



Thoughtfulness and Respect

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Words of Welcome..... This week our newsletter begins with a culinary theme, since on Wednesday afternoon, we held our school-final of Junior Chef 2016. The children in Y5 and Y6 were challenged to design and then create their own meal for four people, using local ingredients and keeping to a budget of just two pounds. Following careful judging of the menu entries, four finalists were chosen to come down to the school kitchen to actually prepare their dishes, under the close supervision of Mrs. Carney and Mrs. Browne, our school cook,. The food which the finalists, Deanna Buckley, Andraya Knight, Jessica White ad Lucie Wright created, was of the highest order and was very much enjoyed by the judging panel. The overall winner will be announced shortly but we were extremely proud of all four finalists – their food was worthy of a Michelin Star!



Diary dates:

Mon 1 st Feb	Bingo for Residents' Association – 6:30 p.m.
Tues 2 nd Feb	Nursery parents Phonic workshop – 9:15 – 9:45 a.m.
Wed 3 rd Feb	Reception parents Phonic workshop – 9:15 – 9:45 a.m.
Fri 5 th Feb	Wear it with Pride - Sir Stanley Matthew's Day – £1 for non-uniform and get a SSM badge
Fri 5 th Feb	Parents' Cook and Eat session 4
Wed 10 th Feb	Parents Evening – 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.
Thurs 11 th Feb	Parents Evening – 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.
Fri 12 th Feb	School closed to children – staff training
w/b 9 th May	Y6 SATs week

YOUTH CLUB ON TONIGHT

See more diary dates on the School Events Calendar on the website.
www.sandfordhill.org.uk/event-created

SATs Information Evening

We would like to invite parents and children of Y6 to a 'SAT's Information Evening' on Wednesday 24th February at 6:00 p.m. Important information about the children's end of Key Stage tests will be shared with you along with resources to support your child's learning. We very much hope you will be able to join us for this evening,

Well done 'Bloggers of the week'!

Many thanks to Lola's mum (Nursery) who replied to a recent blog post, giving us the following feedback: What super strawberries they are, VERY proud of them all and their excellent behaviour. Lola absolutely loves the books she borrowed from the library, we are looking through them every night. Well done to a lovely group and a big thank you for taking them.

'Tweet of the Week'

A tweet regarding a finished display by Mrs. Drakeford for Y6/3 reflective area. A great reminder of how amazing the displays in school are and how hard the staff work to create them. We hope you like them too!

Miss Hodgson's Phonics Lesson

Thank you to those invited family members from Miss Hodgson's class who came into school to watch a phonics lesson. Your support as always is very much appreciated – it makes all the difference!

Reading Race

We're very pleased to see so many children entering into the spirit of our Reading Race, in which we challenged all of the children to read a something of their own choice, at least four times a week. Those children who succeed in doing this then progress along their class reading race track. Look out in next week's newsletter for the names of those children who have read four times a week for four weeks. These children will become our first 'Reading Stars' and will be presented with a special badge in assembly. Please could we ask that you continue to encourage your children to read at home. The staff within school are also taking part in the Reading Race and each week, we'll try and share with you some of the books which they are reading. To start off with, Mr Walford is currently reading Andrew 'Freddy' Flintoff's autobiography. He is a bit of a cricket fan, in case you didn't know and last week he read 'Fire In Babylon' which was a book about the great West Indian cricket teams of the past. He's now lent this book to Mr. Browne, our janitor!



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School Attendance					
Our weekly school attendance for last week was 97.1% which is above our school attendance target of 96.5%.					
F1/1	98.0%	Y1/1	98.7%	Y4/1	97.6%
F1/2	98.6%	Y1/2	95.3%	Y4/2	100%
F1/3	92.7%	Y2/1	97.0%	Y5/1	97.3%
F1/4	98.7%	Y2/2	97.3%	Y5/2	100%
F2/1	95.7%	Y3/1	98.3%	Y6/1	97.1%
F2/2	96.0%	Y3/2	96.3%	Y6/2	94.8%
			Y6/3	98.8%	

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	Erin Latham	Y3/1	Francesca Cummings
FS1/2	Seren Churchill	Y3/2	Ryan Highfield
FS2/1	Caleb Johal	Y4/1	Lauren Dugdale
FS2/2	Jordell-Leroy Addai	Y4/2	Jak Kelsall
Y1/1	Caitlin Harrison	Y5/1	Rhys Downes
Y1/2	Lacie McGraw	Y5/2	Anace Chapman
Y2/1	Lola Street	Y6/1	Kiereth Singh
Y2/2	Tianna Barnes	Y6/2	Dylan Regan-Moore
		Y6/3	Austin Gratton

Congratulations

- We would like to congratulate Skye Kesic and Andraya knight from Y6 who organised a Cake Sale earlier this week. The girls have been busy baking cakes at home, which they then brought into school to sell to raise funds for The Donna Louise Trust. Altogether they managed to raise a mightily impressive £50.14. Well done girls, we're very proud of you, and thanks to everyone who supported the cake sale on the day!
- Congratulations to Ben Turnock who has achieved his Starfish certificate in swimming. Well-done Ben!

News in Brief

- **Spelling Bee** - Next week we look forward to a spelling competition, which Mr Frost is organising, to see which school team has the best spellers. Good luck to all of the children who are taking part and look out in next week's newsletter for the results.
- **Wear It With Pride Day** – On Friday 5th February the school will once again be supporting The Stanley Matthews Foundation's 'Wear It With Pride Day'. We invite the children to come to school in non-uniform and ask for a £1.00 donation. In return for this donation, the children will receive a commemorative badge. All monies raised will be used by The Stanley Matthews Foundation to support local causes.
- **Crucial Crew** - Today Y6 travelled to Hanley Fire Station for a series of 'Crucial Crew' workshops. The children learned about fire safety in the home, anti-social behaviour, some of the harmful effects of alcohol and drugs and also some basic first aid.

And Finally

This week will most likely see our overall attendance take rather a dip with so many children off with a sickness bug. We are very fortunate that our children strive so hard to make sure they are in school every day – a real sign of an enjoyable school life. Our staff also have an excellent track record with very low absence rates, as they are all keen to do their very best for the children. Thank you for all the best wishes offered to Mrs Mullin who is off for the first time ever in her 25 years here at Sandford Hill! We wish her a speedy recovery.

Best wishes, **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	Isabella Jones	Y3/1	Cerys Shields
FS1/2	Charlie Bryson	Y3/2	Alisha Till
FS2/1	Alexander Salt	Y4/1	Madison Street
FS2/2	Lily-Mae Gratton	Y4/2	Lucy Bocca
Y1/1	Isabella Nolan	Y5/1	Emily Hughes
Y1/2	Evie Booth	Y5/2	Anace Chapman
Y2/1	Summer Walker	Y6/1	Shay Pike
Y2/2	Lucy Greslow	Y6/2	Georgia Comber
		Y6/3	Jessica Booth

Notices:

• Youth Club Party

Last Friday evening nearly 100 hundred Youth Club members joined us in the school hall for a party. The children were treated to an incredible show by magician extra-ordinaire David Oakley, followed by lovely party food, which our amazing band of helpers had once again worked tirelessly to prepare. There is a Youth Club again tonight 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. All Youth Club members are invited.

• Local Resident's Bingo Night

The next Bingo night will be on **Monday 1st February** in the school hall at 6:30 p.m.

• European City of Sport 2016

Tomorrow evening cheerleaders, acrobats, martial arts and cycling displays will entertain ticket holders at the City Of Sport 16 opening ceremony. We look forward to this initiative further adding to our existing sporting activities.