their child's Nursery place? If so, please be aware the deadline is imminent:

Nursery admissions close 31st Jan 2018.

Illness. Medication and returning to school

At this time of year there are many children absent through sickness. So, please be reminded of our policy around administering medicines at school on your child's return.

Medicines should normally be administered at home and only taken into school when absolutely necessary. The school will only accept: in date medicines; prescribed by a GP; in their original container as dispensed by a pharmacist; that need to be administered in excess of 3 times per day. Parents should leave medicines at the front or Nursery office and sign a permission form. More detailed information can be found in our 'First Aid, Short and Long Term Medical Need Policy' on the school website or ask at the front office.

Congratulations



- Congratulations to Daniel Diamond for achieving your white belt in kickboxing.
- Well done to Bentley Dyer who achieved his Rainbow 20m swimming certificate. Brilliant Bentley!



Blog Of The Week this week goes to the Y3 blogs about their 'Stig of the Dump' work. Mr Hassall, our site supervisor, when checking the grounds, found a secret dump, just like the one Stig lives in. So the children have been making a robot friend for Stig out of some of the waste materials.

Tweets of the Week - Another re-tweet this week. Did you know the city's historic spitfire is being renovated and moved to a new glass fronted extension to the Potteries Museum so everyone will be able to see it more easily.



And Finally ...

We all know that keeping the children safe is a prime concern, but a most immediate risk can be online activities done without your knowledge. That is why we push e-safety so regularly in school. Today I read KS1 'Webster's e-mail' with the message that you should always ask permission before sharing any information online. Please make sure you know what your child is doing and reinforce this message to keep your child safe.



Have a safe and enjoyable weekend.

Mr Wardle

School Attendance

Our school attendance for this week is **95.0%** which is below our school attendance target of **96.5%**.

F1/1	93.3%	Y2/2	91.6%
F1/2	98.7%	Y3/1	96.1%
F1/3	98.7%	Y3/2	96.0%
F1/4	99.3%	Y4/1	97.3%
F2/1	97.4%	Y4/2	91.3%
F2/2	98.7%	Y5/1	98.1%
Y1/1	96.0%	Y5/2	94.3%
Y1/2	92.0%	Y6/1	91.3%
Y2/1	99.3%	Y6/2	85.7%

Maths Challenge 2

A jar contains 30 sweets.



The weight of the jar and sweets is 620g.

David eats 12 sweets.

The weight of the jar and sweets is now 440g.

How much does the jar weigh?