

Thoughtfulness
and Respect

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BREAKING NEWS:

Lost Property

If your child has lost something please come and have a look by the hall changing rooms. More in next week's newsletter

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Diary dates:

- Mon 29th Jan** Y2/2 Trip to Ford Green Hall
- Mon 29th Jan** Reception Parent's Reading Meeting 2:15 p.m.
- Thurs 1st Feb** Y2/1 Trip to Ford Green Hall
- Thurs 1st Feb** Governor's Meeting
- Mon 5th Feb** Y6 Parents/Carers' KS2 SATs Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- Tues 6th Feb** Safer Internet Day
- Wed 7th Feb** 'Sign2Sing' assembly - Non uniform for £1
- Wed 7th Feb** 'Friends of Sandford Hill' PTFA meeting 5:30 p.m.
- Thurs 8th Feb** Y1/1 Mrs Smith's class assembly
- Tues 13th Feb** Coffee Morning/Police Surgery 9 - 11 a.m.
- Tues 13th Feb** Y2 Parents/Carers' KS1 SATs Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- Thurs 15th Feb** Y1 to Brampton Toy Museum
- 19th - 23rd Feb** **HALF TERM**
- 14th - 18th May** **SATS Week**

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 |
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| FS1/1 | Khloe Alcock | Y3/1 | River Powis |
| FS1/2 | Ollie Walklate | Y3/2 | Freya Meyrick |
| FS2/1 | Zeen Aziz | Y4/1 | Brooke Barker |
| FS2/2 | Noah Billington | Y4/2 | Autumn Powis |
| Y1/1 | Isabella Jones | Y5/1 | Romy Swinswood |
| Y1/2 | Logan Thirlwall | Y5/2 | Famidah Islam |
| Y2/1 | Jamie Todd | Y6/1 | Ashton Harvey |
| Y2/2 | Jasmine Emery | Y6/2 | Louise Eaton |

Words of Welcome - London's Burning!

Yesterday morning we welcomed parents/carers of Miss Gregory's Y2/2 class into school to watch their fabulous assembly on 'The Great Fire of London'. The children shared what they had been learning about the Great Fire, about Samuel Pepys who wrote a diary with details of the fire and they showed us some of the art work they had done. All the children did really well and we were so proud of them all. It certainly made me stop and think about how lucky we are to have such brave fire fighters to keep us safe.



Our Y3 and Y4 children have been thinking about what they might aspire to do when they are older. It was lovely to find out that some of our girls and boys would like to be a fire fighter and help other people when they grow up.

Minibus Appeal - updated progress board



Last week we shared that we have a new grand total of an amazing £12,159.48 towards a new minibus. To show this we have now started to update our Minibus Appeal Noticeboard opposite the reception desk window. If you haven't had a look, then do pop in when you are next visiting the school office. Our aim is to purchase a first new minibus ready for Sept 2018 - so watch this space.



News in Brief

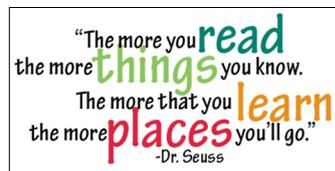


• Time to Sing!

Today 45 of our choir children will be travelling with staff and parents to the Genting Arena in Birmingham to take part in a 'Young Voices' concert along with thousands of others. Providing children with the opportunity to sing with so many others, alongside incredible artists, has a long-lasting impact on the children involved. One of the highlights for the staff is to see the joy on the children's faces as they sing and dance in the vast arena with hundreds of other children, watched by the audience. We wish them all a fantastic time! Look out for the tweets for updates of the evening.

• Learning a love of reading

For the last three weeks groups of our Nursery children have been going on the school minibuses to Longton Library. While there the children have stories read to them by the librarian, they sing songs and play instruments and then choose two library books to take home.



Friends of Sandford Hill Future Events Survey



Thank you to those that have responded to our ParentMail survey. It's not too late if you haven't though and we would really appreciate your honest feedback. If there are events/activities that you might be interested in, then let us know via the survey. However, in order to run these events we need parents/carers and wider family members willing to spare a bit of time. 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. If you would like to help out but can't manage this time, then let us know what would suit on the survey. Thank you.



Reading Challenge

This week we celebrate the best Reception, Y1 and Y2 classes at reading 4 times a week.

1. Rec 2 Miss Hodgson
2. Rec 1 Mrs Powell
3. Y1/1 Mrs Smith's & Y2/2 Miss Gregory's

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.

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| N1 | Sonny Wallis |
| N2 | Thomas Hore |
| F2/1 | Olivia Macharaga |
| F2/2 | Chloe Taylor-White |
| Y1/1 | Lola Fowell |
| Y1/2 | Woodrow Tooth |
| Y2/1 | Amelia Miller |
| Y2/2 | Jasmine Emery |
| Y3/1 | Alfie Dobson |
| Y3/2 | Elouise Howle |
| Y4/1 | Charlotte Bennett |
| Y4/2 | Suneyna Ashiq |
| Y5/1 | Keira Mason-Anderson |
| Y5/2 | Ryan Hibbert |
| Y6/1 | Ruby Booth |
| Y6/2 | Libby Barwise |

Y6 Parent/Carer SATs Meeting

If you have a child in Y6 then you will be receiving a ParentMail invitation to a 1/2 hr SATs meeting on **Monday 5th February at 6:00 p.m.** There will be a wealth of information, recommendations and resources shared with you on the evening, so we do hope you will be able to join us.

Coffee Morning Invitation

We would like to invite any of our parents/carers along to an open invitation coffee morning on Tuesday 13th February, anytime from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. This is an opportunity to meet Mrs Walker, our Home School Link worker, if you haven't already or just to come and have a chat. You will also be able to meet our new PCSO Jane Crump, who has recently started on the Sandford Hill area. She will be offering a Police Surgery, for parents/carers of Sandford Hill to share any issues or express any concerns they may have. If you would like to come along for a coffee, cake and a chat, then please let Mrs Walker know, she is on the front door each morning, or leave a message with the office.



Sign 2 Sing

You may have noticed in the diary events that on Wednesday 7th February we will be having a 'Sign2Sing' assembly. In preparation for this the children have been learning some songs with accompanying sign language ready for the assembly. Sign2sing is an annual event, organised by the Deaf Health Charity SignHealth, which raises essential funds to help vulnerable deaf children and adults. To support this charity we are asking if our children can bring £1 to help deaf children to be able to communicate with others.



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.**

Congratulations

Many congratulations to Lucy Thompson, Ben Turnock and Jimmy Rushton, all Beavers and all presented with the Bronze Chief Scout Award on Tuesday night.

For this they had to complete 6 Challenge Awards and earn 4 activity badges. Here they are with their certificates, presented to them by the Lord Mayor.



Blog Of The Week this week goes to Y5 for their Science lesson - mainly because I would have liked to join in! They were testing the parachutes that they had made at home to carry a Lego character safely to the ground. The parachute that took the longest time was Jamie's, although Lauchlan and Lorna's could apparently still be up in the air on their way to France!

Tweets of the Week - Remember our request for your help in supporting your child to learn their times tables? Well this week's retweet links to a useful website that will provide tips to parents/carers. There is a short video that says that in reality the children only have to learn 38 times tables! Have a look and see if you agree and which tables your child knows.

And Finally ...

On Tuesday our KS2 assembly was presented by a gentleman from Severn Trent Water. He was explaining how precious water is to life and how they work to ensure that we always have fresh water. In my welcome, I ended by talking about what jobs children might aspire to do and this is another example of an important service that helps us. In school, as well as the teachers that you see every day, we have lots of people working behind the scenes - the cooks, the site staff, the cleaners and the groundsmen. So many important jobs and all just supporting the running of our school.

Have a safe and enjoyable weekend.

Mr Wardle

School Attendance

Our school attendance for this week is **95.7%** which is below our school attendance target of 96.5%.

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| F1/1 | 96.0% | Y2/2 | 94.2% |
| F1/2 | 90.0% | Y3/1 | 95.2% |
| F1/3 | 92.0% | Y3/2 | 99.3% |
| F1/4 | 91.3% | Y4/1 | 97.0% |
| F2/1 | 97.7% | Y4/2 | 96.0% |
| F2/2 | 96.7% | Y5/1 | 96.9% |
| Y1/1 | 95.7% | Y5/2 | 97.4% |
| Y1/2 | 93.7% | Y6/1 | 92.3% |
| Y2/1 | 97.3% | Y6/2 | 97.0% |

Maths Challenge 1

Henry makes a 2 digit number.



His number lies between 40 and 53.



The digits sum to 10.



What number did Henry make?

Maths Challenge 2

Henry makes a 3 digit number.



His number lies between 209 and 220.



The digits sum to 9.

What number did Henry make?